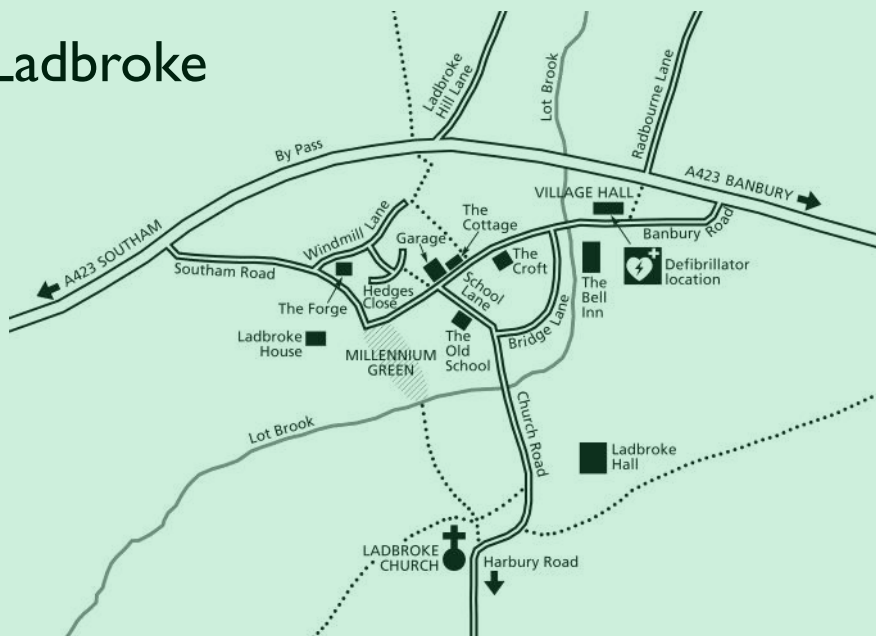


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Editorial

Congratulations to Tim Lockley and Bob Sherman who both received awards in the Queen's Birthday honours. Tim received the MBE for services to Harbury particularly during the pandemic and Bob the BEM for his work with e-Wheels and during also during the pandemic. Very well deserved.

Our best wishes also go to Peter Sheasby and Betty Winkfield who recently celebrated their 90th birthdays. Peter has lived in Harbury since the 1950's and Betty moved to Hall Farm, Ladbroke in September 1969. Betty was for many years a committee member and distributor for the Harbury & Ladbroke News.

Don't forget that on the 24th and 25th July the Harbury Garden Walkabout makes a return after a six-year gap with more than 20 gardens open for viewing. Entry will be by programme and these will be on sale in the front of 1 South Parade - see article.

Although the full lifting of Coronavirus restrictions has been delayed, a number of in person group meetings such as the WI, and exercise groups including Yoga, Martial Arts and Wednesday Walks are now creeping back into our diary pages. The Connections (Dementia) Café is also back up and running. The organisers of this welcome anyone with a dementia diagnosis and their carers to join them, every third Wednesday of the month.

Harbury Heritage Centre will be opening for visitors in July, August and September. As well as serving tea and cakes during the garden walkabout, they are also organising a Family Treasure Hunt in August - look out for details.

Ladbroke are intending to re-open their village hall for bookings from Monday 19th July, so if you have something you would like to celebrate by holding a party please get in touch with them. This month the Heritage Project Team have two events you can join in with, all about Ladbroke's fascinating archaeology. You can also book a guided tour of the village trail.

Finally, we extend our condolences to the family of Rod Baldwin.

Harbury Diary

JULY

Sun

4 TRINITY 5

Holy Communion, 9.00am

Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall

Youth Club, 7.00 - 8.30pm, meeting in the park – if poor weather in Village Hall

Mon


5 Martial Arts, 5.30pm, Village Hall

- Mon 5 Yoga, 8.00 - 9.00pm, Village Hall
- Tue 6 MeetingPoint lunch, 12.30pm, Crown Inn, Harbury
Harbury, Ladbroke & Ufton Parish Church 'Surgery' evening, 7.00pm, All Saints' Church, Harbury
- Wed 7 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park - Moreton Morrell (4 miles)
Mothers' Union Service of Celebration, 2.30pm in church followed by tea
Slimming World, various sessions starting at 5.00pm - booking essential - see advert
- Thurs 8 Holy Communion Service, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
Harbury WI, 7.30 for 7.45pm, Village Hall - Peggy King, 'Life in Surabaya, East Java'
- Fri 9 Ben & Soph's Jazz Club, 7.00pm, Village Hall, call 07515 275655 for tickets, email: steppelli@yahoo.co.uk
- Sat 10 Library Summer Reading Challenge 'Wild World Heroes' begins
- Sun 11 TRINITY 6**
Holy Communion and Children's Church, 10.30am
Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall
- Mon 12 Martial Arts, 5.30pm, Village Hall
Yoga, 8.00 - 9.00pm, Village Hall
- Tue 13 Harbury Heritage Centre open, 6.30 - 8.30pm, booking required
- Wed 14 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park - Farnborough with picnic, (5 miles hilly) - see article
Slimming World, various sessions starting at 5.00pm - booking essential - see advert
- Thurs 15 Holy Communion Service, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
- Sun 18 TRINITY 7**
All Age Service with Communion, 10.30am
Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall
Youth Club, 7.00 - 8.30pm, meeting in the park – if poor weather in Village Hall
- Mon 19 School Leavers' Service, 9.30am, All Saints' Church, Harbury (assuming restrictions are lifted that day)
Martial Arts, 5.30pm, Village Hall
Yoga, 8.00 - 9.00pm, Village Hall
- Tue 20 Harbury, Ladbroke & Ufton Parish Church 'Surgery' evening, 7.00pm, All Saints' Church, Harbury
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- Wed 21 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park - Radway - Edgehill (4 miles hilly)
Connections (Dementia) Café, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
Slimming World, various sessions starting at 5.00pm - booking essential - see advert
- Thurs 22 Holy Communion Service, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
Harbury Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Sat 24 Harbury Garden Walkabout, 12 noon - 6.00pm, programmes on sale from 1 South Parade

- Sat 24 Repair Cafe and Bicycle Repair Clinic, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Scout Hut
- Sun 25 **TRINITY 8**
 Holy Communion, 10.30am
 Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall
 Harbury Garden Walkabout, 2.00 - 6.00pm, programmes on sale from 1 South Parade
- Mon 26 Martial Arts, 5.30pm, Village Hall
 Yoga, 8.00 - 9.00pm, Village Hall
- Tue 27 Harbury, Ladbroke & Upton Parish Church 'Surgery' evening, 7.00pm, All Saints' Church, Harbury
- Wed 28 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park - TBA
 Slimming World, various sessions starting at 5.00pm - booking essential - see advert
- Thurs 29 Holy Communion Service, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST OR EMAIL TO ARTICLES@HLNEWS.CO.UK BY 5.30PM
 Harbury PCC Meeting, 7.30pm, Tom Hauley Room
- Sat 31 Harbury Local Market: 10.00am - 12.30pm, Village Hall
 Harbury Heritage Centre open, 2.00 - 4.00pm, booking required

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- Sun 1 **TRINITY 9**
- Tue 3 MeetingPoint lunch, 12.30pm, Crown Inn, Harbury
- Wed 4 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park - TBA
- Thurs 5 Holy Communion Service, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
- Sun 8 **TRINITY 10**
 Harbury Wheelbarrow Race Day, race starting 12.30pm from the Crown Inn. Individual Wheelbarrow Displays from 10.00am

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From the Rector

Rev Andy Batchelor

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In the midst of all the current uncertainty about travelling abroad, many people have had to change their plans for this summer, and have decided to holiday in the UK this year. There are some wonderful parts of our country to explore, and my family are particularly fond of Cornwall, where my sister and her family live. But often people develop a close affinity with another country having spent time there on holiday, and for me it is the Greek island of Corfu which has a special place in my heart, and I know that is true for many others as well.

Sadly, the pandemic has decimated many countries' tourism industries including Spain, Portugal and Greece, who are particularly reliant on British visitors, and along with the impact of rising prices and rising unemployment, falling incomes, and austerity measures, many lives have been turned upside down and many businesses ruined.

Life, as we all know, is unpredictable. As Psalm 23 reminds us, one day we can be in green pastures, besides quiet waters, and the next we can find ourselves in a very dark place indeed.

One of the best known passages in the New Testament is found in the Gospel of Matthew, and is called 'The Sermon on the Mount', where Jesus lays out a framework of ethics and morals which many admire, even if they would not call themselves Christians. Right at the end of the passage Jesus challenges his audience to consider what their lives are built on. He uses the illustration of two men, one who builds a house on sand, and one whose foundations are set in rock. When storms come, it is the house built on rock that stands firm, whilst the other is swept away.

There are all sorts of things that we can base our lives on, that we can put our trust in. We may build a business, a career, a family, a portfolio of investments, an image. Yet all too easily these things can be taken from us, a sad reality so many have experienced over the past 18 months. There is only one thing, says Jesus, that is as solid and immovable as rock, and that is God's love for us, his promises to us. Only a life built on those promises, a daily experience of his love, can see us through the uncertainties of life – everything and anything else is merely shifting sand.

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From the Churchwardens

Liz & Michael

A training day was held in the Tom Hauley Room for those interested and involved with our ministry to children and young people. This was expertly led by a professional trainer, Ruth Hassall, who led us through exploring Jesus' attitude towards children, demonstrated through gospel passages along with practical guidance on the developmental understanding of children from birth to teenage years. Ruth is an excellent speaker and the wider congregation were able to hear her preaching at the All-Age service the following day.

Our discussions on the day naturally led us to how (and when) we can revitalise some of our activities, particularly Little Saints and Messy Church. New ideas were formed for Open the Book. And we were questioned - what does church look like to a child? One excellent idea was to go into our church building at child level to see how it looks. Is it all dust and table legs? If you see a couple of people on their knees near the entrance, they haven't had any sudden spiritual revelation but they may have had a few practical ones!

We are grateful to those who are taking Children's Church during the 10.30am communion services twice a month and that Icon, the youth group, continues to meet. Hopefully the current restrictions will be lifted in July and we can start planning Messy Church. We are grateful to Julie Batchelor and Ruth Walton for coming on board the planning group.

Rev Andy will be holding parish surgery evenings on 6th, 20th and 27th July (Tuesdays) for anyone from all three parishes who are looking to arrange a baptism or wedding or have anything they wish to discuss. This is an informal "pop-in" from 7pm to 7.30pm at Harbury Church.

Did we say we had our Annual Parish meeting? The members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) serving this year are: Sarah Brooke-Taylor, David Cooke, Lin Hayes, Brian Jones, William Jones, Philip Mayer, Amy Pedvin-Lewis, John Stringer and Vikki Hall, along with the churchwardens, (Liz McBride and Michael Vincent), our Readers (Alison Abbott, Gemma Took and Peter Took) and clergy (Rev Andy Batchelor and Rev Ann Mulley). Our next PCC meeting is on 29th July at 7.30pm in the THR. We are looking for a minute secretary to take a record of our meetings which are generally held every two months. If you might be interested or would like to find out more, please contact either of us or Rev Andy for a no obligation chat. Thank you.

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

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





Heat, Light, Stone: The view from the street

It is striking how supportive the whole village has been of the Heat, Light, Stone appeal. Regular communicants, occasional church-goers and villagers who attend church for festivals have all made significant contributions. One gentleman recalled how he and his wife married in the church some years ago before donating a substantial sum.

Virtually all faiths have a place of worship. While some communities may find the upkeep of an historic building a burden, it seems that most Harbury people welcome this physical symbol of God's presence. Our church building is not just the oldest structure in the village, it is a link to the past, a reminder that village people have worshipped here for hundreds of years, and a place where they have celebrated births, marriages and lives well-lived.

For those of us who are part of long-established Harbury families, or who brought their children up in the village, it reminds us of past Christmases and Easters and of christenings and confirmations. The church building maintains this continuity with the past, and holds a promise for the future.

Much of the Old Testament book of Exodus is concerned with building and furnishing the temple. Its structure, furniture and decoration are described in great detail. A blueprint for temple construction is provided for a people seeking comfort and security. It reminds us that we are very little different from people of all faiths and cultures throughout history. We need a special place to meet with God.

Progress with the church restoration is frustratingly slow. We are tied to the timetables of the Diocese and donation committees. Our team has anticipated the questions they might raise, preparing a proposal that is impressive in its breadth and depth. We are confident that the work will be done, future-proofing the church building for some years to come. The boilers will one day be fuelled with hydrogen; the building will soon offer presentations in many media, and the stonework will remind us of the permanence of faith in this village. The church will have a minimal environmental impact. But it's hard to be patient.

John Stringer



Mothers' Union

Gillian Hare

Betty's 90th birthday celebration was a happy sunny day and many members were able to join her. She sends her thanks for the vase we gave her; no doubt she had plenty of flowers to fill it with.

On Wednesday 7th we are meeting in person at last, and are celebrating with a service to which members and non-members are invited. As restrictions are still in place, we do need numbers for the service as well as the tea to follow.

Depending on when you read this you may still be in time, so please ring Chris on 01926 613757 asap.

We are hoping that Jane Hill, our diocesan president will be there, and that we shall see Trisha Harrison to hear about her move to Leamington. It will be great to wish her well in person.

We confidently expect that our next meeting, in September, will be a return to normality.

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JULY

Sun 4 TRINITY 5

Family Communion and Baptism, 10.30am, **MUST BOOK**

Tues 6 Photography Club, 7.30pm, around Ladbroke

Sun 11 TRINITY 6

Holy Communion, 9.00am

Wed 14 Parish Council Meeting, 7.45pm, Village Hall

Sun 18 TRINITY 7

Holy Communion (BCP), 9.00am

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Thurs 22 Ladbroke PCC meeting, 7.30pm, Church

Sun 25 TRINITY 8

Holy Communion, 9.00am

Wed 28 Archaeology Talk, 7.00pm, on Zoom

Thurs 29 ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST OR EMAIL TO ARTICLES@HLNEWS.CO.UK BY 5.30PM

Sat 31 Archaeology Day, 10.00am - 3.00pm, Village Hall and Church

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Sun 1 TRINITY 9

Family Communion, 10.30am



Ladbroke Church News

Peter Rigby

www.ladbrokechurch.org.uk

Our regular 'Covid safe' services have continued over the last month. We had hoped that by now we would be able to sing together again and socialise after the services more freely; provided the restrictions are not extended again this will be possible from 25th July.

Because of the restrictions extension, our Vision Day scheduled for this month has been postponed and is now planned for 18th September. However, we were able to go ahead with our Prayer Day on 5th June - thank you to Sue Wright who prepared some lovely and thought provoking displays



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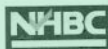
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in Church. The comments made by those taking part have been forwarded to Rev Andy.

We are fortunate that the building repairs have been able to proceed during lockdown. The work on the chancel windows is also continuing albeit a little slower than hoped. Although this has restricted our use of the Church, we are fortunate that this will have been mostly at a time when we were not able to use it anyway, so the disruption has been limited. Our thanks again to Jackie for the tremendous amount of time she has put into this project and we are hoping everyone will be able to see the results by the end of the summer.

Our scheduled services for the coming month are:

4 th July	10.30am	Family Communion and Baptism (booking required)
11 th July	9.00am	Holy Communion
18 th July	9.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
25 th July	9.00am	Holy Communion
1 st August	10.30am	Family Communion

If you are unable to join us in person, one service a month is being recorded and is then made available via a link on the Church website. On the other Sundays, the Harbury service is being recorded and can be found via the same link or on their website or Facebook page.

The Church continues to be closed during the week because of the building works but is open for private prayer on Sundays from after the morning service until 4.00pm.

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Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge Women's Institute

Carol Lane & Dianne Surgey

By the time the magazine is distributed we will have had two meetings in the rear car park of The Bell - thank you Rob. On Thursday 3rd June about 20 of us took our garden chairs, drinks and snacks along which was a good opportunity to see friends we had been unable to meet for months. The July meeting was all set to go ahead in the village hall and we were looking forward to Maggie's talk. However, the delay of the lifting of Covid restrictions means that we will once again meet at The Bell on the afternoon of 1st July.

On the 8th June Dianne had attended the online Annual Meeting of the National Federation of WIs.

During the business part of the meeting, which was chaired by Lynne Stubbings, the information was given that the Charity Commission has now given permission for the sale of Denman to go ahead. It is hoped that the

very popular at home courses will continue and, in time, face to face courses can be arranged in some way.

The first speaker was the Countess of Wessex. Although some of her cooking was quite good, she recounted an occasion when a cake had to be attacked with a hammer and chisel (it was a light fudge cake!). She said that her mother always lacked confidence and was very much a product of her day when the world revolved around men. Reflecting on this, a time when many women never realised their full potential, has given the Countess the drive to push for equality for women and girls all over the world. She spoke with real passion and determination.



The second speaker was Dame Cressida Dick, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police. She told us of her career path starting in accountancy, then joining the Met as an officer on the beat before doing a Masters degree in criminology. As the first woman in her job she has certainly smashed the glass ceiling. Women now make up 30% of front-line police and over 50% of other police jobs. She began by speaking about what the police are doing to keep women safe, particularly relevant after the recent murder of Sarah Everard. There are 650 new officers in London and there is a new initiative called “walk and talk” with female police officers buddying with local women on patrol. Police presence has been stepped up in transport hubs and the night-time economy where work is being done to improve safety. Licenced premises are now asked what they are doing to protect women. The Commissioner discussed the problems in the home environment with 350 calls a day about domestic violence and over 6000 serious injuries every year. Changes in the law make it easier to get a conviction and more support is provided for children in those circumstances. She told us of how modern slavery is being tackled and also spoke of the issue of coercive controlling behaviour and the work that is being done to support the victims, many of whom are women. Dame Cressida is passionate about encouraging and protecting women and to finish quoted Millicent Garrett Fawcett “Courage speaks to courage everywhere”.

The Resolution “A call to increase awareness of the subtle signs of ovarian cancer” was proposed and John Butler, lead gynaecological oncology

consultant at the Royal Marsden hospital gave his views on how the disease might be better managed.

The last speaker was Baroness Lady Brenda Hale of Richmond DBE who served as the most senior Supreme Court Judge until her retirement in 2020. She, too, took us through her career path, studying law as one of six women in a class of 110, graduating from Cambridge with a starred First. The Baroness feels that judges should be visible representatives of the people with better representation of all groups; for too long it was the preserve of white men from a narrow educational background. There are now more women than men qualifying in law.

At our meeting on 1st July, Dianne wishes to have a discussion on the time of day and day of the week for our meetings in future so watch this space for more information.



Ladbroke Matters

David Wright



The Ladbroke Matters team looks after the Village Hall and the Millennium Green. To help with this we organise regular fundraising events so that we can continue to offer both facilities for the benefit of our community.

Unfortunately, the government extended lockdown for a further month, but if the government's roadmap to exit lockdown goes to plan this time, we are intending to re-open the Village Hall for bookings from **Monday 19th July**. So, if you want to be the very first to use our new

facilities you can hire the hall for your party or celebration at a very reasonable rate (£15 per hour with a 20% discount for Ladbroke residents). We have a brand new kitchen area, a new entrance foyer and room for up to 80 people. To book your special occasion contact Debs (tel 07779 225105 or email debs.dptv@gmail.com).

We will also have news of more village events soon - so do watch this space!

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 May 2021

£50	Clive Coleman	£50	Pauline Long
£25	Jo Rose	£25	Helen Morten
£25	Linda Spence	£10	Bill Bosworth
£10	Trevor and Dianne Surgey	£10	Mary Coley

Margaret Bosworth



Ladbroke General Section



Thank You

To all my dear friends who read the Harbury & Ladbroke News. My heart is very full and thank you is just not enough to say how I feel. To everyone who came to my 90th Birthday party, the weather was fantastic as was your company. My daughter and family worked so hard. She made my birthday cake and all the decorations on it and I think she even blew up all of the balloons!!

All the flowers were absolutely beautiful and almost a fortnight later, I am still going round and watering them and they still look lovely.

All of the donations given to me as a present will probably be used towards a trip/cruise around the British Isles.

I feel so lucky to live amongst such a caring community.

Betty Winkfield



Ladbroke Heritage Project

Repairs

During June the stonemasons at church finished the first buttress including the fleur-de-lys capping the gables. "Did we have those before?" you may be asking - yes, but three of the four had eroded away to nothing; luckily there were the remains of one to use as a template. The masons are now working on the second buttress.

Towards the end of the month our two high levels windows on the chancel came back. They were completely disassembled at the studio, cleaned and a lot of repairs made before releading. Depending on the age and state of the glass a number of different techniques were used. For example, there are thin copper foil repairs where before there were just cracks but in some places,



such as across faces, it has been possible to replace a widelead strip repair to one using colourless resin to join the pieces together and bond this to a thin clear glass backing to make it robust. Spot the difference in the before and after pictures of St Cuthbert below.



Like the stonemasons repairing the buttresses, it takes great skill to repair stained glass. Such conservation work on our Grade One listed church is possible because of many generous donors and The National Lottery Heritage Fund and we are grateful to you all.

Jackie West

What's on in Ladbroke this Summer?

Even with the delay in the lifting of Covid restrictions, we are able to carry on with our Activity programme. We are busy planning lots of interesting 'things to do' for the summer and autumn; for you, your family, friends and visitors. We hope there will be something for everyone and you will join us, and here are some ideas.

Book a Guided Tour

Our first Tour Guides are now fully trained by Jackie and Linda Doyle. They know all the village has to offer; church history, stained glass, village history, geology, nature....and of course the story of Alice and Robert Dudley.

If you are looking to take family, friends and relatives out for a relaxing local activity, Bill Bosworth and Gray Lewis are now available to book for your

personalised village trail. Call me on 01926 815196 or email to nicolalewis1958@gmail.com

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

Our new village trail map has been installed next to the village noticeboard and another may be in the church porch by the time you read this; come and have a look.

Our new Village Trail leaflets are now available. Everyone in Ladbroke will receive one through the door. More will be available from key locations: the church in Ladbroke, Biblio's in Harbury and Southam Heritage Centre.



Come and find out about Ladbroke's fascinating Archaeology

We are planning two events, the first is a **Virtual Talk on Wednesday 28th July at 7pm**, hosted by the Ladbroke Heritage Team.

The lead Archaeologist of Fusion will present the latest findings from the HS2 Archaeology work on our section on the route. Several of us have heard him speak before, and he is an enthusiastic and engaging presenter. The artefacts they have discovered are very interesting and help piece together the stories and lives of people who have gone before us.

The event will be on Zoom, book through Eventbrite to receive joining details, just search for Ladbroke Heritage.

The second event follows on from the talk. On **Saturday 31st July** we will be hosting an interactive, community, drop-in **Archaeology Day between 10-3pm at Ladbroke Village Hall**. Hands on activities will include;

- Test Pit Dig Boxes
- Handling finds
- Collecting and drawing artefacts
- Medieval Pewter Badge Casting
- Experimental Archaeology - looking at environmental evidence for milling barley/wheat

Everyone is welcome to this unique event, celebrating archaeology, especially families and children interested in a fun, hands-on time. If you have

your own 'find' please bring it along as experts will be on hand to help you identify it.

Refreshments will be available.

Please contact Jackie on 810331 or Nicky 815196 for more information. Or follow Ladbroke Heritage on Facebook.



Explore Local Geology

During August, we will be running half-day family sessions focussing on Geology. Did you know Ladbroke sits on the same rock as the Dorset coast where Mary Anning made her fossil discoveries? Come to our family sessions and

have fun discovering about Ladbroke's rocks and fossils and make sedimentary, metamorphic and igneous chocolate to take home, that is, if you haven't eaten them before you leave. Look out for more information in the August edition of the Harbury & Ladbroke news.

So we are moving on apace with our Activities programme, with more planned for the autumn. Watch out for the fascinating story of Alice and Robert Dudley, which will be serialised in the Harbury and Ladbroke News, and performed in a specially-written and adapted Drama Evening in October.

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

Nicky Lewis



Ladbroke Telephones Move into the 21st Century

Our landline telephone service was recently changed over to use our Fibre to the Premises (FTTP) broadband hub rather than the pair of wires that have connected landline telephones to the local telephone exchange for more than 100 years. These telephone exchanges, and

some of the wires, are very much at the end of their life now being in the region of 30 years old (think how many electronic pieces of equipment you have that are this old and in constant use!). The new system is what BT is calling 'Digital Voice' and those of you who changed over to a high speed FTTP broadband connection in the last couple of years and have a landline phone may already, or are likely to shortly be migrated onto the new service. This is a major change that is starting to happen all over the country. In the next few years it will even apply to people with just a landline telephone since these will be provided using a broadband connection over fibre as the old telephone exchanges are ceased.

We received both a card with instructions through the post and emails several weeks ahead, followed by reminder emails just before the changeover, together with an offer to order a new, free digital phone. This new phone isn't required to use the service but does provide some extra capabilities and also

connects wirelessly directly to the hub. On the changeover day, all you need to do is remove a sticker from the back of your BT hub that covers a telephone socket and unplug your phone from its existing socket on the wall and plug it into the socket on the hub at which point you should get a dial tone if you lift the phone. Your existing wired line will be disconnected so you do need to take action. One immediate, likely, benefit is the end of having a crackly line, especially in wetter weather which was often caused by the joints in the old wire network.

A few things to note that have caught us out:

- You now need to dial the full number including the area code. This is because calls are being handled directly by a 'national' exchange now rather than a 'local' exchange.
- If you have your own answerphone note that the 'Digital Voice' service includes a basic 1571 network based voicemail service which will answer your calls if you happen to be on the phone at the time of another call. If you don't want this to happen, you will need to cancel the 'Voicemail essentials' service.
- If you get one or more of the new digital phones or one digital and keep your existing, standard phone plugged into the hub, it is possible to make or receive two calls at once.
- Your landline phone will no longer work during a power cut unless you have some form of battery backup unit (e.g. an uninterruptible power supply (UPS) often used for computers) for your fibre broadband unit and hub. This would then also allow you to use your broadband from a battery powered device like a laptop or tablet during a power cut as well. This is a technical change that has taken the telecoms industry many years to agree with Ofcom. An ongoing debate since at least when I first started in the telecoms industry over 30 years ago!

Simon West



Blackbirds and Blackcaps

On 23rd June early risers joined bird expert, Chris James, to listen to our feathered friends. Most of us recognise birds visually but if you quietly listen you can distinguish them by their songs and calls too. Despite its small size the wren has a very loud voice and that, together with coo-ing of the woodpigeons and "jack, jack" of the jackdaws, was the predominant song heard. Chris, who had learnt by observation rather than listening to recordings, pointed out those of nuthatch, goldfinch, swallow and many more species, including the blackcap which is rich and mellifluous like the blackbird's. Full of new facts, such as rooks have no feathers round their bill and ravens grunt almost like pigs, it was time for a delicious breakfast

prepared by Nicky and Margie. A wonderful start to a summer's day and a great beginning to Ladbroke's summer events programme, supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund. Hope to see you at the next event.



Jackie West



From Your District Councillor for Ladbroke

Covid

Stratford District Covid rates, have been maintained at 10 cases (per 100,000) or below through most of April and May. It is now reported that the rate has risen to about 50 (a little higher in the areas around Southam). However, most of the increase is in the under 50 age group. Digging down into the data shows the rise is in fact in under 35s - and, for instance, the 20-25 age group was running at 207 cases (per 100,000) in the third week of June. One can only hope the vaccination age range coming down will control this.

Changing populations

The South Warwickshire Local Plan consultation talks about 35,000 new homes by 2050 and identifies seven different growth options. Clearly, whatever options are chosen, South Warwickshire looks like taking a substantial number of new houses. The numbers are to fulfil government targets for south Warwickshire. Like many people, I have concerns about the potential government Planning Bill, which some have said will mean 'open season for developers' in rural areas. Theresa May has said of the Government proposals that they will put the 'wrong homes in the wrong places'. The ideas being put forward have been described as the biggest shake-up to the planning system for more than 70 years. It seems local control over what gets built and where would be much reduced.

In response to such growing and moving populations, the Boundary Commission tries to keep election boundaries in step. Because of our election system, this means trying to keep each area for electing MPs and Councillors almost the same size in term of the numbers of voters. How boundaries are drawn can affect the outcome of elections because the system is not proportional to how votes are cast.

For MPs, the Boundary Commission for England has produced draft plans for consultation on new parliamentary constituencies. There are some changes planned for 2023 which if implemented would affect the Kenilworth and Southam constituency boundaries. The changes being debated are around the present boundaries with Rugby and Warwick constituencies, so locally, our area would remain in the same parliamentary constituency.

Also there has been some intensive work going on to review the District Council's ward boundaries, with which I have been heavily involved. In Stratford each councillor represents a ward. My key interest is that councillors can properly reflect communities and that can be hard to do if residents don't really have common issues in the same ward. Unfortunately, as the main objective is to have nearly the same number of electors in each councillor's ward, in reality it is virtually impossible to get this consistency - towns and village communities don't neatly fit in with the numbers. We can end up with some strange combination of communities being joined together. It certainly is a very tricky problem to resolve in the Southam area because of the large number of houses added on around the town.

In a controversial proposal supported by a majority of councillors, towns have been split up, but then villages have been added on to make up the numbers. This would apply in Shipston, Wellesbourne, and Alcester for example. Stockton would be combined with Southam. I disagreed with this concept which does not seem to accord with the boundary commission's requirement 'to ensure that the ward boundaries reflect the interests and identities of local communities, as well as promoting effective local government'. I have written to the Boundary Commission with my comments. In fact, I proposed leaving things as they are until we see if the merger with Warwick happens, because we might have to do it all again. It will be up to the Boundary Commission to decide what to do. A final decision will be made in February 2022 after draft recommendations are published by the Boundary Commission in November, when we can all have our say.

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June 2021 Meeting Report

At last the end of Zoom and a chance to see and hear our Cllrs in reality and in the wonderfully updated Village Hall. Social distancing was impeccable but with the audience so far from the Councillors, who were in a "U" shape configuration, with only the Chairman and Clerk facing the audience; it was often difficult to hear what was being discussed.

The Chairman had to explain that traffic calming and speed reductions, would cost far more than the £500 a resident had suggested. It would cost thousands of pounds and it was in any case difficult to get the police to do speed checks as their resources were spread very thinly.

One resident mentioned the Local Cycling and Infrastructure Plan, to increase walking and cycling, and wondered if it could provide money to make the Bush Heath Road safer. She was concerned for the horse riders from the livery yards on that road. It was now very dangerous because of the speed of cars and lorries. She wanted the PC to “reclaim Bush Heath Road and Butt Lane” for cyclists and runners.

Residents present spoke passionately about speeding, heavy traffic and HS2 vehicles using Butt Lane and Bush Heath Road, due to the closure of the A425. They wanted the speed limited to 30mph. HS2 signage at Bishops Itchington, which has not been removed, still appears to direct traffic up Plough Lane and thus onto Butt Lane and the Bush Heath Roads.

Chairman Tim Lockley explained that they are not “high fatality routes”; lower limits could not be enforced, besides which the County has half the funding it did 10 years ago and the cost could amount to 30-40K. So unless there were many casualties he did not think the County could do anything. He was supported by Cllr Thompson who said whilst accident rates were important, with reduced budgets, money had to be directed to major accident black spots. The Chairman said the Parish Councillors could not “lead” but would support residents, and advised them to discuss their problems with County Councillor Chris Kettle.

Cllr Kettle (our new County Councillor) then spoke for a very long time. There were no road safety or engineering reasons why HGVs should not use those routes. Most HGVs did not speed – their drivers were professionals. A speed survey would be needed to produce evidence of speeding. A 30mph limit must have lighting which could cost £100,000s. It had cost Bishops Itchington £80,000 for two chicanes, a zebra Crossing and a speed sign!

Cllr Kettle went on to talk of the promised improvements to the Bendigo Mitchel Cross Roads which are unlikely to take place until Autumn. HS2 Plough Lane signage had to be renewed but he did not want it to direct lorries to Deppers because of Bridge restrictions. Our Chairman wants HS2 to change its signage on the motorway to help HGVs take the correct route. He spoke of many other things but they were not specific to our community.

Other Organisations

Library: Concern that they had not yet got the “Reading Well” books to help children deal with bullying. Reminder about the Repair Café being open.

Southam School: Had money for some rebuilding. Hopes Yr 11 can have their Prom after 19th July.

Village Hall: Praise for the update and to Andy Rutherford, Village Hall Chair, for all the work done on the Hall. He was pleased that hall bookings were increasing.

Local Plan: Supposed to have gone to all households but Cllrs doubted this was the case.

Planning

I do not know if this was a record but all the plans were given “No Representation” which means that the Cllrs had no objections to any of them. They did wonder if they should object to a proposed “Solar Farm” off Knightcote Road in Bishops Itchington which they thought might need a “robust traffic management plan”. Our PC had met with developers about a different solar farm for north of the railway near Eastfield Farm. A planning application will be submitted in due course.

Cllr Gibb wanted “growth removed” from Darkie Lane so that the school children could use it and the Chair suggested the Footpath Group would deal with the problem. Cllrs were amazed when Cllr Gibb (rightly) insisted that the Lane was classified as a ROAD!

On the footpath plan the Chairman mused on traffic concerns at Bush Heath Road and Bush Heath Lane where because of the extra traffic, rather than walking, residents now drove before taking their exercise. He was concerned about other outlying parts of the village, and wants Bush Heath Road and Middle Road which have no pavements made safer for pedestrians.

Draft Local Enforcement Plan

This is something of a laugh as it is increasingly difficult to get enforcement taken and the Chair complained that it relies on the Parish to let them know what is wrong! And then they don't take enforcement! The District should be obliged to act on breaches. I think he was referring to the retirement homes on Bush Heath Lane where planning breaches were never punished.

Environment

Cllr Gibb was pleased - Cemetery corner had been relieved! The County's efforts to unblock the drains had been successful.

Properties

Playing Fields: There are still discussions to be had about the siting of the battery store for car charging, particularly whether the larger part of it should go lengthways into the hedge on the car park. Part of the site belongs to the Village Hall.

They pondered on a request to update the BMX and Skate Park - and the revisions and costings. Cllr Gibbs thought a big project could cost £200,000 which would require outside funding. Cllr Rutherford said it would help if the application for grants came from young people, with the Council giving its support and some of the finance.

Deppers Bridge: Cllr Ekins feared that a request for funds from HS2 for a defibrillator and a bench for the hamlet, might fail because we had had funding from them for other projects. It might help Deppers' cause, if they could show the impact traffic from HS2's road closures, had made on their community. At peak times there were 700 vehicles per hour through there and many exceeded the speed limit.

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Cemetery: The stone mason was still at work and had done most of the pointing and hoped to finish the coping stones in a week or two's time. He was saving the inside work for the times of bad weather! The Council had had three quotes for valuing the Chapel for insurance purposes and agreed to accept one for £250.



Finance

Cllrs agreed a grant of £500 for roof repairs for the Club which had its income disrupted by Covid regulations.

They donated £250 towards the Church's "Heat & Light" project, for having the use of the Tom Hauley Room as a store for the Christmas Lights.

Cllr Julie Balch offered to update the Emergency Plan.

Finally

The Cllrs doled out places on the various Working Parties and proposed a group of them would count how many benches they had and which should be cleaned or needed attention.

Next Meeting: 7.30pm, Thursday 22nd July in Harbury Village Hall.

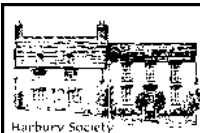
Current Parish Council members contactable via the Parish Office are:

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



LOCAL FOODBANK - the Foodbank helps people in need in the local area including Harbury. Please bring non-perishable food donations to the Wight School (library) car park on Mondays between 11.30am and 12.30pm. One of the e-Wheels drivers will be there to receive your items. Alternatively, donations may be dropped off at the library during its normal opening hours.

Thank you.



Our Countryside and Villages at risk from Proposed Planning Changes

I have just finished replying to the South Warwickshire Local Plan Consultation which is being prepared “jointly” by Warwick and Stratford District Councils. It is a massive document with over 50 questions to be answered, and it seems heavily biased to providing much more development in our area than in Warwick District!

The Consultation is a result of proposed Government “Reforms” to Planning, about which various Countryside Agencies including the CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England) have major concerns. Government says the changes, creating Zones where development should take place, would “speed up the planning process”, but then we would have no say in where building took place. CPRE says we would be losing “community voices” and that local people should be more included, so that they get the development they need - in the “right places”.

CPRE wants “robust guarantees that local people’s concerns will be included and that homes should be built with the Climate Crisis in mind”. They query how new homes in rural areas will be made truly affordable and for local people, as house prices are often 10 times the average earnings in the countryside. Other bodies complain that the “Reforms” lack detail. Government wants their Plans for local areas divided into three parts - growth, protection and renewal. There is great concern over the new “planning permission in principle” proposal, and doubt that Government’s zoning areas will produce a quicker, cheaper and democratic planning system.

Local Government criticism of the plans, says they would give planning permission to developers in “**designated growth zones via Local Plans**” (such as the one I have just finished trashing!) The concern is that if Government goes ahead with this change, then we won’t have the right, or be able to challenge or influence, the subsequent planning applications.

For some time now Local Government has been strapped for funding. Locally they seem to have fewer experienced Planning Officers to deal with the increasing pressure for development and can be surcharged, by Government, if they refuse developers’ applications that are subsequently overturned at appeal!

For us - the proposed changes to Planning could have serious effects. We are a “Local Centre Village” and in the recent past we have been targeted for development. Right now we have seen our Parish Council’s offer to buy the Church Paddock be unsuccessful, leaving it in danger of being developed. Stratford District has permitted the removal of the veteran Ash Tree in the Wissett Lodge Paddock. This may well open the way for another application

to develop there. Together these two sites were the last remaining corridors that allowed wildlife to move through the village.



Harbury Women's Institute

Mary Thompson



At our meeting on 10th June we welcomed Rev Andy Batchelor who took us on a vicar's journey from Warwickshire and back. Andy was brought up in Wootton Wawen, where he attended the local school and was often used as a child model by his father who was in advertising. He joined the church choir and attended Henley in Arden High School, where he once took the part of a Catholic priest in a school play. The family moved to Claverdon where he joined the choir and church groups: Andy married Julie in 1984 in Claverdon church.

Andy has always been a fan of motor cycling but still has the injuries sustained in a serious accident when he rode into a herd of cows which he couldn't see in heavy mist. Nevertheless, he still rides motor bikes and owns a red Honda - but is very much a fair weather motor cyclist now.



Andy started work as a lab technician at Birmingham University and then moved on to the IT department of British Gas where he spent 10 years working on shifts using some very large computers. Andy made some good friends during this time and was part of a very successful darts team.

Andy and Julie moved to Redditch where they became active members of St Peter's Ipsley. During that time, he started to explore entering the ministry

and Julie became a Reader. It took a while, but eventually they moved to Nottingham where he trained at St John's Theological College for two years.

Andy became a curate at St Mary's Alvaston Derbyshire, an established market town, known for its festivals. Julie's family had moved to Cumbria and Andy was appointed as vicar of Walney Island which is attached to Barrow in Furness. 12,000 people live on the island;



BAE are the major employers and there is a small private airport and a seal colony. Eventually the adjoining parish on Barrow Island had a vacancy and Andy extended his ministry there as well. It is quite a deprived area and Andy showed us a photograph of a tenement block which resembled those in Glasgow;

this was a top crime spot and proved to be an eye-opening experience. The church group purchased one of the flats and set up a drop-in centre to offer support. Andy and Julie spent 10 very happy years in the area and he developed a good relationship with the local school.

Andy and Julie had both been bought up alongside foster children and it was during this time they became foster parents to three children. Amy and Jamie have moved to Harbury with them and are very much part of their family alongside their own daughters.



In 2020 Andy and Julie decided they would like to return to Warwickshire and came to Harbury in October 2020. They are really pleased to be here and, as things ease, hopefully will get to know more people in Harbury, Ladbroke and Ufton.

We are delighted that our 8th July meeting can return to being more normal and we shall welcome Peggy King who is going to talk about her life in Surabaya, East Java. We have decided to hold this meeting in the Village Hall where social distancing will be easier. We have taken advice from the Village Hall committee to ensure we are following Covid regulations. Hopefully we shall return to our normal meeting venue in the Tom Hauley Room in September.

The committee look forward to welcoming all members back to WI Events. We have a garden party arranged in the garden of Geoff and Gill Thorpe on 5th August and Lin has arranged an outdoor games afternoon at the village hall on 11th August.



Harbury Heritage Centre

Bill Timson

As the schools break up for Summer this month, anyone in education will tell you what a difficult and challenging year this has been. Our own village school, Harbury Primary, has risen to these challenges and both the staff and the pupils deserve, more than ever, that well-earned break.



The School building just off Mill Street was opened for infants in 1967. (Above: just before opening). Head teacher at that time was Mr Morris. As the new school opened, the Wight School in the High Street closed. As the children and the village population grew the school also expanded and in 1973 it became an all through Infant and Junior school (ages 4 to 11). A little later Warwickshire trialled 'combined' schools: First school, age 4 to 8 and Middle School aged 8 to 12. In the 1980's the combined school reverted back to Junior and Infants as it is today.



Prior to the 'new' school in Mill Street the children of Harbury would have attended the Wagstaffe School and then the Wight School before moving onto Southam High School (Southam College today).

The Wight School was named after the Vicar at the time and opened in 1856. (Left: the

commemorative stone above the door). Even earlier, Thomas Wagstaffe

established a school for Harbury children 'behind' All Saints Church in Crown Street. (shown right). Both school buildings still exist today; the Wight School is now the library, café and a pre-school. The Wagstaffe School is now a private house.



One of the first teachers at the 'new' primary school was **Mary Thompson**.

Mary still lives in the village and after leaving to raise her children with husband Keith, she eventually gained a headship at St Mary's RC Primary school in Southam. Mary's recollections of those early teaching days appear below.

Harbury School in 1970s

I went to teach at Harbury School in April 1970. It was an infant school and had moved from the Wagsaffe School in 1967.

The head teacher was Mrs J. Watts. There were two classrooms at the far end of the hall and one where the present Y6 classroom is. The staff room was where Ms Guymer's office is situated and the head and secretary were based where Mrs Wilson's office is now based. The reception class teacher was Mrs J. Brown and I was put into a brand new temporary classroom which didn't have toilets or water – I was teaching what would now be Y1.

The junior children were based in the Wight School where Mr Morris was head teacher – I don't know how long he had been there.

In July 1970 Mrs Watts retired and Mr Morris was appointed as head teacher of both schools – working in two bases. Mrs Brown also retired and I moved into the reception classroom – where the present Y6 are now based. There will probably be people who will remember the big rocking horse that we had in there – I wonder what happened to it? During that time, the new junior part of the school was being built – as it was attached to my classroom it could be difficult!

In September 1971 the junior children came into their new classrooms and Harbury became an Infant and Junior school under the headship of Mr Morris with Mr K. Foxton as deputy head teacher. I moved the reception class into the other end of the building. Mrs A. Hunt was working in the classroom next door with the second year children.

I left the school in July 1972 in order to start my family - no maternity leave in those days. Mr Foxton went on secondment and then sadly Mr Morris had a heart attack during the summer holidays. This made life at the school very difficult for a time and I returned for a few days to help out. Things did calm down and Mr Morris did return to work for a while. By the mid 1970s Mr Colin Oliver was head teacher.

I returned to the school in the mid 70's until 1982 doing various stints of supply teaching. The school building has expanded in various stages right up to the present day; another temporary classroom was installed which did have toilets and water and is now housing the new Heritage room. In the late 1970s Warwickshire introduced middle schools which meant, for a while, children stayed at the school for another year and the Technology Room was built so they could follow a science curriculum. That had changed again by the early 80s and children moved to secondary school at the end of Y6 again, There must be people in the village who will remember things about the school before and after this time and I haven't remembered all the details about staff.

Mary Thompson, June 2021

We have a comprehensive collection of pupil and staff photographs in the Heritage Centre; you can see them online by visiting our website www.harburyheritage.org.uk or visit the Centre if you want a closer look and even a copy particularly if you feature on any of them.

Other News

A reminder that the Heritage Centre will be open and **serving tea and cakes** during the 'Open Gardens' afternoons later in the month. Do drop in on your walk round.

We will be running the '**Family Treasure Hunt**' again on **Sunday 22nd August**. Get the date in your calendar and look out for details in the August edition of the Harbury and Ladbroke News and on posters around the village. Lots of prizes and you will also learn more about the history of our village. Why not come dressed as a pirate! Visit our website www.harburyheritage.org.uk or our Facebook group page, '*Harbury Heritage Centre*'.

Opening dates and times in the future:

July - Tuesday 13th 6.30 to 8.30pm and Saturday 31st 2 - 4pm

August - Tuesday 10th 6.30 - 8.30pm

September - Tuesday 7th 6.30 - 8.30pm and Sunday 19th 2 - 4pm.



Harbury Energy Initiative

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COP26

There will no doubt be many puns playing on the COP theme as the year progresses: fair cop, draining the dregs of the cop, cop and sorcerers (just giving the real journos some ideas in case they are short). It actually stands for Conference of the Parties and the Parties (national delegations) have now met 25 times already without delivering us all that much, apart from the Paris Agreement. This latter was a bit of a turning point but not quite the great gift to life on Earth that we hoped for because pledges were not honoured. This

time the UK, as hosts of the 26th meeting, can set the agenda and the pace and it is clear that government, academics, environmental groups and public are powering up for it. A good example is 'Visions for a Net Zero Future', a new international collaboration of academics, business, civil society and citizens intended to help nations across the globe understand the benefits to them of a net zero, carbon neutral future and inspire them to action.



Needless to say, HEI won't be at the top table but we are already playing our part and gaining recognition for it. HEI's Parish Council representative is Julie Balch. She works for the National Grid, one of the key sponsors of COP26 with an accompanying programme of 'Supporting our communities on the road to Net Zero'. Julie is a COP26 Champion within National Grid and has starred in an internal video for the many thousands of their staff. In it she explains her role in Harbury and talks with passion about the work of HEI, clearly impressing her interviewer and raising our profile quite a few notches. She hopes this might lead to other National Grid staff asking for her advice in achieving the same benefits in their communities.

Hot Gospel? 'Fraid not.

As you will have gathered from previous articles from me, HEI is supporting the retrofit plans for the church with the hope that we might get an appropriate low carbon 21st Century heating solution for next winter. Such are the strange machinations of the Church of England's system for dealing with these matters that we are nowhere near agreeing a plan. The Harbury Church Fabric Committee, led by HEI's Philip Mayer, has applied for a high level radiant heating system, well blended in to the architecture and known to be effective and efficient. There is a church in Oxfordshire with this system and a fairly similar system has been installed in the village hall, although there the ceiling is considerably lower, so it is not entirely fair to compare sites. To come to this conclusion we have had the advice and consultancy of respected and experienced heating engineers following many hours of discussion on and off site. The Diocesan Advisory Committee, however, despite the fact that we have meticulously followed Church Building Council guidelines, are not happy to accept the proposals of leading experts in modern heating technology, instead relying on the opinion laid out in a report by one of their volunteer members, who retired when a different, older technology was the norm. This impasse has to be resolved and we are working on it but the delays have meant another cold and damaging winter in prospect for our church. What puzzles us is why it needs a second report when the first one is detailed, technically competent, follows the Church Building Council guidelines and is from a respected company. You might have picked up from this that we are not happy!

Advent

Those of you who signed up for the InnovateUK Advent project to test voltage locally as part of a national scheme will have received your notification that

things are going to happen soon. A couple of us will be testing out the process of installation of the monitoring device to check if there are likely to be any issues. I am one of those, a good choice as I am not terribly technical and still see electricity as some sort of magic. If I can set up the device anyone can. After that, the volunteers will all receive their devices and the trial will begin. It is remarkable that Harbury should be chosen as the sole trial partner for the whole of the huge Western Power Distribution network. The fact that over 50 residents stepped forward to take part vindicated their choice. It is more than they expected.



Cycling and e-bikes

We are beginning to think again about the idea of having a bike share scheme, featuring electric bikes - but maybe not exclusively electric. New HEI member Joe Quinney is geared up (like the pun?) to make this a Scouts project with potential income for GASS. Joe's role in Scouts combined with his father, Paul, being Group Scout Leader and an HEI member means we have the perfect

combination of people to give this serious thought. We did consider this once before many years ago but the idea was never developed fully. Now may be the time.

It would be helpful to know what you think of this. Please let us know whether you like the idea, might use such a share scheme and do talk to others about it. You can let us know your opinions by emailing info@harburyenergy.co.uk

And now a word from a long term HEI member

Do you intend to continue using electricity? Of course you do. In our modern world we depend on it for so many things. In that case, please consider installing solar panels where possible and generate some of your own.

Once installed they require little or no maintenance and can provide most of your day time needs for all but the mid-winter months. Even then, they always generate some (excepting when covered with snow).

We have had 4kWp (16 panels) on our house now for eight years. Last year they generated the most ever, 3,711 kW. Our daytime metered consumption was 2,543 kW (not including our night time use on Economy 7), 1168 kW will have been fed back in to the grid.

We could have saved that for our own use had we had a battery installed as the village hall and a number of private houses. The other big advantage with a battery and Economy 7 is that cheaper night time electricity can be saved for day time use during the shorter winter days. This not only saves money but also helps reduce load on the National Grid at peak times.

Electricity produced by the sun, no fossil fuels used!!!

Go for it, reduce your carbon footprint for years to come.

Ted Dowdeswell



Harbury Rugby Football Club

Steve Kittendorf

The second and final rugby “match” played at the end of the extended 2020-21 season took place at home against a side from Old Laurentians. Covid restrictions again required that the game be played without both scrums and mauls being allowed. Harbury had a pool of almost 30 players to draw from; including a couple of regulars who had decided to get a full body spray tan a couple of days prior to the game!!! – why would you do that? The match was played in four 20 minute sessions with everyone getting some game time. Tensions were running high - “who’s going to start”? - “what’s the game plan”? - “when will I get on”? - “anybody got a spare pair of socks”? - questions, questions, questions, all infuriating the coach. The match was played in great spirit although one player went down injured, it looked really serious, but turns out his only concern was for his fake tan!! OLs ran out winners 19-24. After the match, everyone retired to the bar and observing Covid restrictions at that time, sat down to relax and enjoy a beer or two with their mates and polish off a couple of barrels of beer.

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

After one of the matches was called off at the beginning of the month because of rain, it did hold off sufficiently throughout the rest of May to allow cricket to continue every Saturday thereafter.

Taekwondo classes continue on Monday and Wednesday nights in the Clubhouse under the instruction of Miss Cassandra Oury from 5.00pm to 7.00pm. When the warmer weather appears, classes are held outside for both children (from pre-school) and adults. If you are interested in joining a class, contact Cassie on 07850 327507 - new members always welcome.

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

Work has been ongoing outside the Clubhouse. 280 metres of armoured cable was laid below ground from the Clubhouse to provide power to the back field.

Over the last few years, there has been concern that some batsmen might well be able to clear the hedge to our neighbours, causing possible damage and or injury. To this end, a scaffold framework has been erected measuring some 8 metres high by 20m wide, draped with a fine mesh netting.



We can't guarantee that it will solve the problem entirely but we have minimised the risk as far as practicably possible.

Finally, you will be able to view a professionally made video in the next week or two of the Harbury Hawks in action on their Instagram page @harbury_rfc_hawks.

Keep safe.



Harbury Tennis Club

Colin Mercer

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



It's all very busy at the club now, and nearly back to normal. We held our first social gathering for nearly two years with our "Welcome Back to Tennis Strawberry Tournament" on 22nd June. There was a record entry of 28 even though the evening clashed with both England and Scotland's Euros matches on TV! When we fixed the date, we had hoped all restrictions would have been lifted by then, but unfortunately, they weren't. However, Peter Walshe put a massive effort into planning the playing format and order of play so that we were all socially distanced in three separate groups.

There were some great games and, combined with strawberries and cream (organised by Eira Owen) and the odd glass of Prosecco, it was a fun, happy and safe night. The weather was kind to us, a nice warm early evening, although a little chilly when the last match finished at 10.00pm. The overall winners were Rob Robinson and Ed Lockley pictured being presented with the Owen Bowl.



The coaching programme, run by Coolsportz LTA accredited coaches Lianne Candappa, Adam Darby and Scott Smith, is going really well with most sessions, adult and juniors full. Scott has just completed a six-week *LTA Youth Start* course packed full of fun games and training drills for children who are new to tennis. The places on the course were quickly filled and we hope that the children who took part will join the regular sessions. For details of any courses contact Lianne on 07919 104093 or lianne@coolsportz.co.uk

The Banbury Summer League started again in June and Harbury's three teams have all started their fixtures. The "B" team playing in Division 4 of the midweek format have started with two straight wins, the latest being a very

close 5-4 win at Deddington "D". An excellent blend of youth with captain Ed Lockley and Dan Chand, supported by the experience of Claire Callaghan, Sue Johnson, and Karen and David Bristow. The match was decided by a tie-break win in the final rubber and makes Harbury the early league leaders. The "A" team is playing in Division 2 for the first time in many years after securing promotion in 2019 and have lost the first three matches. The last match was a narrow 3-6 defeat at Deddington "A" for Eira Owen, Clare Callaghan, Emma Brangwin, Adam Crossling, Ben Fish and Chris Ambrozic who conducted the post-match debrief in a local hostelry!

The Weekend team has also started well with two wins, the latest being a home success for Jane Minchin, Helen Cooper, Ollie Wiltshire and Colin Mercer against Towcester. On a scorching Saturday afternoon Helen was in good form partnering first Jane to win the Ladies' doubles, and then Ollie to a convincing win in the second mixed doubles. Colin and Ollie halved the men's doubles after winning the first set but lost a long tie-break second set, but the overall result was a satisfying 6-2 win.



Harbury Toddler Group

Lynne Barton

We are all enjoying this precious time together with families before some of the children progress to their next phase of education at 'big school'.

We will miss them but in these unsettling times we remain grateful to have been able to open our doors at all.

Our last session for this term will be Monday 19th July and our Summer trip will be to Hatton Country World, this is being kindly funded by Judi, Geoff and Entrust. Thank you.

Volunteers

The Toddler Group is entirely dependent on volunteers to operate, so this week here are a few words to acknowledge and thank them for all their support.

We are hopeful that the lovely Reg will be able to pay us a visit before too long; he has had to be cautious due to age and health factors, but it is not the same without him. Likewise Suzi who has also not been able to join us for some time now. We look forward to seeing them both when it is possible to

do so. Deborah Thain, an Entrust Carer Partnership Volunteer, has kindly stepped up and we are so pleased that she has supported us over these last few weeks and is very keen to stay with us, thank you.

Thank you also to all the parents who attend; we all pull together to sanitise the toys, wipe everything down and generally assist during the morning.

A special thanks to Claire White who has been reading some fabulous stories for us all and which the children have loved and enjoyed.

Judi Piper always surprises us with her wonderful art activities and her husband Geoff has made some great shelves for our cupboard. Furthermore he is going to help us with our shed as it is looking a bit like the 'leaning tower' of Harbury – we are thinking of listing it!

Last but certainly not least, our thanks to Selina who continues to be a steadfast, longstanding volunteer, sorting out our Risk Assessment, all the Covid secure notices, sourcing the sanitisers and much much more.

What a great team, it is amazing what you can achieve collectively.

Register

As you know we can only offer a very limited number of places at the moment due to the Government restrictions. Thank you to everybody for understanding our situation; it's been great to see all the children and parents to whom we have been able to offer a place and apologies to parents on our waiting list whom we have not yet able to invite.

We can only hope that September will see a positive start for face-to-face Group activities and if you would like to register your child for a place at Harbury Toddlers, please email me at:

lynnbarton@entrustcarepartnership.org.uk

What have we been up to?



Hiding in dens – found you !!

Sensory fun with suds - what a great photo - this stuff is so delightful, especially when you're four years old.





Planting and Growing



Building Lego towers

The world of under fives is so exciting, curious and fun.

We wish everyone a happy holiday whatever you are doing and we look forward to catching up with you again in the Autumn.

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



Harbury Pre-School

Staff & Committee



Butterflies! When we finished for half term, the caterpillars had risen to the top of their container and cocoons were beginning to form. We were slightly worried about how they would fare by themselves over the week but when we returned on the Monday, we had four perfectly formed cocoons.

The timing of half term was perfect as two days later, the first butterfly emerged. The following day, four painted lady butterflies were flying around happily in the net! The children kindly shared some of the fruit from their snack; the butterflies very much enjoyed their oranges and banana. They were also given some sugar water and flowers.



The children have regularly asked to look at the butterflies and it has been lovely to listen to their comments: *'He's trying to fly away', 'he's lying on a leaf', 'the cocoons are still there', 'that one's trying to flap like the others', 'they need some more food', 'we will open the net and they will fly away'*. Such is their interest that we have been looking at the butterflies multiple times throughout the day, reading the story of *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, assembling caterpillar puzzles, looking at our life cycle resources and exploring symmetry when painting lovely butterfly pictures.



Finally, it was time to release our butterflies into the wild. The children all sat outside and, conscious of not scaring the butterflies, sat beautifully still and quiet whilst Anne unzipped the net. They slowly emerged and approached the children before they flew away. I suspect they were thanking them for looking after them so well. So next time you're walking around the village, look out for a painted lady butterfly as it may have originated from Harbury Pre-School!



Visit from a nurse: In keeping within our recent learning about some different occupations, we were delighted to welcome Verity Widmer, a nurse at Warwick Hospital. She brought lots of interesting items to show us, including bandages, face masks, plastic syringes, breathing masks and spillage kits.



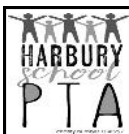
The children all had a turn at trying on face masks and in having a bandage applied to either their arm, leg, or head. It did look like we had had a particularly accident-prone day!

The children talked about their experiences of visiting a nurse for their pre-school injections or a nurse or doctor after they have hurt themselves. We gave all the doctors and nurses a big clap before saying a big thank you to Verity for coming to visit us.

A huge thank you: Thank you so much to the community of Harbury for their very kind donations, following our request for vegetables for the children to plant! We were very grateful to receive tomato plants, cucumbers and peas and the children were very excited to plant them all in our raised beds. They have been brilliant at keeping them well watered in this hot weather. We are hoping to enjoy them for snack after they have grown.



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

You may have noticed some very excited children heading off to Break the Rules at school just before the May Half Term break. For a small fine per rule broken, the children enjoyed painted nails, colourful hair, temporary tattoos, own clothes and bringing squash and an unhealthy snack for the day, amongst other things. It was lovely to hear the buzz in the playground as everyone excitedly planned their rule-breaking. Year 6 joined in after they got back from their PGL trip, and a massive £752 was raised overall.



CONGRATULATIONS to our May Lottery Winners!

1st 100

David Gimson - an excellent 'retirement' present for our outgoing PTA treasurer of 5 years!

2nd - 118

John Grinstead

3rd - 132

David and Jennifer Osborne

Join Harbury School Lottery Club

It's £2 per month for a chance to win - and half your money goes to the school. Just send a quick email to harburypta@gmail.com - we promise to make sign up painless.

If you want a second number to **DOUBLE** your chances of winning, just increase your standing order to £4 per month and let us know.

Three prizes every month. Anyone over 16 can join. We now have over 150 numbers!

*****AUGUST ROLLOVER***** Sign up now for a chance to win big in September, as we will rollover August's winnings during the summer holidays.

We need your help! We are trying to arrange a disco for the children in December this year (restrictions allowing). This has always been a really

popular event in the past, however, we are struggling to find a DJ. If you know of anyone who might be able to help, please get in touch on harburypta@gmail.com



Village Hall Update

Andy Rutherford

Chairman's report

A lot seems to have happened since our last AGM in April 2019, with the biggest impact being the Covid 19 virus. We closed the Hall in March 2020, and reopened in August 2020, going into Tier Two. Then went into Tier Four in November, and national lockdown in January. The easing of lockdown started from March 2020 and there was further easing in May. At each different stage the rules for using the Hall have changed - and the Village Hall had to interpret and explain the rules to hirers. Our income from hirings obviously took a battering, but with the assistance of some £16,000 grants from SDC we came through quite well.

We have undertaken a number of repairs, refurbishments, and extensions during the period.

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| June 2019 | The leaky roof over the Farley Room was repaired. |
| Nov 2019 | External Doors to the Farley Room were replaced. |
| Oct 2020 | CCTV System installed. |
| Dec 2020 | New internal doors to the Farley Room fitted. |
| Jan 2021 | New flooring in the Farley Room, redecoration, replastering ceiling. |
| Jan 2021 through to May 2021 | Completed the foyer and store project. |



Much work went into the raising of funds for the foyer project, and many thanks to Philip Mayer for his work with HS2 and Biffa Award. Brian Wade did a most excellent job managing the project.

We still have S106 money available for “Repairs and Refurbishments”, and several areas around the Hall will be looked at in the coming months.

The Hall has been through a tough period, but has emerged in quite a strong position. I look forward to usage of the building increasing.



Harbury Village Library & Biblio's Café

Rich Fowler

Since the lifting of lockdown restrictions has been put back to 19th July, there will be no changes to library and café opening times and procedures until at least that date. Details of opening times are at the end of this article.

Library

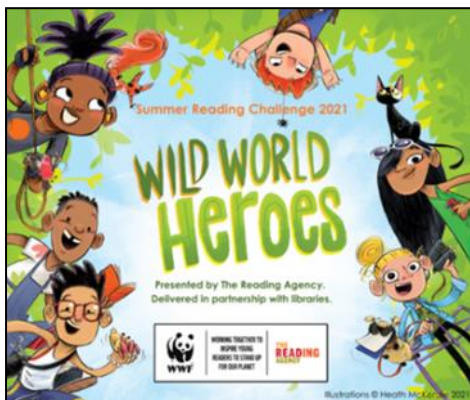


Library usage is still slow, but visitor numbers are beginning to rise. We expect it will be a few months yet before we get anywhere near previous usage.

We are still offering our **Click and Collect** and **Home Delivery** services for books and jigsaws. If you're no longer working from home you can still request books from the Warwickshire County Library and Harbury Blue Label collections. We're happy to deliver if you can't get to the library while we're open. Deliveries will be made on foot, by bike, or by electric vehicle. All part of the effort to reduce our carbon footprint!

The theme of the **Summer Reading Challenge** this year is “Wild World Heroes”. The challenge starts on Saturday 10th July and runs until 10th September. There'll be the usual games, puzzles, and smelly stickers, as well as Certificates and Medals for children who complete the challenge.

Thanks to the Reading Agency we'll soon be receiving a collection of **Reading Well** books. The books are all chosen and recommended by health experts, as well as by people living with the conditions covered and their relatives and carers. There are separate sets of books for children, young adults and adults covering topics such as mental health, bullying, bereavement, dealing with long term illness, dementia, loneliness and more.





Biblio's Café

Bookings

Just to remind you that you are able to make a booking for Biblio's Cafe. If you want to guarantee a table, booking is advisable, particularly if it's for more than two people.

The booking email is: bookingsbiblioscafe@outlook.com



Request for volunteers

Is anyone interested in volunteering in Biblio's Cafe? If you would like to support your local community and in particular Harbury Village Library you can do this by working in your friendly local café.

If you are interested, please contact Jill Baker via the following email address bookingsbiblioscafe@outlook.com or pop into the café during opening hours for a chat.

Thank you.

Opening Times

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

Biblio's Café - Wednesday to Friday - 9.15am to 12 noon, Saturday 10am to 12 noon

Bookable Sessions are 9.15 – 10am, 10 - 10.45am, 10.45 - 11.30am and 11.30am – 12 noon.



Harbury Village Club & Institute

Judy Morrall

Hello again to everyone. Another month has flown by and the longest day has come and gone. At least we did get a decent spell of warmer weather with more forecast over coming days. I do enjoy the light evenings, a chance to water the pots and troughs in the garden and appreciate the growth and colours. I plan to replace the Winter and Spring plants in the four large pots along the wall at the entrance to our club in next few days. Nothing will get wasted, the thymes will be reused and the faded plants will be added to my compost bins.

I spent almost three hours on Tuesday 22nd June weeding and forking over the planting of the rockery in Crown Street. I did my Sherpa





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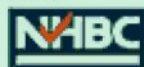
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Biblio's Café

A selection of hot and cold drinks, cakes and baked
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Tensing climbing to the top and clung on to the fence in order to reach yet more weeds. The new plants have settled in and are looking very much at home and are spreading out. The seeds I planted have also sprouted and add height at the top of the rockery. Thank you again to all who took the trouble to stop and talk to me and say how much they enjoy walking past. The grass seed has successfully germinated by the fence at the end of the lawn but I noticed a lot of weeds there too. I have tackled some of these and will finish pulling them out next week. Not too much watering at the moment, thank goodness.

We have had many nice comments about the newly decorated lounge and entrance foyer. The decoration and rewiring etc in the TV room is almost finished, then we will move the lovely squashy settee and chair from the concert room into the newly decorated room. It will be a snug and will be a nice place to hold meetings.



It was great to welcome our members back last month and the bells on the tables which are linked to the bar have been a big success. We are a perfectly safe environment - lots of hand sanitiser and tables wiped down after use. We are slowly beginning to take bookings for our concert room which is completely free of charge. Please come along and see for yourselves what we can offer. The other big news is that we now have Thatchers Gold cider on tap, again members asked for this and we are happy to listen and oblige. Don't forget our loyalty card scheme; please ask for a card if you haven't got one yet.

The Friday evenings when we have food vans in the car park are now in full flow. On Friday 25th June we are welcoming The Pizza Blues and they will be visiting us every two weeks. You can see their website www.pizzablues.co.uk for the menu and how to order. The week after, Friday 2nd July our friends the curry van will be on car park, then again every two weeks. Hopefully we will



welcome Smiley Chef on Friday 9th. See our Facebook page for updates. The added bonus is that whilst you wait for your food order you can sit inside the club and enjoy a drink from our range of beers, ciders, lagers and wine, all at very competitive prices and eat inside too. Some of our members have taken advantage of our partnership with The Crown and ordered food from them and eaten it at the club. A win win situation for us both.

Don't forget our very large TV with Sky Sports in the concert room which will be switched on when the bar staff arrive. We are having happy hour deals when major sports events are taking place at weekends, so please come along and enjoy good company and drinks. Again, you can also order food from The Crown. We really do appreciate your support. We are sorry that we had to cancel the film showing of Paddington 2 but as no one had signed up for a table we thought it the best course of action. We will be showing films - I can't wait to see Bohemian Rhapsody as I am a big Queen fan having seen

them at the old Wembley Stadium a few years ago. They were absolutely brilliant. Watch this space!!!! In the meantime, come along on Thursday 1st and 8th July to hear our local band rehearsing their David Bowie music.

We have welcomed Joanne our new cleaner, she replaces Becky who is now our bar manager. We have also welcomed Ben to the bar staff team. Come along on a Wednesday or Thursday to say hello to him. Hopefully it will not be too long before we can revert to bar service again but I would rather be safe at this time and wait a few more weeks.

The new fence will be in place very shortly around the raised grass behind the snooker room. Round picnic tables have been ordered and it will be an ideal place for children who will be able to play games. We will have security in place to ensure that all who are in this space are safe plus in other areas outside.

Once we are able I promise that the event planned for our loyal members will happen. A BBQ and buffet and entertainment - it will be worth the wait. Again watch for further news on our Facebook page. Hopefully our loyal pool, darts and snooker players can restart their league games too. Lots to look forward to.

I have finally managed to finish digging the last of my plots at the allotments. Again, lots of bindweed. You think you have dug out every last bit of root but no, it raises its ugly head again. I have five lots of wigwam canes for runner and climbing French beans and all are making their way up the canes. Lots of dwarf French beans, salad crops, sweet corn, swedes, turnips, parsnips and if all of the courgettes bear fruit there will be a glut, plus pumpkins and carrots. The strawberry plants on four of my allotments are beginning to ripen so I should have a bumper crop this year after none of them fruited last year due to the intense heat! Trouble is, no one tells the weeds to stop growing - keeps me out of mischief!!!



I am so enjoying being back at Upton House with my fellow volunteers and friends. We all love the house and the wonderful Bearsted family who lived there. The 2nd Lord B who gave the house to the Trust worked for the government during the Second World War. He was one of the three gentleman who were part of the Kindertransport. When I started to volunteer we used to get descendants of the children who were rescued visit the house to see where Lord B lived at the weekends. What a legacy and I felt very humbled.

He also started to buy and collect Old Masters in the 1930's to stop them going abroad. He said that he was proud to be able to do this as his family had arrived in England with nothing and by hard work had amassed a fortune via shell boxes, the Hill Samuel bank and Shell Oil. They were then displayed together in what was the squash court with superb lighting as used in the National Gallery where he was Chairman.

To see the reaction of visitors to the gallery who have not been before is fantastic. To see paintings from 14th, 15th and 16th centuries including Bosch, Breugel. Provost and Memling to name a few is a very rare thing. When he left the house to the Trust in 1948 he asked that we never put a rope in front of a painting and we never have.

I hope I haven't bored you and thank you for reading my articles. Thank you to the team who put together the magazine. Enjoy the Summer and all that our friendly village has to offer.

My very best wishes.



Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery

Christine Dakin

It was recently suggested that I could be putting some people off gardening by relentlessly giving lists of things to do. There are many different approaches to using your outside space. Maybe you want to sit and read a book and enjoy the peace and quiet or perhaps have friends round for a BBQ. You might like a wild garden with plenty of birds, bees and butterflies and other creepy crawlies. But it can be a chore for some of you, which might be why there are more sales of artificial turf. This, incidentally, can heat up to such high temperatures that it can't be walked on by children or dogs. It supports zero wildlife and mostly looks wrong.

I seem to be unable to walk through the garden without seeing a hundred things that need doing. I rarely (never) just sit and look at it. In fact, I really should look up sometimes too because I've been muttering that there are no skylarks any more but yesterday one was pointed out to me which is very pleasing.

Plants and gardens can be such good therapy in these stressful times; it is important to be able to have some green space in which to unwind. So, no 'to do' lists this time. Just enjoy the scents of the roses and the buzzing of the bees until next month, when I will suggest more jobs to do.

Bridge Nursery, Tomlow Road, Napton
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Nature Notes

John Hancock

There have been high summer days to savour whilst exploring places near to home. Thanks to some ill-advised bending and manoeuvres, once happily performed but now off limits, I have managed to dislocate my 'new' hip. This was disappointingly careless of me and has setback formerly good progress. I was looking forward to meeting the U3A Natural History Group to be shown some hidden gems at Bishops Hill guided by Pam Reason and Moya Waterman. Knowing it is easy to be distracted when with a crowd, I decided the risk of a fall was too great, so Sharon and I went the next day.



We were lucky to have a perfect June day, warm but much fresher than 24 hours previously. The first Bee orchids of the year were there to be found in the short turf and as always were a delight. There seemed to be more of them than in previous years and they were accompanied by a panoply of other orchid species. Most orchids are lime lovers though some, like the Lesser Twayblade, require acidic conditions.

In no time at all we had found five species and had time to admire the view towards the Northamptonshire border. Pyramidal orchids were bursting into flower accompanied by Greater Butterfly orchids, Common Spotted and Common Twayblade.

By 19th June, pressure had fallen and showery bands of rain swept in. On one brighter day we dropped in at the Spoilbank adjacent to the junction of B 4451 with B 4452. It is beside the railway line between Leamington and Banbury. The flora and fauna is similar to Bishops Hill though the area is smaller. The Dark Green Fritillary butterfly gave us a spectacular flypast. It's a large insect, a strong flier when seen coursing over the short turf.



Now, hedge lines are bedecked with brambles coming into flower. It won't be so long before the search for blackberries begins. Bascote Wood with plentiful honeysuckle was the place to find the White Admiral butterfly. However I have not seen it there for several years. There is a better chance at Ryton Woods of seeing this attractive insect.

The U3A Natural History Group have said goodbye to John and Val Roberts as they leave Warwickshire for Bristol. Over the years they have led us on many 'Fungi Forays' and came to the Tom Hauley Room to deliver inspiring wildlife talks on such varied places as British Columbia, Northern Spain and Sri Lanka.



I have just received the Spring '21 magazine of Warwickshire Butterfly Conservation. The front cover features an excellent photograph by Rob Adams of a Purple Hairstreak butterfly and on the back cover is a formidable looking Hornet moth photographed by Steve Cheshire.

It is sad to read in the local and national press that Draycote Meadow, renowned for its display of Green-Winged orchids, has had plants taken. It is disturbing news. Let's hope it's not something

that will be repeated. We don't want to place guards on our nature reserves as in certain parts of the world.

I've just been sent a photograph of a moth seen by a friend at a Lillington allotment. David Brown identified it as a Gold Spot (*Plusia festucae*). It's larval food plants are various sedges, grasses and other moisture loving plants such as Yellow Iris.

Enjoy the month of July when we say au revoir to the Cuckoo. Please send me your special sightings and thoughts on the wildlife scene. j.hancock43@btinternet.com Tel 612860.



General Section



90th Birthday Celebration

Long term Harbury resident Peter Sheasby celebrated his 90th birthday on Friday 18th June.

Pete, who lives at Poole Cottage moved to Harbury in the 1950's after marrying his late wife Pearl. He worked for the Thwaite's family for many years and is a well-known character around the village.

A small party was held to mark the occasion. Shown right is Pete with his son Nigel and daughter-in-law Tracey.

Well done Pete! Less than 10 years to go before you get the telegram.

Bill Timson



Wednesday Walks

As promised, we are now moving away from our home territory, with limited car sharing (please bring a mask). We have seen some lovely wild flower meadows and an increasing number of butterflies. The month's programme is not quite finalised, though there will always be a walk to join. One treat we are planning will be on 14th July. We thought we could park outside Farnborough Hall, walk towards Avon Dassett and Fenny Compton, then picnic near our cars. Then, those who wish could visit the

beautiful grounds of this National Trust property. They have been opened up and very well tended in recent years to recreate the original design. As ever, anyone is welcome to join us - no booking required.

Gillian Hare



Harbury Surgery News

Dr Colin Snowdon will be retiring from Harbury Surgery on Friday 16th July. He has worked as a GP Partner at Harbury & Bishops Itchington Surgeries since 1992. We wish him well on his retirement.

The current GPs, Dr Mel Wood (GP Partner), Dr Sarah Chard (GP Partner), Dr Kim Panting and Dr Hazel Parkinson will welcome a new GP in September.

If you wish to leave a farewell message for Dr Colin Snowdon, please speak to Reception.

**Becci Young,
Practice Manager
Harbury Surgery**

Repair Cafe Harbury and Bicycle Repair Clinic

By the time you read this article we will have held two Repair Cafes and five Bicycle Repair Clinics. One of the challenges our repairers face is that they have no way of predicting what items will be brought in. The most unexpected, and most exciting, item so far was a 1960s Dansette record player whose turntable was stuck.

Our Bicycle Repair Clinic on 6th June was a joint event with Warwickshire Police who came along with bike marking kits. The afternoon started out with torrential rain, but soon turned sunny and over 40 people attended. So many folks wanted their bikes marked, and registered in the police approved National Bicycle Register that the kits ran out and more had to be fetched from the police station in Southam.



The next Repair Cafe and Bicycle Repair Clinic will be held on Saturday 24th July from 2pm to 4pm in the Scout Hut.

(Photo shows bikes being marked by police officers)

Richard Fowler



Harbury Gardens Walkabout Sat/Sun 24th/25th July

We are delighted that the Harbury Garden Walkabout will take place on Saturday (12 noon to 6pm) and Sunday (2pm to 6pm) on 24th/25th July.

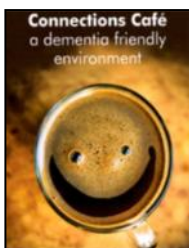
It is six years since the last open gardens so this is a welcome revival with thanks to more than 20 garden owners.

Entry will be by programme (£5 for each adult) the proceeds of which will support Harbury e-Wheels. These will be on sale in the front of 1 South Parade. Some other charities and organisations will also be supported in various gardens with tea, coffee and cakes, including the Harbury Heritage Room. There will also be a drinks tent and The Crown and Shakespeare will have lunches.

If you have any questions or suggestions please contact Janny Freeman on (01926) 612002 or Peter Walshe on 07446 779879.

Many thanks and here's hoping for a fine weekend!

Peter Walshe



Connections Dementia Café is back!

After our long enforced break, it is wonderful to be able to say that we have started running the monthly dementia café in the Tom Hauley Room (behind the church) again. Our first session was in June, and was enjoyed by all participants. It was great to see familiar faces, and to enjoy chatting over a cup of tea and homemade cakes again.

Our next session will be on **Wednesday 21st July**, from 2 to 4pm and every third Wednesday of the months thereafter. Anyone with a dementia diagnosis and their carers are very welcome to join us - no need to book, just turn up, but for further information please contact either of us below.

We look forward to seeing you there - and all being well, we can enjoy some live music this time too!

Jill Baker 01926 612483 & Janice Montague 01926 612340



Harbury Village Show

We hope everyone is enjoying the "summer weather" in all its forms but at last things are growing! We are continuing to plan for our September Show and hopefully government restrictions will allow us to go ahead in our traditional format.

It was with deep sadness that we lost our friend and committee member Dorothy Groves recently. Dorothy played a huge part in our organisation. If you have joined in by baking one of our recipes it was planned by Dorothy.

If you ever enjoyed a piece of cake and a cup of tea on show day it was provided by Dorothy and her team and all those judges (who we love to disagree with) were contacted, organised and fed by Dorothy on show day. As you can see, she did a huge amount and we will miss her calm, organisational skills and cheerful manner greatly.

This year's schedules are now available in paper format from the supermarket and library or can be downloaded from our website - harburyvillageshow.uk

Don't forget show day is Saturday, 11th September 2021.

Village Show Committee

Tom Hauley Room Saturday Coffee Mornings



We are tentatively looking at re-starting the Saturday coffee mornings in September. Most groups have received an email but if your group hasn't, or you know of any new groups that may like to join the hosting list, please contact Sarah on 07889 108947. Rather than an annual rota we will be looking at just six months, so you will no longer have to look too far in advance. Once we have an up-to-date groups/contact list I'll send out an email regarding hosting dates to build a rota.

Sarah Brooke-Taylor



LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors

For those that are not aware, Rod Baldwin passed away in Myton Hospice on 11th June after a short illness. Rod lived in Harbury for very many years before moving to Leamington four years ago.

My Mum and I would like to thank everyone for their kindness, cards, gifts, phone calls and messages.

Pauline and Alison Baldwin

Dear Editors

Philip, Emma, and Andrew would like to thank everyone for their messages of sympathy at what has been a difficult time of sadness for us following the sudden death of Dorothy. It was a great comfort to know that she will be missed by so many people and we are grateful for the loving sense of community a village like Harbury provides.

As numbers were restricted at the funeral, we are hoping to arrange a Memorial Service to celebrate her life, when conditions allow.

Philip, Emma, and Andrew Groves

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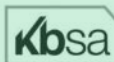
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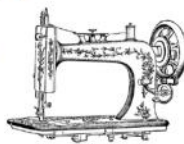
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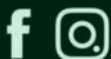
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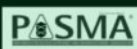
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