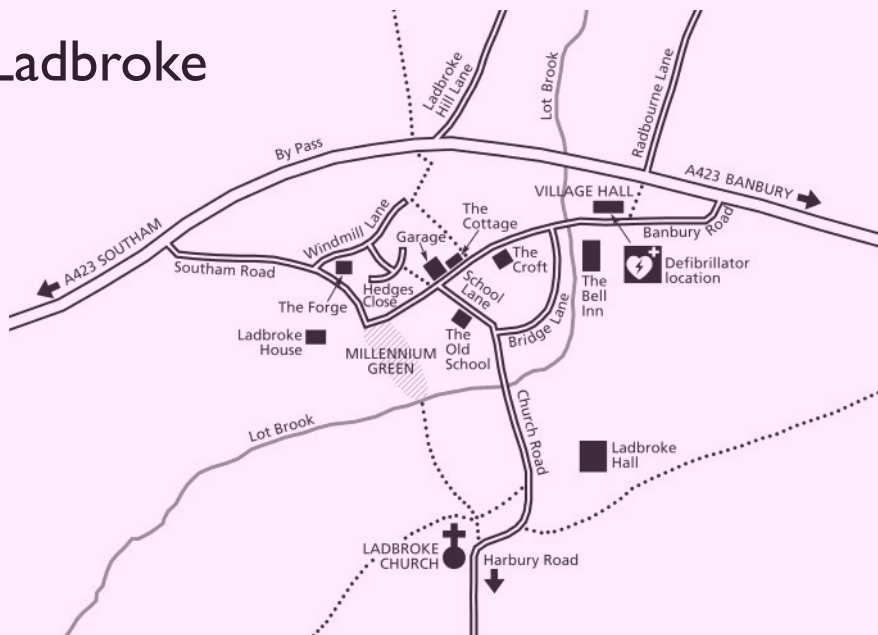


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Editorial

May has been so cold and wet that we can only look forward to better weather in June. A number of articles have recently been published that are predicting a fine and sunny month, so hopefully they are correct with their forecast. Good weather would be nice for the Warwickshire Open Studios fortnight, when two Harbury artists will be exhibiting their art and there will also be the chance to see the exhibitor's garden. The event commences on 19th June - see article for details.

The Village Hall's new foyer has now been officially opened and the good news is that the hall is experiencing a surge of new bookings. Some events can still go ahead with the current level of restrictions but hopefully things can open up more once these have all been removed.

Ladbroke have been working hard on their activity programme for the summer and autumn. You can help with the Churchyard Project, take part in the photography competition, attend the archaeology day plus more.

Harbury Scouting are looking for volunteers to help with getting their Cubs section up and running again and also someone to take over as Group Administrator. If you feel you can help please do get in touch with them.

Finally, we extend our condolences to the families of Dorothy Groves, Kath Mancell and Neville Mettrick.

Harbury Diary

Some events are subject to Government Guidelines.

JUNE 2021

Sun 6 TRINITY 1

Holy Communion, 9.00am

Harbury Village Club, showing 'Paddington 2', 2.00pm, tables should be booked in advance

Bicycle Repair Clinic, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Wight School Car Park

Wed 9 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park - Stoneleigh (3.5 miles)

Thurs 10 Holy Communion service, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
Harbury WI, 7.30pm via Zoom: Rev Andy Batchelor on his journey to become a vicar.

Sat 12 Day of Prayer at All Saints', Harbury. Church will be open from 10.00am - 4.00pm and is an opportunity for you to call in at your leisure to pray for the Vision Day on 10th July (see pew sheet for further details).

Sun 13 TRINITY 2

Holy Communion with Children's Church, 10.30am

Wed 16 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park - Offchurch to Newbold Common (5 miles)

Thurs 17 Holy Communion service, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room

Sat 19 Warwickshire Open Studios Begins

Sun 20 TRINITY 3

Holy Communion - All Age, 10.30am

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Tue 22 GASS AGM, 8.00pm, via Zoom

Wed 23 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park - Thurleston - Draycote wild flower meadow (3.5 miles)

Thurs 24 Holy Communion service, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
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Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Sat 26 Harbury Local Market, 10.00am - 12.30pm, Village Hall
Repair Café, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Scout Hut**Sun 27 TRINITY 4**


Holy Communion with Children's Church, 10.30am

Wed 30 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park - Butlers Marston - Combroom (4 miles hilly)

JULY

Thurs 1 Holy Communion service, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room

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	14	16	Grey Bin



From the Rector

Rev Andy Batchelor

The Rectory, Vicarage Lane, Harbury ☎ 01926 714295 ✉ rev.andyb@gmail.com

It's that time of year when many churches conduct their 'APCM' or Annual Parochial church meeting. It's a time to review the past year, thank the many people who contribute to church and parish life in so many different ways, and look to the future. This year seems particularly significant as we emerge from the pandemic that has impacted all of our lives and closed all our churches for public worship for the first time since the second world war. Many church communities have explored online alternatives, such as Zoom, Facebook live, and YouTube, and Harbury and Ladbroke are no exception. Of course, this meant a baptism of fire for many who found themselves having to learn new skills, and invest in new equipment, but it has been remarkable how these initiatives have found a whole new audience in the virtual world. Recognising this, we intend to continue providing a mixed offering of physical worship as well as streaming and recording services for those unable to join us in person, or who simply want to tune in from remote locations. If you would like more information on how to access our services please do contact me or any of our church wardens and we would be pleased to give you more details. Another significant moment for our churches is our shared 'Vision Day' taking place on the 10th July at Radford Semele church where we can assess all the past has brought and look to God's direction for the future. I am looking forward to the greater freedoms the release of lockdown measures will bring, meeting more people in person, and exploring how we can serve our communities and share God's love with all.



From the Churchwardens

Liz & Michael

Services in June will go ahead every Sunday morning as well as the additional mid-week communion service held at 10.00am on a Thursday morning.

At the time of writing no lifting of the restrictions have been announced so please still contact Liz McBride to "book" a pew on a Sunday morning. This is both to comply with track and trace and to know how many people are coming so we can plan the socially distanced seating. When you come into church, please wear a mask and sanitise your hands and then find a pew. We are marking the places where you can sit with the service book - so if you are in a "bubble" of three please find the pews where three books are relatively close together, if part of a couple, then find where two are together - and so on. Eight in a pew is a bit of a squash but if your bubble is that big then I'm sure we can fit you in.

In our last report we were looking forward to the deliberations of the Diocesan Advisory Council on our application for the faculty for our Heat, Light & Stone

project. They have come back with queries on the heating plans even whilst congratulating us on taking the issue of “net zero carbon” seriously. All queries are being extensively answered and the group should be meeting with DAC members in the next few weeks.

No other part of the application raised any objections from the DAC so stonework repairs, lighting and audio-visual installations should all be passed and planning applications have gone in to Stratford District Council for the boiler room and new door proposals.

Thank you to those on the Heat, Light and Stone group for their patient forbearance.

We look forward to the Vision Day for all our three parishes together being held on 10th July where we will explore what we hold on to and what the future may hold for us. A Day of Prayer to guide us in our thinking will be held at Harbury Church on Saturday 12th June from 10am to 4pm. More details are in the pewsheets which can also be read online on <https://allsaintsharbury.org>

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

One church - or two?

Thanks to Philip Mayer and John Guilford, our 26 page, comprehensive and thoroughly budgeted application for Heat, Light and Stone developments is with the Diocese - the governing body for churches in Coventry and Warwickshire.

We expect them to issue a 'Faculty' - permission to go ahead with our plans. Part of this work is the necessary and urgent repair of the stone outside work. The church is a grade 2 listed building of great historic value.

When you go into All Saints Church, Harbury, you are almost in two different churches. The first is the original church, built over 800 years ago. The second is the Victorian restoration in 1873, matching, as far as possible, the thirteenth century one.

Look at the pillars supporting the roof and you can see that they differ. The ones nearest the door are the eight hundred years old, roughly finished originals; the ones further away are the better cut, Victorian ones, less than two hundred years old. And the tower, topped with brick, is from around 1811. Brick was more fashionable than stone in those days (hence the older stone houses round the village with their brick frontages) but possibly there just wasn't the money to complete the tower in stone.

And it could be that you are where an even earlier, wooden church once stood. Look up to your left as you enter through the main, south door. There is what looks like roof line of this previous church on the wall of the tower.



Every five years, each church building in the diocese is inspected - its quinquennial report. Our latest, in 2016, had warned of work that was urgently needed to protect the structure and keep it watertight. Immediately, repairs were made to the stonework above the porch, dealing with a persistent leak. Elsewhere, stone has eroded, sometimes completely. The beautiful windows have lost much of the filler around the frames or tracery. Leave this too much longer and the stained glass will simply fall out.



It's not surprising that our ancient building is in need of stonework repairs. Made largely of soft limestone 'rubble' with some stronger ironstone facings, it has weathered over the centuries. The huge buttresses that support the tower may now be held up by the tower itself. Using a very twenty-first century drone, our stonemasons surveyed the roof and tower. The results were worrying.

Some of the masonry work is urgent, while some could be delayed; but it makes sense to erect the scaffolding once, and do it all. The total for outside work comes to around £40,000 (including other building work to open a new door into the memorial garden, and to adapt the boiler room for our new boiler) but then the church building should be secure and weatherproof for another two hundred years - if not for eight hundred. Meantime, the church will look better - clean, smart and cared-for.

Thanks to the generosity of the people of Harbury and the All Saints congregation, our Heat, Light, Stone appeal has been very successful. Further donations will make the future of the church building even more secure. You can always donate through our website: allsaintsharbury.org. Find donation details under 'About'. Have look at the website anyway, to see what is going on in your village church.

John Stringer



Mothers' Union

Gillian Hare

Members will have received an update from Chris, with the good news that we are looking to a real live meeting on 7th July. This will be a non communion service of celebration, in Church at 2.30pm followed by a tea party. We particularly want to include non-members in this, so please invite your friends. There will be more invitation cards in Church. We are pleased that Rev Andy will lead us in worship so it will be an opportunity to meet him in a relaxed way.



We congratulate Betty Winkfield on reaching her 90th birthday and hope it was a very happy day.

We received a thank you from Warwick food bank for the toiletries which we gave to them as the Blue Sky centre is closed. It is a reminder that there is a need for similar items as well as food, and we are grateful that, thanks to e-wheels, we can make donations in our library here.



Mothers' UNION
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**We invite you to rejoice with us in a service in church
on Wednesday July 7th at 2.30pm
with a tea to follow in the Tom Hauley Rooms
or outside if fine.**

The service is open to all, but RSVP to

Chris Rutherford 01926 613757,

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If you would like to be picked up and taken home

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Ladbroke News & Diary

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JUNE

- Sat 5 Day of Prayer, 10.00am - 4.00pm, in Church
Graveyard Sleuths, 10.00am - noon, Churchyard,
- Sun 6 **TRINITY 1**
Family Communion, 10.30am
- Sun 13 **TRINITY 2**
Holy Communion, 9.00am
- Sun 20 **TRINITY 3**
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- Sun 27 **TRINITY 4**
Holy Communion, 9.00am

JULY

- Thurs 1 WI, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Sun 4 **TRINITY 5**
Family Communion, 10.30am
- Tues 6 Photography Club, 7.30pm, Hallsfield
- Sat 10 Church Vision Day, 10.00am - 4.00pm, Radford Semele Church
Hall
- Sun 11 **TRINITY 6**
Holy Communion, 9.00am



Ladbroke Church News

Peter Rigby

www.ladbrokechurch.org.uk

We have now settled back into a pattern of regular church services, meeting in person on Sundays albeit with the continuing Covid restrictions of mask wearing, sitting in alternate pews and taking Communion without sharing the cup. Hopefully these restrictions will be relaxed come the last Sunday of this month.

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

On 23rd May we held our Annual Church Meeting after the service, at which the following were elected:

Church Wardens: Sue Moore and Peter Rigby
 Deanery Synod Reps: Sue Lord and Jenny Rigby
 PCC Members: Margie Bosworth, Janet Moore, Jackie West,
 David Wright

The Annual Reports and the Accounts were also received and approved. If anyone would like copies, please email us at the address below.

Our scheduled services for the coming month are:

6 th June	10.30am Family Communion
13 th June	9.00am Holy Communion
20 th June	9.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
27 th June	9.00am Holy Communion
4 th July	10.30am Family Communion

On Saturday 10th July we shall be meeting with members of Harbury and Ufton churches for our Vision Day - please email us if you would like more details.

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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.



Ladbroke Parish Council

Jackie West

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

The meeting on 6th May was held on Zoom and started with the Annual Parish Meeting. This re-elected Derek Batty as Chairman, set the dates of the meetings for the year (second Wednesday of alternate months as before) and dealt with some administrative matters. Then it was on to the usual Parish Council meeting.

Minutes - Since meetings are two months apart, it was agreed that the draft minutes will go on the notice board by the pub as soon as available rather than wait until they are approved at the next meeting.

SDC/WCC - Cllr Andy Crump, WCC councillor for Southam, was thanked for providing cover after Bob Stevens died, especially when Nigel Rock was ill and recovering. The WCC and police commissioner elections on 7th May were expecting a high return as there had already been 21,000 postal votes. In the wake of Sarah Everard's murder there had been a petition in Stratford for street lights to remain on - however reducing lighting by 60% had saved

£800,000 and cut greenhouse emissions. More CCTV, cutting back bushes, better street design, and community education might be more effective rather than a knee jerk response for our major town, and respect for women in rural areas is just as important.

Planning - Flat 1 at Ladbroke Hall had requested permission to replace 10 rotten windows but this had been withdrawn and was expected to come back in modified form. The council had no comments on the front, side and first floor extension at The Paddocks on School Lane, replacing the garage with a single story workshop at Rose Cottage on Bridge Lane nor felling leylandi at Ladbroke Farm and repeated their previous response that the proposed dwelling at Brock Farm Stud at Deppers Bridge should be for a rural worker and not classed as residential. SDC Planning had given permission for TPO works Ladbroke Hall and The Old Rectory, for an extension at 7 Hedges Close, a porch at Attwood Cottage, timber beam replacement at Ladbroke Hall and Lawful Development at Deppers Bridge Farm. Concern had been raised about the felling of two large leylandi which, though deemed an improvement by neighbours, did not appear to have followed the process needed in a conservation area.

HS2 - There are ongoing meetings with Chris James of EKFB (civil engineering contractor for the route south of Southam), with potential flooding issues the current focus. Chris was praised for his pro-active approach and Cllr Nigel Rock asked to be involved as he represents other villages to the south without parish councils. Our MP Jeremy Wright holds meetings with HS2 and local representatives; the six district councillors around Southam are very vocal about HS2 matters and have been nicknamed "The Southam 6". There was no news yet about the end of the A425 closure but permission to extend working hours had been granted and an announcement was expected before long.

New website - This will go live soon.

All Saints for All Generations Project - The open noticeboard by the pub will be refurbished by the project team to house the new village map. Jackie West provided a written update about other aspects - it's not given here as described in more detail under the Ladbroke Heritage Project article.

Roads - no progress to report on speed cameras. Highways will be contacted about the sign on the A423 showing the Ladbroke turning which has swung round and faces the wrong way!

Next meeting - 14th July, 7.45pm, hopefully back in the Village Hall.

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On the 28th April Dianne and Sally joined 230 other members on Zoom for the Warwickshire Federation Annual General Meeting. After a welcome from Anne Bufton-McCoy, Warwickshire president and Lynn Stubbings, National President, presentations were given by TV chef, Brian Turner, who spoke of his early life and training culminating at the Savoy Grill and Claridges before opening his own restaurant in Chelsea which he ran for 15 years before becoming a TV chef. President of the Royal Academy for Culinary Arts, Brian also has an involvement in 'adopt a school' which aims to get youngsters to appreciate food. Volunteers from WIs who could be trained to help in this mission were requested.



The second speaker was Mary Rhodes, the presenter of Midlands Today. Having decided she was going to work for the BBC from the age of 7, she started her career with a local news station before joining Radio 5 Live with its emphasis on sport. Back in the Midlands, Mary presented the Inside Out programme before moving to Midlands Today. She was keen to stress that she was first and foremost a journalist who presents rather than being a presenter. She writes all her own scripts so that she is well prepared for whatever may unfold in an interview.

Anne announced the names of the Warwickshire Trustees before closing the meeting.

The delayed Ladbroke and Deppers Bridge WI AGM was held over Zoom on Monday, 24th May with 14 members present. The following were elected for the coming year: Dianne Surgey, President; Maggie Watts, Treasurer; Janet Cox, Secretary with committee members Jenny Barrett and Heather Brookes. Joan received a round of applause for all her work in keeping us going over the past very difficult 15 months, particularly after Hazel's very sad and sudden death.

The decision was taken to reduce this year's fees to reflect the reduced activity and cheques need to be taken to Maggie as soon as possible. If you are eligible for Gift Aid, forms are available from Dianne or Maggie. The Warwickshire Federation newsletter, Corunna News, will be issued quarterly

instead of monthly from July. If you do not wish to receive a copy, can you let Dianne know so that we can assess numbers.

Our next meeting to be held on 3rd June at 3.30pm in the afternoon at the back of The Bell Inn - with thanks to Rob - as Covid restrictions prevent us meeting inside on that date but by 1st July we are able to go back to Ladbroke Village Hall at 7.30pm as usual. Maggie is giving us a talk on her adventures living on a boat! An outing will be planned for August and Jenny will get in touch with speakers whose talks had to be cancelled. Heather will organise a craft evening for November for us to create special Christmas cards.

Lots to look forward to so please join us.



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.

If the government's roadmap to exit lockdown goes to plan, we are intending to re-open the Village Hall for bookings from Monday 21st June. 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).

If the roadmap allows, 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 April 2021

£50	Steve and Val Copley	£50	Sue Lord
£25	Pam Collins	£25	Bill Bosworth
£25	Chris and Caryl	£10	Trevor and Dianne Surgey
£10	Geoff Timms	£10	Martin and Debra Neal

Margaret Bosworth



Ladbroke General Section



Ladbroke Heritage Project

Repairs - How to re-build a buttress

The stonemasons have been working away hard on the first of the two buttresses at the east end of church. It only took a couple of days to remove the old one as the stone was very weak and barely attached to the wall. Rebuilding is of a course a longer job taking a month or so. The rectangular blocks have been cut by machine but all those with angles are hand carved at Boden & Ward's workshop in Flore.

Here are two pictures which explain some of the complexities once the new stone gets to site.



From above you can see the hollow centre which is filled with pieces of stone and lime mortar. At the level of this picture the pieces are fist-sized, lower down the gap was wider and larger stones were used. The old buttresses were hollow too and at our archaeology day (see below) you will be able to see interesting stones found when they were dismantled.

The diagonal parts you can see in the picture are clamps strengthening the joints. Once all the stones at a particular level are in place, a slot is cut into the upper surface across each joint and a stainless steel clamp inserted.

The next level is too narrow for a hollow centre, here is its first stone being laid. You can see how it goes into the east wall, the inner edge is raised very slightly for mortaring using a cold chisel and one of many, many checks that it is correctly aligned. This buttress is complicated - not only does it meet two walls at the corner but it has intersecting gables each of which has a smooth inner join but is stepped on the outside.



Once again, we would like to thank Lottery players for their support for this project and hope that they will come and admire the repairs when these are finished and the scaffolding is gone. Fingers crossed this will be by the end of the summer but of course, like the Forth Bridge, once the current work is finished there will be more to do on other parts of our lovely 700 year old church.

Jackie West

Activities are Go!

With Covid restrictions lifting, we are now able to launch 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.

By the time you read this, our second **'Who's in the Churchyard'** workshop will be complete. On Saturday 5th June, volunteers took part in photographing and cataloguing the remaining 100 or so graves in Ladbroke churchyard, to complete the job, bringing the total to 300. This fascinating information is going on the Billion Graves website www.billiongraves.com for people researching family history. We have already had matches from around the world.

With thanks to Caryl Thompson and all the other sleuths who made this a successful project.

Tour Guide Training

Several people have kindly volunteered to train as guides to give tours of our church and village, and this will take place in early June. They will be available to tell the history of our church, its architecture, stained glass, and patrons. The National Lottery Heritage Fund award has not only allowed us to carry out repairs to the church stonework, but with our Heritage Activities programme, to tell the story of the repairs, the beautiful windows, and Alice and Robert Dudley. If you are interested in history, people and heritage art and architecture, you will enjoy the information we have put together in our range of new leaflets.

Our leaflets will all carry our new logo which celebrates Ladbroke's heritage, and here it is;

We have also designed a new village trail and map, which will be available from key locations in Ladbroke, Harbury and Southam, and to Ladbroke households from mid-June.

Our guides will be available to extend the church tours to a guided walk around Ladbroke, giving you the opportunity to find out about the history of Ladbroke, our buildings, characters, and nature.



**LADBROKE
HERITAGE**

If you are looking to take family, friends and relatives out for a relaxing local activity, then please come and visit us, and ask one of our tour guides to show you round our village and church. The Bell would welcome you for lunch or evening meal too.

If you would like to book a tour, please contact Jackie on 01926 810331 or Nicky nicolalewis1958@gmail.com



Photography Competition

We will be launching our competition on the theme **Ladbroke's Heritage** in July, but pictures taken before then are fine. So if you see anything great before then do capture it on your camera or mobile. Full details on how to enter in next month's edition.

Archaeology Day

On Friday 30th July, we are planning an Archaeology Day (10am - 3pm) in Ladbroke Village Hall, for families and children. We are hoping to run a range of activities such as a mini dig for fossils, coins and pottery, and to use these techniques to show how archaeologists put all this information together to tell the stories of people who have lived before us.

Family Geology Sessions

Over the summer months, we will be running family sessions focussing on Geology. Did you know Ladbroke is on the same rock as on 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.



Blue Badge Guide Training

Blue Badge Guides are the official, professional tourist guides of the UK. They wear a Blue Badge to indicate their profession. Our local Blue Badge Guides are interested in learning about what Ladbroke has to offer their clients.

We will be delighted to invite them and small groups to discover our church and village, and in September will be providing a group of local Blue Badge Guides their own training session.

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 from August, 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 01926 810331 or Nicky at nicolalewis1958@gmail.com

Nicky Lewis



From Your District Councillor for Ladbroke

South Warwickshire Local Plan

Residents should have had a leaflet explaining that the Local Plan is under review and is to be replaced with a combined version with Warwick District. This is the document that is the basis for planning decisions. A combined approach is part of the move of closer working together between the two councils. The whole process lasts years, going through consultation and other technical stages. In the meantime you can see more information at www.southwarwickshire.org.uk/swlp I would really recommend reading the Q&A section of that web page if you can. You will see there, that central government may yet change the rules and I fear this may mean local people losing what controls there are at the moment.

Elections

Congratulations to Chris Kettle on winning the Feldon County Councillor election. Whilst in the election I supported my Lib Dem colleague, who came in second place, I have worked very well with Chris in the past and look forward to doing so in his new role. Many issues cross over between District Council and County Council responsibility and I am sure we will continue in working together to the best interests of everyone. At the same time Philip Seccombe was re-elected as Police and Crime Commissioner for Warwickshire. Both of the winning candidates are Conservatives.

Covid

Cases have remained pretty much stable for the last few weeks with rate of under ten cases across the district. The county numbers have also remained flat, although there has been a drive to improve vaccination rates in Nuneaton and Bedworth in response to the detection of B.1.617.2 'Indian' variant. During the month the gradual lifting of restrictions has continued, with various premises opening for constrained indoor gatherings.

One opportunity the Covid emergency has provided is remote working for all sorts of situations. This had applied to council and parish council meetings. That opportunity has now ceased because the government have not extended the regulations for council meetings to be remotely held. A court case to challenge the law has failed. So, from 17th May onwards all meetings must be face to face in a physical location i.e. no more virtual meetings. Physical access to meetings must be allowed for the public, subject to compliance with prevailing social distancing rules. This has implications for parish councils and planning meetings among others. The actual process has yet to be worked out. Whilst we are correctly being told to avoid indoor contact unless necessary, this state of affairs seems inconsistent and unwise to me.

The District Council will keep arrangements under review in the light of any emerging changes in Government guidance on public health risk.

Although we owe a huge debt to the scientists who have come up with the vaccine, the risk of variants is still around whilst there are high levels

anywhere in the world, so I hope people can enjoy the relative freedom from restrictions, but still be careful.

HS2

There is never really any good HS2 news for us, but there is perhaps some sign of a rethink regarding the A425 closure. HS2 had said it could take double the time to reopen the road from the nine months closure declared. There is now an indication that the considerable pressure applied to HS2 from local councillors has had some effect. A plan is emerging that might reopen the road sooner than that. I still doubt that considerable disruption will be avoided, but we await the details and hope for improvement.

Nigel Rock - 07971 343065

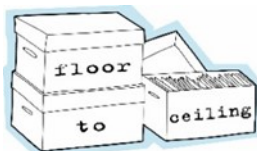
Councillor for Ladbroke, Napton and Fenny Compton Ward
nigel.rock@stratford-dc.gov.uk

Cedar House

I know that spring has been late this year, but I'm beginning to think Cedar House will not be an avian nursery in 2021. Hope is not completely lost as every evening around 6pm a great tit enters, spends at least an hour preening amid short naps, gratefully receives a grub or two brought by her mate and then settles down for night. She leaves about 5am just as it is getting light and there are still no eggs in sight. In fact, the only excitement in the last month was when a blue tit, thinking the box was unoccupied, started bringing in more beakfuls of moss but that stopped as abruptly as it began.

By contrast, the peregrine nest in the tower of Leamington Town Hall is now home to three fluffy chicks which, when they are not asleep, are film stars on <https://www.warwickshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/peregrine>

Jackie West



Floor to Ceiling Radio

Floor to Ceiling Radio is a new not-for-profit internet radio station celebrating the 45rpm single. It was launched on Saturday 8th May this year, and I have been accepted as a volunteer presenter. It was my privilege to present the very first show on the station

and I now have a weekly programme scheduled from noon until 2pm each Saturday. I pre-record each programme in my studio in Ladbroke.

We play nothing but 45rpm singles and my show 'Alleyways and Backwaters' features forgotten singles, non-UK releases, and B-sides from years gone by all of which I think deserve another airing. I supply a brief factoid for each record I play.

You can listen to the station on its website www.floor-to-ceilingradio.com or by downloading the 'Live365' app and searching for Floor to Ceiling Radio. I do hope you will give me a listen and let me know what you think.

David Wright

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Harbury Parish Council

Linda Ridgley
Harbury News Correspondent

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

Parish Council - 6th May 2021

This was hopefully the last of the Zoom meetings and included the “Annual Meeting of the Parish Council”, followed by an “Ordinary Meeting”. The Annual Meeting Elects the Chairman, Vice Chairman and, in this instance, filled the “Casual Vacancy” caused by Cllr Mancell’s retirement. It also set out which Council members would be part of the Planning, Properties, Environment, Finance and General Purposes sub-groups of the Parish Council and who would be appointed to serve on other village organisations.

After all that was sorted out the Ordinary Meeting began with “Public Participation” – residents’ chance to voice concerns. Tina Gilbert for Deppers Bridge, asked the Council to speak on the hamlet’s behalf, to HS2 for funding for a defibrillator and for some seating in their play area. Later she offered to work with Cllr Ekins to make the application for 10K funding to HS2.

Bob Sherman for the Energy Initiative reported that surveys of the recreation grounds had found no bats. The Group had wanted to place the Energy Store on the car park through the hedge to the verge beyond but WCC have objected.

Rich Fowler for the Library said they had all the books they needed and didn’t need any donations at the moment. They are working with “Live and Local” and the BBC about live streaming the Last Night of the Proms into the Village Hall.

For the School Governors, Cllr Gibbs reported the School was on a “sound financial” footing and that at Harbury School, admissions for September were full, with a waiting list for places. The Chairman reported that at Southam College children were tested twice a week and there had been no Covid cases recently.

Village Hall Chair Andy Rutherford reported that the improvements were almost completed. Someone had complained that the flagpole (which was not the Hall’s responsibility but the PC’s) was too close to the trees. The Council were happy to have it safely moved.

Cllr Gibb praised Andy Crump for being our temporary District Councillor. He had been “exceptionally diligent” and provided a weekly record for the PC. Cllr Ekins was thankful for his efforts as well for Deppers Bridge. The chairman would write to thank him.

Planning - Sam Allen reported that the planning application to cut back trees on Harbury House land had upset their owner as they were on his land. It seemed they were not diseased but the applicant did not need the owner’s permission to cut back overhanging branches so the PC made no

representation. Similarly plans for tree work at Lorne Cottage was not opposed.

Environment - Cllr Gibbs said that the mess at Five Ways had “dried out a bit” and fewer cars were now parking on the verges. They had received advice on planting more trees there along with details of suitable species. This, the Clerk explained, could be done in stages but would need Highways’ approval. The Chairman delegated this project to the Environment Group. Cllr Gibb would consult the community and receive details of the costings for the planting.

Properties – The lack of drainage on the top playing field has raised concerns. Cllr Knowles reminded Cllrs that the old ditch behind the hedge in the middle of the field had been filled in. The Council has been advised that trees planted there would take up some of the water but it should get quotes from drainage experts. The Clerk and Cllr Ekins would seek proper advice as suggested.

Cllr Ekins reported that the “working party” had cleared out all the items stored in the Chapel. The roof tiler would begin work at the end of May and work through June. The stonemason and the roofer would work together. The Clerk said the scaffolding should be started on 17th May but there was a delay on the order for the tiles. She would get approval from the County Council to cone off the layby and the workmen would stop when funerals were taking place.

There were “interesting” discussions on the Chapel, the valuation of which had not been updated for “a long time”. The Clerk said it would need valuation for rebuilding (should it be damaged), but Cllr Gibb did not think it should be rebuilt in that case, but taken down. The Chairman said it was insured at present but was reluctant to pay for a revaluation.

Other Cllrs came to the building’s rescue. Cllr Balch said it was a valuable storage space and the villagers appreciated it. Cllr Allen said it was a store for the village lights and asked if the PC’s insurance covered that. The Clerk said the lights were insured wherever they were.

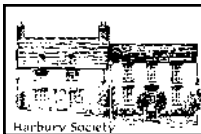
Cllr Ekins said the Chapel was a community asset and important for storage. Cllr Rutherford said it should be valued for the correct amount as villagers would want it properly covered. The Clerk pointed out that if it was insured without revaluation, the PC might not get the full value if it were damaged. Their Asset Register valued the Chapel at £60,000 for rebuilding and she reminded them that they should not over-insure it. She would discuss revaluation with the insurers.

Finance and General Purposes - This is the really boring bit where Cllrs have to accept various reports on the Audit, Budget, Reserves, Bank Reconciliation, Financial Report and update the Bank Mandate, approve the Budget, the insurance renewal etc.

Next Meeting: 24th June in the Village Hall 7.30pm - God willing.

Current Parish Council members contactable via the Parish Office are:

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



Harbury Society

Linda Ridgley

The Society Committee has decided to start planning for a resumption of meetings from October onwards. Obviously this will be dependant on whatever Covid restrictions are in place at the time. Before then a guided walk around a South Warwickshire village during the summer may be arranged. The programme of talks for the Autumn will be circulated to members in the next couple of months.



Harbury Women's Institute

Mary Thompson

At our meeting on 13th May we remembered Kath Mancell who died in April. Kath had been a member for many years and we could always rely on her to produce beautiful photographs of our events. A number of members stood in Mill Street as Kath made her final journey that morning. It was with great sadness that we also heard of the sudden death of Dorothy Groves at the end of May. She was a committee member for many years and served two terms as our president. Dorothy could always be relied on when we needed advice and help with catering. We shall miss Kath and Dorothy so much and our thoughts are with both families.



Our speaker for the evening was Micki Coupe-Brickwood who achieved a long time ambition in October 2019 to go on a trek in the foothills of the Himalayas with a company called Global Adventure Challenges. She joined 16 other guests in Delhi before travelling to Nepal for the four day trek. The other travellers were from different walks of life and were doing the trek for different reasons. The guides and mules carried everything

and they slept in two person tents. Micki said it soon became obvious who hadn't trained, particularly on the fourth day when they walked for 12k in five hours to reach 3,000 metres above sea level. They were there at the time of Diwali and saw fireworks all round the valley and prayer flags everywhere. Micki was able to show us amazing photographs with beautiful views, waterfalls and



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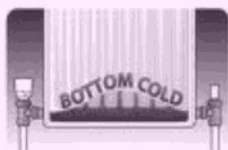
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interesting bridges. On one day they could hear a snow leopard and the village dogs barking a warning.

At the end of the trek they had the interesting experience of travelling by overnight train to see the Taj Mahal which was very surreal. Micki found the whole trip to be a very emotional experience.

She asked us to give a donation to the Roy Castle Lung Cancer charity.



Lin Hayes gave a report on the Warwickshire Federation AGM which she and two other members attended via Zoom on 28th April - quite an experience with 208 members present. Both Lin Stubbings, national chairman, and Anne Bufton McCoy, Warwickshire chairman, praised WI members who have adapted to Covid being positive in a negative situation.

The first speaker was Brian Turner who described his journey as a chef from working as a school boy in his father's transport café in Yorkshire to working in many restaurants and becoming a TV chef. He has become involved in an initiative to get children to appreciate food and cooking via school and encouraged the WI to become involved.

The second speaker was Mary Rhodes who talked about her early work in local radio and BBC 5 live to becoming one of the main presenters on BBC Midlands Today. Mary lives in Warwickshire and described the long day to plan 28 minutes of TV. She made the point that she is a journalist who presents on TV - she writes her own material and questions and has equal pay with Nick Owen.

After Lin's report, treasurer Gill Thorpe reported that all members had renewed their membership in April. Ann Mayer thanked ladies for their support and a number of members thanked Ann and the committee who had worked so hard to keep members involved during the pandemic.

We voted on the resolution which is going to the Annual National meeting in June. Members unanimously supported - "a call to increase awareness of the subtle signs of Ovarian Cancer."

On 10th June our speaker should be Annette Smythe who was going to demonstrate the new art of Powertex. Although Covid restrictions should be more relaxed, we still can't meet as a large group. Annette advised that her demonstration would be much better "hands on" so we have postponed her talk until June 2022. Instead we will welcome Rev Andy Batchelor who is going to describe his journey to become a vicar.



Harbury Theatre Group

Geoff Allen

We are returning to normal I hear. A new normal (whatever that is) and while I am not sure we like being called normal you can be sure the Harbury Theatre Group will do its bit to getting us back on track. Where is this leading to I hear you ask, well after great deliberation and much mulling over of hundreds of scripts we will be presenting "Aladdin" the panto in November.....oh yes we will!



We have chosen this much loved pantomime where we can make use of all our quite large cast, after a little script rewrite. Our resident technical genius Bob Hodge will be looking at special effects to include (possibly) a flying dragon with smoke etc. and a flying carpet, all this plus songs and grown people being rather silly in ridiculous costumes. What more could you ask for and how more traditionally British can you get?

Anyone looking to support the group in whatever capacity can call me Geoff Allen on 07793 767761.



Harbury Heritage Centre

Bill Timson

The month of June is traditionally the time we celebrate the Harbury Carnival. As we are not able to have a carnival this year, we thought it would be interesting to take a look back at some carnival history.

The carnival in the format we know today was born out of the village fête, the first one being in the early 1970's.

A programme from the 1980 carnival cost 25 pence with a lucky number draw of five prizes of £5. After the procession, judging and the fair on the playing fields, the day concluded with a dance held at the Village Hall with music from 'The Likely Lads'. Tickets cost £2 including supper.

The programme included information about the week leading up to the carnival day with a variety of events being organised such as children's sports, a novelty jog and a mystery tour. In the lead up to the present day carnival, we have the pub games, quiz and of course the wheelbarrow race!

Carnival queens and their attendants, like those pictured opposite, have always been a big part of the day. More recently the queen has been joined by a 'king'. Have you ever been a Harbury Carnival queen or king?

In 1991 the carnival queen and her two attendants were chosen at a disco held in the rugby club about a month before the big day. 14 year old Katy Brown was the winner with Seona Lamont and Louise Rawlings chosen



as her attendants. A total of £1776 was raised from the carnival that year and the money went towards the refurbishment of the Village Hall kitchen.

The carnival has always been a big day in the Harbury calendar, as villagers turn out in their hundreds to have a good time and support the cause to raise money for local charities.

Taking part can be great fun, however, if you didn't fancy being on a float as part of a village group then you could simply dress up. Even Hagrid and Harry Potter turned up one year.

So, start getting your costume ready for next year and join in the fun. Pray for dry weather too!



Above: crowds on Park Lane watching the carnival pass by

The Heritage Centre contains many photographs and articles relating to past Harbury Carnivals; so as we look forward to next year's carnival maybe you would like to visit the Centre and reminisce and peruse the collection? There might well be a photograph of you in our collection!

Look out for details of Heritage Centre opening times on our website

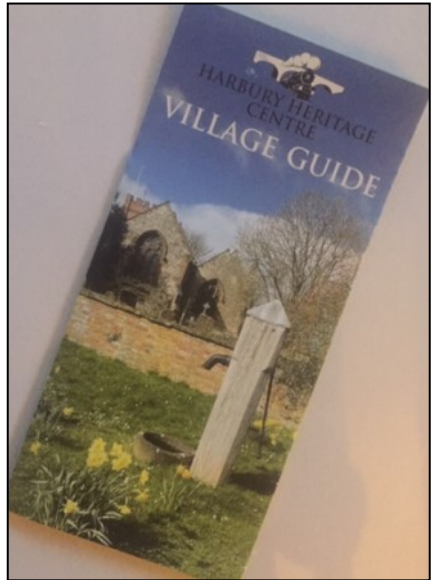
'harburyheritage.org.uk' and our Facebook page 'Harbury Heritage Group'; as well as notices on the PC notice boards.

Other News

It was great to welcome visitors back into the Heritage Centre during May; the first time since last October.

We had the idea of producing a 'village guide' with a historical slant for anyone visiting Harbury. Our talented Vice-Chairman David Turner has done a splendid job designing the leaflet which has been printed in full colour and distributed around various village outlets. It includes a map of the village and points of historical interest. We have plenty in the Heritage Centre if you would like one.

The Heritage Centre will be open and serving refreshments on the afternoons of the Open Gardens weekend in **July**; do call in and have a cup of tea and piece of cake on your walk around the village.



Advance warning: we will be organising another 'Village Treasure Hunt' for families in **August**, following on from last year's successful event. Do join us - date to be confirmed.

	<h2>Harbury Energy Initiative</h2>	<p>Bob Sherman</p>
<p>☎612277 ✉info@harburyenergy.co.uk</p>		

The weather wasn't great in May; you probably noticed. The extreme nature of the weather this spring - first drought then welcome precipitation turning to days of deluge and high winds - might well be an indication of the steady and escalating change to our climate. To escape the misery of the weather thousands have flocked to airports to jet to sunnier destinations. It strikes me that this is exactly the kind of activity that is causing climate change...maybe.

The rocky road to Paradise

The globally influential organisation, the International Energy Agency, in their Net Zero Roadmap report, has made an unequivocal statement that there is no place for any new fossil fuel projects if the world is to reach net-zero emissions by 2050. That's pretty clear then. There are around 400 findings of this kind that include definitive statements on how we are to avoid runaway climate change. Amongst these are the requirement of an end to the sale of new fossil fuel boilers by 2025 and new petrol vehicles by 2035, as well as a transition to a global emissions-free electricity system by 2040. Some of

these are already reflected in the UK programme to decarbonise. Our national target for no new diesel or petrol car production is even earlier at 2030.

This will mean all of us getting used to a lot of change and, at times, inconvenience. It's a massive challenge. The good news, however, is that the investment to achieve the targets first set in the 2015 Paris Agreement will create millions of jobs in the new technologies, probably cut all our energy costs and ultimately lead to a future fit for following generations. What is very evident is that we cannot procrastinate. HEI may be a tiny organisation in a rural county of a small island but we are trying to do our bit to meet this challenge. Our contribution to the switch to electric vehicles is the Harbury Future Energy project currently in progress. If you want to know more about this or have some questions, please head to www.harburyenergy.co.uk, where you will find a dedicated page.

From roads to cars

To bring you up to date on this latter project, most of the surveys are now complete. These have covered birds and bats, archaeology, ground conditions and traffic. These will all contribute to our final application for planning consent, which is currently in preparation. We still await, in the meantime, the decision from Fields in Trust to allow the Parish Council to make these small changes to the playing field. We have also had the first of several visits by prospective installers to enable them to price the project and submit a proposal.

Church retrofit

Our external team of experts working on the church retrofit held a detailed engineering discussion in Church recently and will be preparing a more detailed design layout to overcome the Diocesan Advisory Committee's objections. We submitted the 'faculty', the request for permission to carry out work, and met resistance on our plans for heating. What puzzles us is why every expert we consult disagrees with the DAC objections. You will not want to know the ramifications of this discussion, I feel sure, so I will leave it there.

And while they were here...

While they were here consulting on the church some of the experts popped along to visit the library and will be making an outline proposal recommending the installation of two fan coil heating units, a lower insulated false ceiling and a ventilation system (keeping Covid in mind). The existing boiler, old as it is, may have a further life of 10 years, they suggest. Perhaps we can claim that this is the result of the energy efficiency measures that HEI enabled in 2013 taking strain off the boiler.

The Shift

There is a noticeable widespread shift in attitudes as more and more people recognise the emergency that faces us. Here in Harbury, HEI is no longer the only actor on the issues, a welcome development. The library is now championing the circular economy and thrifty repair and re-use rather than

profligate consumption. Coming soon will be a Library of Things. This is not a self-imposed form of austerity but common sense economy and waste reduction. More recently still two new Facebook groups have sprung up, one called Harbury Environmental Group and the other an EV (electric vehicles) users' group. All of this adds positively to the effort to meet the climate challenge and HEI is keen to work with or alongside other groups with a parallel agenda.



Harbury e-Wheels

Bob Sherman

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Thank you to all those who have continued to support Harbury e-Wheels through the pandemic. And thanks to those who have given generously to the Food Bank week after week to help the increasing number of people needing extra support. **Between 1st April 2020 and 31st March 2021 you donated 4.3 tonnes of groceries!** This email from Fiona at the Food Bank in Kineton spells what a fantastic contribution you made:

'Many thanks to you, e-Wheels and the people of Harbury for supporting the foodbank.

The donations from Harbury for 1st Apr 20 - 31st March 21 total 4335kg. This is over twice as much as the year before!

This equates to providing three days emergency food to over 480 people'.

Even though lockdown is easing your friendly e-Wheels driver will be waiting as usual in the library car park every Monday from 11.30am to 12.30pm. You can also leave donations at the library whenever it is open.

Keeping our wheels rolling

There are a number of small and simple ways in which you can help us to keep our wheels rolling, starting with the Ecclesiastical Movement for Good. We have put ourselves forward to be one of 500 charities to receive £1000 from this fund. We have been successful once before but **it relies on lots of people nominating us!**

I will be posting details on Facebook but for those that don't use this social medium here is the link that should take you direct to our charity. It is fairly quick and simple to nominate us:

<https://www.movementforgood.com/index.php?cn=1188537&ct=community>

Switch and support

You will have heard of Switch and Save for energy supply. Our affiliation scheme, launched last month in the HEI column, might well save you money but is more about switching to support e-Wheels.



In last month's HEI column I wrote about the exciting new relationship we have with Your Co-op, a collaboration between Midcounties Co-op and Octopus Energy. They offer an energy

tariff aimed at supporting community energy projects such as ours in Harbury and they buy all their energy through Power Purchase Agreements with local renewable energy projects owned and run by communities. For every person in Harbury that switches to this tariff e-Wheels receives £25. That's not a fortune but it all helps as, along with other charities, we had a particularly lean year for fund-raising last year. For details of the scheme take a look at: www.cooperativeenergy.coop/harbury and use promo code **ewheels** when you sign up.

Also, on the fundraising theme we still benefit from any sales through AmazonSmile where you have registered Harbury e-Wheels as your preferred charity. The Amazon app now allows you to support us through your purchases too. Instructions on how to do this came into my inbox recently.

Supporting Harbury e-Wheels through the AmazonSmile app

Simply follow the instructions below to select Harbury E-Wheels as your charity and activate AmazonSmile in the app. Amazon will donate a portion of your eligible mobile app purchases to us.

How it works:

1. Open the Amazon app on your phone
2. Select the main menu (=) & tap on "AmazonSmile" within Programmes & Features
3. Select Harbury E-Wheels as your charity
4. Follow the on-screen instructions to activate AmazonSmile in the mobile app

This is another way that you can help Harbury e-Wheels to continue its work supporting people in the region who need our transport.



LOCAL FOODBANK - there is a facility in the village to donate non-perishable food to the Foodbank which supplies the local area, including Harbury. Please bring any 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 opening hours.

Thank you.



Guides and Scouts Support

Laura Harris
G.A.S.S. Committee

Saturday Market Refreshments



This week (26th May) we were given the opportunity to run the Saturday market refreshments stall serving bacon baps, tea and coffee. Doing what GASS does best, we quickly rustled up willing volunteers at the eleventh hour to swoop in and cater for stall holders and punters. Many thanks to Ali Kemp, Rosanna and the three helpful Scouts who jumped to the call of some last-minute fundraising as well as Chris for setting up the gazebo and of course to the market organisers for allowing us to top up our depleted funds. Thank you to Harbury Co-op, Southam Tesco and Karena for donating the baps, bacon and eggs!

AGM – 22nd June, 8pm

Due to the possibility of further social restrictions, we have decided to play it safe and hold our AGM remotely on Zoom for the second year running. We are sorry that we won't be able to present and showcase, in person all the fantastic work that our groups have been doing during the year but anyone is welcome to join the remote meeting. Please email g.a.s.s.harbury@hotmail.com for the meeting details.

Green shoots grant application

We have been busy getting an application together for the Warwickshire County Council Green Shoots Community Climate Change Fund. It provides grant funding to voluntary community projects to mitigate against, and adapt to, the impact of climate change. By making the necessary updates to our scout hut we hope to not only make indoor sessions safer and easier for our users but also more environmentally friendly for the wider community.

Vacancies

Our Cubs section is currently closed due to lack of **Cub leaders** but we are hoping that with a few more volunteers, we can start running sessions again before the end of the school year. We would love to see the 8-10½ year-olds joining in with scouting activities in the village. Please do get in touch if you can help in any way, no previous experience necessary, support will be given and the roles can be shared. harburygsl@hotmail.co.uk

Katy Spencer Hammon is also stepping down after several years as Group Admin. We will miss Katy but we know she won't be putting down her latex gloves when there are sausages and bacon to be attended to at future events!

The role of Group Administrator is ideal for someone who wants to support Harbury Scouting but is unable to take on a leader role or attend Section meetings. It is very much a "background desk job" with no requirement to attend any meetings.

Put simply the role covers three areas:

1. Running the waiting lists for all Sections
2. Adult membership and DBS checks
3. Completing the annual census

For numbers 2 and 3 there is excellent support from the District Secretary, John Sharpe.

We estimate this role to take up 15 hours a year. Please contact Rosanna, 07770 704056 if you would like to help.



Harbury Rugby Football Club

Steve Kittendorf

So much for the merry month of May NOT - with all the rainfall we had during the first few weeks of the month! However, the rain did help the grass to recover on the 2nd and 3rd team pitches after they were well scarified at the end of April followed by a fertiliser spread over all the pitches and training area.

The rains were heavy enough to cause the Coventry Blues CC first home match against Inkberrow to be called off on Saturday the 8th.

The first rugby "match" of 2021 took place at home against Southam RFC on Friday night 14th of May. This was a return fixture from last December's game. Still in lockdown 3, Covid restrictions required that the game be played without both scrums and mauls being allowed. The match was played in four 20 minute sessions. In the weeks leading up to this match around 40 lads



regularly turned up on Tuesday night's training with Hendry and Thursday night sessions with Josh Biggs. All their hard work became self-evident during the match with a well organised and disciplined display by the hosts. Whilst Southam did come away with a "W" it was an encouraging Harbury performance - especially when you consider that Southam play in a league two leagues above Harbury.

Fitness sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday nights are continuing through June and pre-season training will start up again at the beginning of July.

Due to the lack of activity throughout the first quarter of the year, the RFU extended the season to the end of May thereby allowing the Minis and Juniors to hold matches against Leamington, Shipston and Stratford through May. We look forward to welcoming the children back in September and hope that they will be able to start playing again restriction free.

Ladies Touch continues with training every Thursday night from 7.00 to 8.30pm. Twelve players and three coaches travelled away to Bredon to attend their first tournament of the season on Sunday 30th May.

Taekwondo classes started back up after lockdown 3 on Monday and Wednesday nights and will continue throughout June. Under the instruction of Miss Cassandra Oury, who is a 4th degree black belt, World, European and British champion, classes are run for both children (from pre-school) to adults. If you are interested in joining a class, contact Cassie on 07850 327507.

Since the 10th of May, personal fitness trainer Cory Green holds a fitness camp for three quarters of an hour from 6.00pm on Monday nights. Interested - call Cory on 07786 320813.

A major service of the two shower blocks was carried out. The push button taps and temperature control units were replaced and the spray heads cleaned and sanitised.

The Club received its first delivery of the year from its wholesaler on the 25th May in preparation for a match against Old Laurentians the following Friday. Now outside of lockdown 3, the bar inside was opened to serve tables of six, all socially distanced.



Harbury Tennis Club

Colin Mercer

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

The very unseasonal weather in May didn't dampen our enthusiasm to get back on court. The club sessions have been very busy and we've welcomed a couple of new members. We've now removed the restrictions on numbers and it's back to the more relaxed "turn up and play" arrangement.

We finally got back into Banbury League midweek action after 15 months with the "A" team making a trip to Banbury West End for a Division 2 match - it's the first time we've played at this level for many years after gaining promotion in 2019. A very strong BWE team took full home advantage of the very fast



Astroturf surface and romped to a 9-0 win against Harbury's team of Sue Panton, Emma Brangwin, Helen Cooper, Josh and Steve Marshall and Colin Mercer.

The next match was in the weekend format at home against Priors Marston and on our more familiar hard courts we were more comfortable! It was a really close match, and with Harbury winning the

men's doubles and Priors Marston winning the ladies' doubles there was everything to play for in the Mixed. Jane Minchin and Nigel Eaton combined well to win both sets and with Eira Owen and Colin Mercer halving their match, we got an overall win of 5-3. The only thing missing was the post-match refreshments and socialising but hopefully that will be back soon!

The coaching programme continues to be popular, contact Lianne on 07919 104093 or lianne @coolsportz.co.uk for details.



Harbury Toddler Group

Lynne Barton

Hello from everyone at Toddlers

Well we are back!

It certainly feels very different with all the precautions which have to be in place and very limited numbers of children, but we are so happy to see parents and children face to face once again.

We apologise to families who would like to attend but have not yet been given a place, please be assured we have your email address and look forward to meeting you soon. It is still such an extraordinary year, Reg and Suzi send their best wishes to everyone and will join in with the fun as more restrictions ease.

Usual Activities

To encourage a sense of things returning to at least a semblance of normality the room was set out with all our usual activities, you can just spot the homemade dough on the table - a firm favourite. The Space Rocket certainly



made us all 'blast off' with a smile. Painting is always a hit and the children painted bubble wrap and made prints with Judi.

Surprise Visitors

GASS have made a fabulous job of creating a walkway at the rear of the Scout Hut which helps with ventilation in the building and a one-way system.

But just look at this lovely photo

of George (above right) saying 'hi' to some very welcome guests what a delight!

We all love **Miss Lorraine**, from **Love Ballet.com** who joined us in celebrating our first session back, who can resist a good Hokey Cokey!

Helpful Harbury

Can we give a shout out to the very kind guy from LEAMOCO Car Parts who thoughtfully donated large rolls of blue hand drying paper, toilet rolls, boxes of rubber gloves and anti-bac wipes, all of which have proved invaluable to us in

these first few weeks. Plus, Leamington Door Store who offered a new padlock for our shed. It is really appreciated, thank you.

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



Harbury Pre-School

Staff & Committee



Postman and Post Office: As part of our topic on occupations and people that help us, we have been looking at the role of the Postman and the Post Office.

The role play area has been set up as a Post Office, complete with home-made post box, stamps, a cash till, weighing scales for weighing parcels and pigeonholes for envelopes and cards. The children have been so inspired, and such was the popularity of our Post Office that we have kept it out every day this week for them to role play. Before we started the topic, we needed a post box! The children enjoyed painting a big red box which looks the part in the post office. They have been 'writing' and posting letters, wrapping parcels, selling stamps, taking phone calls. It has been a hive of activity and I believe it must be one of the busier local Warwickshire Post Office branches!



Painting a post box



Posting letters



Wrapping parcels

Writing letters



Busy at work!

We are also fortunate that one of our lovely parents happens to be a postman. He brought his van to Pre-School for the children to look at which was very exciting for us. A huge thank you to Stuart Hemming for visiting us and answering the children's questions.

Pebble Point Treat: At Harbury Pre-School, the children receive pebble points for positive behaviours, for example good sharing, having kind hands, good listening, good sitting to name a few.

They must have had a super few weeks as our pebble point jar was completely full! The children are aware that a full pebble point jar means a pebble point treat. We involved the children in deciding what their reward could be and the suggestions included making pizza!

This is in full swing this week with the children choosing their toppings and assembling their individual pizzas, made of pitta bread, before gobbling them up for their snack.

The children impressed us with their great care in choosing and placing their individual toppings on their pittas with some of them opting to be more creative, for example, '*making a funny face!*' They smelt amazing and the children loved them. There were certainly none left over for the grown-ups!



Planting: A huge thank you to everyone in the village who donated vegetable plants to the Pre-School for the children to grow. We were overwhelmed by your generosity and are very grateful for your donations which the children are eager to finish planting. We will post photos in next month's magazine. In the meantime, here is a photo of the children planting some peas donated by Carrie-Anne Heath.

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

The school lottery now has over 150 numbers, which means first prize is over £100! Thank you so much for all of your support. If you have been meaning to sign up, just send an email to harburypta@gmail.com for us to email you with a quick five minute form to join in.

Congratulations to our winners from March and April.

March

1st 126 Rosanna Hunt (excellent beginner's luck in her first draw!)

2nd 73 wishes to remain anonymous but has kindly donated their winnings to the PTA

3rd 92 David Browne

April

1st 123 Mark Knight

2nd prize winner would like to remain anonymous

3rd 26 Chris Gibb - chair of the school governors

We have some fun planned for the children on the last day of this half-term with a Break the Rules Day. Once again, we continue to raise funds to create a fantastic school library space. Look out for more exciting things that we have planned later in the year (restrictions permitting)!



Village Hall Update

Andy Rutherford

This afternoon we had the official launching of our new foyer and storeroom, with Mr Joe Greenwell, Deputy Lieutenant of Warwickshire, "cutting the tape." A good event to mark the end of this stage of development at the Hall, and well attended by District and Parish Councillors, users of the Hall, and past and present members of the Management Committee.



We are experiencing a surge of new bookings, with easing of lockdown and levels of confidence in the community increasing. It is good to be going out again.

Events at the Hall are subject to fewer restrictions, but we can have shows, cinema, etc, in the Hall using up to 50% of maximum capacity. The "Rule of Six", and "One metre +" social distancing is still in force, but we hope this too will be eased in June.



Harbury Village Library & Biblio's Café

Rich Fowler



Library

After the late May Bank Holiday on Monday 31st, library opening hours will be extended again:

Monday to Friday - 10am to 4pm

Saturday - 10am to 12 noon

Our Click and Collect service for books and jigsaws is still available, and if you can't get to the library during the day we're happy to deliver in the evenings. We also now offer a Home Delivery service to Depper's Bridge.



Biblio's

Biblio's opening hours are:

Wednesday, Thursday & Fridays - 9.15am to 12 noon

Saturday - 10am to 12 noon

Reservations are still required, so to avoid disappointment please book your table giving the number of people (no more than six) and your choice of time slot. The time slots are:

Wed, Thurs, Fri. 9.15am-10am, 10am-10.45am, 10.45am -11.30am, 11.30am -12 noon

Saturdays - 10am– 10.45am, 10.45am-11.30am, 11.30am-12 noon

Bookings should be made by email to Bookingsbiblioscafe@outlook.com



Volunteering

Volunteer community organisations are struggling all over the country. In this village we are very fortunate that our library and cafe were saved from closure through the intervention of some like-minded people, and subsequently awarded for its excellence. It is vital that our community-run organisation is adequately staffed, so we are always looking for more volunteers. If you, or someone you know, is able to help with the coffee or the books, it would be



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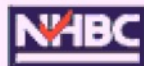
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Biblio's Café

A selection of hot and cold drinks, cakes and baked goods either as takeaway items, which can be consumed in an area of the car park, or served at your table inside the cafe, depending on current Government regulations.

Please check in the Harbury Ladbroke News, on Social Media, www.HarburyVillageLibrary.org.uk and village notice boards for information about current opening times



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Last Night of the Proms at Harbury Village Hall

Saturday 11th September

Who needs the Royal Albert Hall anyway! Join us for a great night of entertainment on Saturday 11th September 2021 (*unless Covid restrictions still apply*). We'll be live streaming the Last Night of the Proms. Plus, food, a bar and short live performances by Harbury actors and musicians.

More details soon. Contact proms@harburyvillagelibrary.org.uk for more info.

Organised by Harbury Village Library.

Julia Fowler



Harbury Village Club & Institute

Judy Morrall

What has happened to the weather? It was warmer in April than it has been in May. Hopefully it looks set to change in time for the Bank Holiday weekend. The club reopened as planned on Monday 17th May when we welcomed back our members and gave out complimentary glasses of Prosecco. I think everyone was pleased to be able to enjoy the company of others in a safe environment.



The decorating has made such a difference. The lounge and foyer look so much fresher and the colour scheme compliments the surroundings. The damp in the snooker room has been fixed and it too has been redecorated. Our thanks to Bob and Malc for their hard work. The next room to have an

update will be the TV room. The TV that is in there at present will be replaced by the one in the lounge and the dart board also will be moved from the lounge to the TV room. The room will be redecorated and the furniture that we have been given will be placed in there. It will become a snug where meetings can also be held. The bad news though is that we have leaks in the roof above the concert room and the foyer. We are having these



fixed properly not just patched up. The building is over 100 years old now and we are anxious to protect it for many more years to come.

It was so good to see the snooker and pool tables being used again and the darts boards. We are so lucky that we have the capacity for these games to be played safely in accordance with the covid rules. The buttons on the tables are in full use too and when we are busy we have the help of Tom and Joshua and now Charlie with table service. Just a reminder of our opening hours. Monday to Thursday 7.00 to 10.30pm, Friday 6.00 to 10.30pm, Saturday 1.00pm to 10.30pm and Sunday 12.00 to 10.30pm. We are giving out loyalty cards to members - if you haven't received yours, please ask when your drinks order is being taken. As we have SKY sports on the TV in the concert room, we will be having a happy hour during the afternoons of Saturday and Sunday when there will be major sporting events on with half price beer. Plus, we have the take away menus from the Crown and you can order food from there and eat it in the Club whilst watching the TV. The fish and chips are fantastic. John and Amanda have worked so hard over the last year so please support them.

There will be food available each Friday from 4th June. The curry van will be at the club then every two weeks. We realise that during the lockdown when he came to the club on one occasion he was late due to traffic and as a result of the late start several customers were kept waiting for their food. He is very sorry for this so please come along and give him another chance, plus you can now eat inside safely. Friday 11th June Smiley Chef will visit the club - mainly Chinese but do look at the menu on our Facebook page. He too will be on alternate weeks and on Friday 25th June there will be a pizza van from Wellesbourne, again alternate weeks. I think you will agree that there is something to please everyone.



On Sunday 6th June it will be our first children's film matinee and we will be showing Paddington 2. Fancy dress optional. This will start at 2.00pm and, as before, popcorn is free. Please reserve your table - see our Facebook page if in doubt. The Halloween film last October was a great success and all who came enjoyed it. We plan to hold evening films too for everyone. A date is almost in our diary for an outdoor event for our loyal members, a buffet and a BBQ and entertainment in July. We are planning to hold a

gig in the concert room by a very talented group from Harbury who play David Bowie music, they are called The Aliens. They used our concert room when we reopened last year to rehearse and all who were there on those evenings were very impressed and they will be doing so again this year. Once we have agreed a date with them it will be on our Facebook page. As you can see, we have not been idle and if anyone has any comments, suggestions or feedback we would love to hear from you as we are attempting to please all age groups. Hopefully not too long before the pool, darts and snooker leagues can start again. The best news is that we now have 36 new members and counting - absolutely fantastic.

If all goes to plan and restrictions are lifted on 21st June we can accommodate more people in our concert room. The hire of this room is

absolutely free and we can accommodate 100 plus. Again, if you require food we have the buffet and other menus from the Crown and they will be very pleased to provide your catering needs. Just ask for a booking form from the bar staff. We look forward to many celebratory events over the Summer. Another quick mention about the beer festival on Sunday 19th September lots of exciting things on that day at the Club and the Crown.

I spent over three hours last Sunday 23rd May weeding and tidying up the rockery in Crown Street. I am so pleased with the way the plants are beginning to spread more. I will just get a few more next month to add even more colour. It is quite steep in parts and I have to cling on to the fence at the top not a pretty sight. I managed to lose my footing and fell to the bottom but landed on the grass by the road sign. No harm done, just my pride damaged!! We hope to get more round picnic benches for outside as we have been promised some free umbrellas from Heineken. Once the grass has seeded at the end of the lawn where the conifers were it will be complete. At least no watering of the rockery for the last 3/4 weeks. I will replace the plants in the pots along the wall in a few weeks' time.

Still a lot of planting to do at allotments but nature has a way of catching up. The seeds in my plastic greenhouse have all germinated and are raring to go but they need hardening off first. I should have loads of sweetcorn this year unlike last year. Plus, you can now buy canes for your beans unlike last year so runner and climbing French beans and peas will be in abundance too. Lots of salad things to plant and carrots and much more. Exciting the planning stage and then waiting for the results.

We are back at Upton now and have welcomed some very appreciative visitors. I finished up last Saturday in the basement which is the exit route at the moment and very cold. I had to wrap a blanket round my legs! The house is looking very smart and has had a massive spring clean. The cabinets in the long gallery now have some really interesting displays in and the gorgeous paintings which were in the picture gallery passage are now in the sitting room - the El Greco looks at home. My favourite painting is in the picture gallery (ex squash court), a Memling. When you next visit please see if you agree.

We used to do attic tours and hope we can do later in the year. The things there are so interesting; a lot of things from when the first Lord Bearsted was Lord Mayor of London including his chain of office and many gifts bestowed on him. Plus more porcelain and robes of office. The Waley Cohen children used to play hide and seek here. It was a haunt of Felicity Waley Cohen too and one of her friends has her autograph on one of the walls. It is still there and it is no other than the wonderful actress Dame Harriet Walter. Another claim to fame.

I do hope that you are enjoying the light evenings and are able to enjoy walks around our very green and lush village. It was great to see the cows in the field opposite our house when they returned to fresh grass, they were leaping about!

All my very best wishes.



Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery

Christine Dakin

As ever at this time of year, it feels like the rate of growth of most plants is jungle-like especially the weeds. You turn your back for what seems like five minutes and suddenly some of them are knee high. There aren't enough hours in the day to get everything done and, for some of us oldies, not enough energy to keep up with it all. It is all worth it though, gardening is good for the body and soul despite some inevitable disappointments.

It continues to be busy here; there are many new customers plus some of my favourite regulars and all are keen to buy a range of new plants for their gardens. I am in full-on plant production mode and leaving the garden more or less for Sarah to maintain while himself does the mowing and the endless fixing and mending of various structures.

Reminders.....give houseplants a breath of fresh air for the next few months, all tender plants can be planted out now including dahlias, cannas, pelargoniums, sweet corn, runner beans and courgettes, sow more lettuce, French beans and carrots, also sow biennials such as foxgloves, wallflowers and sweet williams for next year, and, finally, there might be one or two weeds to deal with.

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Nature Notes

John Hancock

Today, Wednesday 26th May, it's definitely warmer - just by a few degrees but that is all that is required. With an end to the run of very heavy showers an increasing number of butterflies will emerge. Yesterday, Sharon and I ventured out and drove to Hampton Wood. It's a nature reserve on the western side of the River Avon between Sherborne and Hampton Lucy. The lane joining these small villages is a favourite cycle route which I am looking forward to using when I am given the go ahead by the surgeon who recently replaced my right hip. With that in mind, I would like to thank the many people who sent me messages of encouragement and 'Get Well' cards. It was most generous of you and will spur me on to get back to full activity.



On our stroll yesterday, Sharon and I saw male Orange Tip butterflies and a Small White but the 'piece de resistance' was hearing a cuckoo, something which locally is becoming a rarity. As we entered the heart of the wood the trees thinned and a haze of bluebells covered the ground. Although there

were some other flowers in amongst them such as Red Campion, Yellow Archangel and Stitchwort the overwhelming colour blue blocked out all others.

Martin Randall told me that he and Amanda, while on a visit to the North Yorkshire Moors, saw a Ring Ouzel. This medium sized bird of the Thrush family is mainly black but has a distinctive white crescent across its breast. It comes here to breed in summer having spent the winter in Spain and North-West Africa. Martin and Amanda also observed a Cuckoo, Stonechats, Wheatears, Curlews and Lapwings, the latter with chicks

Over at Bishops Hill, the Small Blue butterfly is on the wing, though David Brown tells me that the cold wet May we have endured means that the insect's emergence has been delayed by about two weeks. If you are not familiar with the location, I strongly recommend a visit. It is approached down Ladbroke Road. Enter the Yellow Land from the bridle way leading towards Deppers Bridge. Gradually scrub is encroaching and covering the ground with a variety of lime loving vegetation including Cotoneaster. This native of Western China is becoming invasive rather like Rhododendron on acid soils.

We noticed that the copper beech in our front garden produced an enormous number of flowers like pompoms this spring. They covered the drive more than once and had to be swept up and moved by the barrow load. They were the male flowers pollinated by wind action which later yields the familiar beech nuts tightly packed in their wooden shell. So, this year is a mast year - the word comes from the Old English 'maest' meaning nuts from forest trees such as oak and beech which accumulate on the ground. Pannage is another ancient word referring to a time when pigs were turned loose to feed on the cornucopia of acorns and beech nuts. The vast overproduction of a mast year means those animals such as pigs become satiated and a greater proportion of the nuts are allowed to germinate and become trees.



It has been a long and difficult winter for everyone but now with warmer weather, long hours of daylight and the easing of restrictions, let us hope for some relaxing summer months.



General Section



Wednesday Walks

The weather in May might not have suited outdoor hospitality but it certainly made things grow, and our countryside is at its most mouthwatering. Today, 26th, we had our first foray out of the parish for 14 months. Pam Parton led us from Wellesbourne to Walton, and it was beautiful; all the fresh greens contrasting with the glowing white of may and keck - that's hawthorn and cow parsley to non- Midlanders!

With fervent hopes that the road map is holding, we have now felt able to plan ahead and have worked out a programme to revisit some of the lovely walks reached by a short drive. There will be some car sharing as people feel comfortable so please bring a mask. The details will be in the diary at the beginning of this magazine, and, as ever, we are grateful to the editorial team for their support.

New walkers are always welcome; just turn up at the Village Hall before 9.40am any Wednesday, or ring Gillian on 614809.



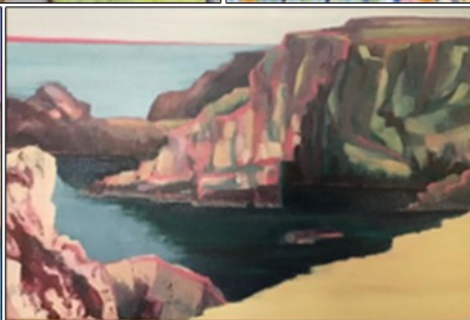
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Warwickshire Open Studios 2021

Warwickshire Open Studios will be back this year with exhibitions by over 320 artists across 117 venues throughout the county from **19th June to 4th July**. You can view examples of their work on-line at <http://www.warwickshireopenstudios.org>.

Art in a Harbury Garden

In Harbury we will have two artists, Andrew Lawrence and Susan Littlewood exhibiting our dramatic paintings in Andrew's garden at **8, South Parade**. Open Saturdays, Sundays, Thursdays and Fridays, 11.00am - 6.00pm.



So, we hope you will come and enjoy the original paintings and browse the wide selection of cards and prints available and take a look at the garden (designed and managed by Sue Lawrence).

Andrew Lawrence



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

Harbury e-Wheels is organising the return (after more than six years) of Harbury Gardens Walkabout.

Many thanks to the more than 20 who have volunteered to open their gardens (but still room for a few more - please contact Janny Freeman on 01926 612002 or jannyfreeman@gmail.com.)

The plan is to open 12 noon - 6pm on Saturday and 2pm - 6pm on Sunday. Some gardens, as well as the Harbury Heritage Centre, will be offering tea and cakes to support local charities and there will even be a prosecco tent (more details next month).

Tickets can be bought on the day at several locations around the village.

We hope you will come and support us to make it a blooming good weekend!

Peter Walshe



Harbury Repair Cafe and Bicycle Repair Clinic

Bicycle Repair Clinic

Our next Bicycle Repair Clinic is on **Sunday 6th June from 2pm to 4pm** on the car park behind the library.

Problem with your bike? Help is at hand! Our volunteer repairers can help diagnose and fix the problem, tell you how you can fix the problem yourself, or tell you what needs to be done and suggest people who can help. Alternatively, just bring your bike along to have it checked over and get some advice about ongoing maintenance.

The Southam Safer Neighbourhood Team will be there to give advice on keeping your bike safe, and how to mark it and register it in the Police approved National Cycle Database.

Calling all Year 6 pupils at Harbury Primary School. Bring your bike for a check up before BIKEABILITY starts on 7th June.

Repair Cafe Harbury

After a delay of 13 months, we finally held our first Repair Cafe event. It's not possible to predict what people will bring along, but our repairers managed to have a go at everything. The most unusual item was a classic 1960s Dansette record player with a stuck turntable.

The next Repair Cafe will be on **Saturday 26th June**, from 2pm to 4pm, in the Scout Hut. Ted will be there again offering to sharpen knives and DIY and garden tools (see picture right)

There's more information on our website and on our Facebook page @RepairCafeHarbury or email us at repaircafeharbury@gmail.com

Rich Fowler



Harbury Village Show

Plans are progressing for the Village Show and the schedule will soon be available for you to download from our website - harburyvillageshow.uk. We will also make paper copies available for collection from the library.

Although we have kept to the traditional schedule, we have made some small changes. We have introduced a fruit and vegetable trug display which proved popular last year in our "alternative pandemic village show".

Perhaps our biggest news is that after many years we felt it was time to increase the prize money! So, even more reasons to enter! This goes for children too!

Keep an eye on our Facebook page and website for the 2021 schedule and for the paper schedules which will hopefully be available by the time this issue reaches your homes.

Show date - Saturday 11th September 2021

Village Show Committee



Update on the re-opening of A425 Leamington Road, Southam

As part of our works to safely excavate a 15-metre-deep trench and construct the 'cut-and-cover' section of the Long Itchington Wood Tunnel, we closed a section of the A425 Leamington Road near Southam in October 2020. A significant amount of progress has been made at the site, enabling the road to be re-opened this Summer as originally planned. Our target is to re-open the A425 by early August, subject to the receipt of necessary consents, and we will confirm a specific re-opening date in July.

Our contractors will continue to work in the area and during 2022 will create a

temporary diversion road around the site of the Long Itchington Wood tunnel south portal (Dallas Burston Polo Grounds). The diversion road will allow them to complete the construction of the remainder of the "cut and cover" section of the tunnel that will sit under the A425.

If you have a question about HS2 or our works, please contact our HS2 Helpdesk team on 08081 434 434, by Minicom 08081 456 472, or HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk

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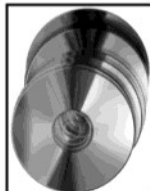
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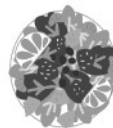


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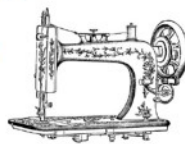
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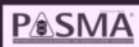
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