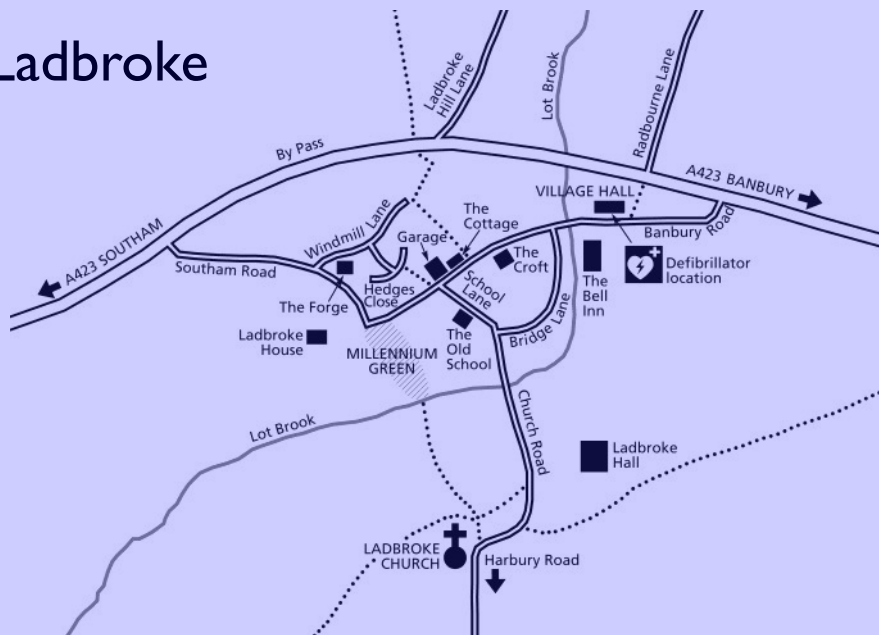


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## Editorial



Congratulations to Harbury Parish Council and Harbury Heritage Centre on both receiving a High Sheriff's Award in recognition of 'great and valuable services to the community'. The Parish Council received the award for their work in setting up a support network for elderly villagers during the pandemic and the Heritage Centre for their work with relocating and continually maintaining the local history collection.

Whilst mentioning the work of the Council, if you are interested in becoming a Harbury Parish Councillor, there is currently a vacancy with the closing date being Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May, see the article on page 18.

As many events and activities are being cancelled for another year, it means that the annual Carnival cannot go ahead. The Carnival Committee is holding a couple of alternative competitions which you can take part in. These are '**Design a Float**' and '**Carnival Bake Off**.' All entries need to be received by Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May, with winners announced on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June. More details are in the article on page 37.

In Ladbroke the Photography Club will be resuming with a photo challenge and outdoor meetings planned. If you would like to join this friendly group, (you don't have to be from Ladbroke and it is free for all newcomers this year), please contact the organisers.

An event that is being resurrected is the Harbury Garden Walkabout; this year it is being organised by the e-wheels committee. This is planned for 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> July and is a lovely outdoor event that all can take part in.

Three other organisations who are looking forward and making plans for the autumn and winter months are: the Village Show Committee who are finalising their schedule for a Show Day on 11<sup>th</sup> September, Harbury Theatre Group, who are eager to get back to treading the boards by starting the search for suitable Pantomime scripts, and the Senior Citizens' Committee who have booked the Village Hall in anticipation that they can hold their usual Senior Citizens' Christmas Party. We very much hope that when the time comes, these much-loved events in the social calendar will be able to go ahead - fingers crossed!

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# Harbury Diary

*Some events are subject to Government Guidelines.*

## MAY

- Sat 1 Harbury Local Market, 10.00am - 12.30pm, Village Hall  
Harbury Bicycle Repair Clinic, 2.00 - 4.00pm, car park behind Library
- Sun 2 **EASTER 5**  
Holy Communion, 9.00am  
Youth Club, 7.00 - 8.30pm, meeting in the park - if poor weather in Village Hall
- Wed 5 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park (walks in groups of 6)  
Closing date for applications for Parish Councillor Vacancy
- Thurs 6 Local Elections, 7.00am - 10.00pm, Village Hall  
Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, 7.30pm, followed by ordinary business meeting - via Zoom
- Sun 9 **EASTER 6**  
Holy Communion, 10.30am
- Wed 12 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park (walks in groups of 6)
- Thurs 13 Harbury WI, 7.30pm via Zoom: talk by Micki Coupe Brickwood - Himalayan Trek.
- Sun 16 **EASTER 7**  
All Age Service, 10.30am  
Youth Club, 7.00 - 8.30pm, meeting in the park - if poor weather in Village Hall
- Mon 17 Yoga, 8.00 - 9.00pm, Village Hall
- Wed 19 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park (walks in groups of 6)
- Thurs 20 ADVERTS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE TO 36 MANOR ORCHARD, HARBURY OR EMAIL ADVERTISING@HLNEWS.CO.UK
- Sat 22 Repair Café (including bicycle repair), 2.00 - 4.00pm, Scout Hut (behind Library)
- Sun 23 **PENTECOST**  
Holy Communion 9.00am  
Zumba, 9.00 - 10.00am, Village Hall
- Mon 24 Yoga, 8.00 - 9.00pm, Village Hall
- Wed 26 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park (walks in groups of 6)
- Thurs 27 ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST OR EMAIL TO ARTICLES@HLNEWS.CO.UK BY 5.30PM  
Ben & Soph's Jazz, doors open 6.30pm, Show 7.00 - 9.00pm, Village Hall - 07534 953706  
Closing date for Harbury Carnival Competition entries

- Sat 29 Harbury Local Market, 10.00am - 12.30pm, Village Hall  
 Sun 30 **TRINITY SUNDAY**  
 Holy Communion, 10.30am followed by the Annual Parish Meeting  
 Zumba, 9.00 - 10.00am, Village Hall  
 Youth Club, 7.00 - 8.30pm, meeting in the Park - if poor weather in Village Hall  
 Mon 31 Yoga, 8.00 - 9.00pm, Village Hall

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|   | 16             | 18   | Grey Bin              |

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|  <b>All Saints<br/>HARBURY</b> |  | <b>From the Rector</b><br><b>Rev Andy Batchelor</b><br>The Rectory, Vicarage Lane, Harbury ☎ 01926 714295 ✉ <a href="mailto:rev.andyb@gmail.com">rev.andyb@gmail.com</a> |
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I've been very aware recently of the troubled world we live in. As I write this, we have just seen the verdict from the Derek Chauvin case in America where there has been so much turmoil and protest since the death of George Floyd. There has recently been a worrying build-up of troops and tension at the Russia/Ukraine border, and the worldwide pandemic is still raging in many countries, particularly India, although of course here in the UK the vaccine rollout has been a remarkable success. We have seen a resurgence of violence in Northern Ireland, and increasing concern about the impact of climate change.

None of us has been left unscathed by the events of the past year and statistics show that anxiety and stress can have a serious impact on many people's mental health. In my dealings with those who are struggling with dark times in their lives, that has certainly become apparent. As we move through the Easter season we are reminded once again of Jesus' encounter

with his disciples after his resurrection, and one of the first things he says to them is simply 'peace be with you'.

It's not hard to find adverts for courses or programs or exercises or lifestyles which promise to help us find inner peace, but Jesus simply says 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives'. God offers us peace as a gift, all we need to do is accept it, there are no fees, no subscriptions, no checklists.

One of the most important lessons of the restrictions we have all been under is how they have highlighted the value of our relationships, the bond that we have with family and friends, and how much we miss those when they are taken from us, even if only temporarily.

If we allow God to work in our lives, accept the gifts he promises, then we forge a relationship with our creator that nothing and no-one can take from us. While no-one is immune to the pain and turmoil that life can sometimes bring, and sometimes we all wonder where the world is heading, God's presence and constant love expressed by the work of his Spirit within us assure us that he brings us a peace that comforts when nothing else can.

May you find that blessing and special peace this Easter season and always.



## From the Churchwardens

**Liz & Michael**

It is a joy to be joining together, if two metres apart, in church for Sunday morning services. We are trying to Zoom these services from church with varying degrees of success and apologies to those who have tried to join in and found that the sound comes and goes. Solutions are being sought.

As part of the Heat, Light & Stone project we will install Wi-Fi into the church. We are looking at ways of doing this soon to help with recording services. The full faculty application for the Heat, Light & Stone project has been submitted and will be considered at the next meeting of the Diocesan Advisory Council (DAC) on 29<sup>th</sup> April. This is a 26 page in depth report and we are so grateful to John Guilford and Philip Mayer for all the time and energy they have spent on this.

*'A 'Faculty' is a licence issued by the Chancellor of the Diocese on behalf of the Bishop that allows a PCC to undertake repairs or alterations to their church building. The system under which it is issued is called Faculty Jurisdiction, and the aim of this is to ensure that all repairs and alterations are undertaken with due respect and consideration to the historic fabric and architectural significance of the building, and the archaeological impact.*

*The Chancellor of the Diocese is the person who is legally responsible for approving or refusing the proposed changes to the Church and is usually a barrister or judge. He requests advice from the DAC in his consideration of applications for Faculty.'*

And woe betide any churchwarden or vicar who does anything to the contrary as: -

*'These have the status of the law of the land and are not just an internal requirement of the Church of England. The Faculty System applies to all Church of England buildings - listed (which most are) or not.'*

So, we wait and pray for approval for our plans for new heating, lighting, re-wiring, audio visual modernisation and stonework repairs and hope we can report a positive outcome in next month's report. We will then be in a position to apply to various grant bodies for funding to match that donated by the local community.

On an entirely different subject we hope you enjoyed the Easter Trail around the village and thank you to all those families as well as individuals who joined in. There were eight displays showing events in the last week of Jesus's life and resurrection. Thank you to the group who planned and arranged it.

Our Annual Parish Meeting will be held after the 10.30am service on 30<sup>th</sup> May where we will review the church's activities and elect the PCC, churchwardens and deanery synod representatives to serve for the next year.

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 - but mostly light

There are rumours that the current church lighting originated, second-hand, from a closing supermarket. Certainly, with its fluorescent tubes in plastic diffusers, it's better suited to a warehouse than the house of God. Changing the tubes has always been a demanding task, often expertly performed at the top of a long ladder, and at risk to life and limb, by one of our previous churchwardens. The lighting does little to enhance our beautiful church and its fine wooden roof beams.

It's not surprising then that part of the plan for the church is the replacement of the lighting system with something more modern and pleasing. Of course, lighting has come on by leaps and bounds in the last half-century. Those of us who can remember when replacing a light bulb was just a matter of whether it was 60 or 100 watt, pearl or clear glass, are overwhelmed by the size, shape, fixtures and fittings of modern light sources. Not 'bulbs' any longer, but 'capsules' – some of them needing special tools for their removal.

And the almost universal use of the LED - the Light-Emitting Diode - has brought us bright light from very small and very efficient devices. Which of these is best for our circumstances and which we shall choose will be up to an experienced lighting engineer. But we can be sure that the result will reveal the beauty of our church's architecture and enrich our worship. It will



increase opportunities for music and drama events, and lift our spirits. And it will be efficient and economical - another step towards a greener, more environmentally friendly building.

The church wiring will be renewed at the same time, bringing that too into the 21<sup>st</sup> century and ensuring that the church electricity supply will continue to be safe and reliable.

£30,000 will rewire the church building. £35,000 will install bright, economical lighting. This will make the church light and welcoming. It's not too late to donate, incidentally. A cheque, cash or a BACS transfer will make a welcome addition to our total. Details are in the appeal leaflet and past copies of the Harbury and Ladbroke News, and are just inside the church door – or approach one of our churchwardens.

Here is the latest in the series of 'What our church means to me'. Brief contributions are always welcome at [john23stringer@gmail.com](mailto:john23stringer@gmail.com) or put yours through the door at 30 Mill Street. They will remain anonymous.

*'We have worshipped at Harbury village church for all our married life. Two of our children were baptised, all were confirmed, and one was married here. We have been blessed with five ministers in that time, each unique and gifted. We all need the support of other Christians to sustain our faith, and Harbury church has been our rock in very tough times; somewhere we were always welcomed and encouraged. Through our church, we have made lifelong friends. While I'm still a very incomplete Christian, I have grown in faith and service. I can't imagine our lives without our church, both its people and the building.'*

**John Stringer**



## **Mothers' Union**

**Gillian Hare**

At last many of us are able to join in real live services in Church, a special treat for Easter. And many will have watched Prince Phillip's funeral - so thoughtful and moving. As women, as well as celebrating a great life, we must have felt for the Queen, and pray that her faith in the Risen Christ is supporting her now.

The new members' magazine looks promising and such a good way to connect with our worldwide organisation.

As the "road map" still seems to be on track, we can start to look forward to a real meeting. With that in mind, will you note Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July before your diaries start to fill up?



# Ladbroke News & Diary

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

*Hopefully Covid rules will allow these to go ahead as planned, but please check [ladbrokechurch.org.uk](http://ladbrokechurch.org.uk) in case of changes to church services etc*

## MAY

**Sun 2 EASTER 5**

Wed 5 Parish Council, 7.45pm, by Zoom

Thurs 6 Local Elections, 7.00am - 10.00pm, Village Hall

**Sun 9 EASTER 6**

Holy Communion, 9.00am

**Sun 16 EASTER 7**

Holy Communion (BCP), 9.00am

Thurs 20 ADVERTS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE TO 36 MANOR ORCHARD,  
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**Sun 23 PENTECOST**

Holy Communion, 10.30am (**NOTE TIME CHANGE**),  
followed by annual meeting

Thurs 27 ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY PHARMACY,  
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**Sun 30 TRINITY SUNDAY**

Holy Communion, 9.00am

## JUNE

Tues 1 Photography Club Evening Walkabout in Warwick

Sat 5 Day of Prayer, Church – (NB -times to be confirmed)

**Sun 6 TRINITY I**

Family Communion, 10.30am



## Ladbroke Church News

**Peter Rigby**

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

It has been great to be able to meet together in person again since the end of March, and particularly to be back in time for Easter. For our Easter Day service we were as full as the restrictions allowed as we celebrated Jesus' victory over death for us. A big thank you to all those who cleaned and decorated the Church for the occasion.

The week before, the Ladbroke Easter trail was a great success and appeared to be enjoyed by all who participated in what was a fresh way to share the Easter message. In total 18 eggs were distributed to children who had successfully completed the jigsaws they had collected along the route. Thanks to everyone who made such creative displays and the team at Harbury church for sharing ideas and resources.

During May we shall be continuing with our regular services, subject to the ongoing restrictions, which we hope will be relaxed soon. On Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May we shall be holding our Annual Church Meeting after the service, when Annual Reports will be presented and Wardens and PCC members for the coming year will be elected. If you would like to participate by standing for election and/or voting, please make sure that you are on the Electoral Roll - forms to join will be in Church up to the date of the meeting.

Please note that in order to enable Rev Andy to stay on for the meeting, the normal times of the Harbury and Ladbroke services will be swapped on that day, so our service schedule for the next month is as follows:

|                      |                |  |
|----------------------|----------------|--|
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> May  | 10.30am        | Family Communion                           |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> May  | 9.00am         | Holy Communion                             |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> May | 9.00am         | Holy Communion (BCP)                       |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> May | <b>10.30am</b> | Holy Communion followed by APCM at 11.30am |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> May | 9.00am         | Holy Communion                             |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> June | 10.30am        | Family Communion                           |

Looking a little further ahead, we are planning a joint Vision Day for the three churches in our benefice - Harbury, Ladbroke and Upton - on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July. This will be an opportunity for all involved with the churches to join in setting out our plans for the future. Ahead of that, we shall be having days of prayer in each parish - Ladbroke's will be on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June. Please put both of these dates in your diaries.

Finally, a reminder that the Church continues to be open for private prayer on Sundays from after the morning service until 4.00pm.



## **Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge Women's Institute**

**Carol Lane & Dianne Surgey**

Dianne had sent round information regarding a Zoom meeting in the evening of 22<sup>nd</sup> April. It was disappointing that only seven members 'came'. We spent some time catching up with each other's news then discussed the future of Ladbroke and Deppers Bridge WI in view of the situation that we currently have no president since Hazel's death and we are still without a treasurer. No firm conclusion was reached but one suggestion was that, as the rest of the year is unknown in terms of restrictions, we do not meet again this year but start with a reformed committee probably in Spring.

Dianne has written a summary of both the recent WI talks. The first was with the County Federation and the other from an evening with Willoughby WI.



### **Jane Austen, 200 and counting...**

On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April, Warwickshire Federation arranged a talk about Jane Austen. David Richardson is one of the trustees of the J A society and is responsible for education. As you might imagine, he is a great enthusiast and discussed Jane's life with reference to her novels. In particular he talked about her view of history, which causes much amusement as it is largely fictional rather than based on the period. However, she is not impervious to current affairs as she does refer to the Militia, particularly in *Pride and Prejudice*, having drafted this novel at a time when we were at war with France.

He considered why her novels are still so popular today and thinks that it is not just because of the television adaptations. Indeed, they would not have been televised had they not been good stories. She excelled at her craft, combining wit and humour with the tantalising twists and turns of relationships, keeping us turning the pages until nearly the end of the book, only then to reveal a satisfactory resolution of the plot. Although it would be denigrating to compare with the modern 'rom com', her novels did contain all the elements to keep the romantic happy.

Remarkably she was not quite 17 when she wrote her first book and only 41 when she died all too young, having never made her fortune from writing. At a time when the career choice for young women was to marry or become a governess, she remained dependent on relatives for financial support, earning only £600-£700 during her lifetime. This provided her an average of £40 during her years of writing, this at a time when £55 per annum was considered to be the poverty line. How gratified she might have been to now appear on the £10 note.

### **Tales of a dairy farmer...**

Willoughby WI, our twin group, kindly invited our WI to join them for this talk. Jane Barnes, a Leicestershire dairy farmer gave us a fascinating account of her life on the farm. A subject which could have been mundane really came to life in her humorous and interesting talk. The daughter of a rare breeds dairy farmer, she married another and has "bred" a third as her son is now taking over as the fourth generation to run the farm. Jane took us



through the life of their 260 cows which are milked at 5.30am and 3.30pm, producing 4,000 litres of high quality milk each day. Much of this goes into Clawson dairy blue stilton cheese sold by Tesco. Interestingly they have their own spring water which provides for all their needs. With 410 dairy farms closing last December alone, they are bucking the trend and have invested

heavily in a huge new milking parlour and teaching room. They have funded this in part by building 10 new houses on the site of the old farm and hope to build a new farmhouse in due course.

As well as giving talks to adult groups, Jane provides a venue for a Mums and Toddlers' group and in the summer the farm is open for groups to visit with tractor rides and hands on experience for children. This educational side of the farm helps to bring much needed revenue as well providing insight into this tough, but ultimately very fulfilling way of life.

## Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Draw for March 2021

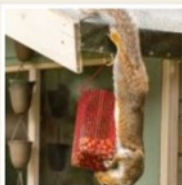
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| £10 | Malcolm Wray       | £10 | John Bicknell           |

**Margaret Bosworth**



## Ladbroke Photography Club

**Kip Warr**



During the first two lockdowns our members contributed numerous pictures for all to see in our online gallery at [kwarr.co.uk/photography](http://kwarr.co.uk/photography). Somehow enthusiasm waned during the dark winter days but now we are ready for the coming months with a programme to interest everyone.

**It's free this year for all comers!**

- Photo challenge: produce a set of three prints on one piece of paper or card on the subject "Lockdown" or "Coming out of lockdown"

- Three outdoor meetings (Covid and weather permitting):

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June: Walk around Warwick

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July: Meeting in Ladbroke - launch of the Ladbroke Heritage Photo Competition

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August: A social meeting with photo opportunities

Further meetings to be arranged when we know more about Covid rules and the availability of the village hall.

If you would like to participate in any of these events, or would like more information about this very friendly club, please contact Jackie West: [ladbrokephotoclub@btinternet.com](mailto:ladbrokephotoclub@btinternet.com). And it really is free this year for all!



**Ladbroke Heritage**

## Repairs

Wasn't it good to see the building scaffolding-free for a few days last month, a taste of things to come? Fingers crossed that the next time it happens the missing windows will be repaired, we will have two new buttresses at the east end and be on the home straight. Many people have admired the new hood mould around the porch which blends in so well; the new porch doors should arrive in a few weeks' time which will make the entrance to the church look very smart.



## Calling all Graveyard Sleuths.... More work to be done!

At last, Covid restrictions are easing, and we can plan the second workshop for our '**Who's in The Churchyard?**' project. We have over 300 graves in our churchyard, and following on from the success of our first workshop we have now uploaded photos and information from approximately 200 of them onto the Billion Graves website:

[www.billiongraves.com](http://www.billiongraves.com) The information we have recorded is fascinating and our 'deceased' have already been matched by people worldwide, researching family history.

Our second workshop will be on **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June between 10am - 12 noon** when we hope to finish the job of photographing them all. So, if graveyard sleuthing is for you, you have a couple of hours to spare and a smartphone, please join us outside Ladbroke church.





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### **Coming soon.....**

Next month we will be launching our new Ladbroke Heritage Logo and Village Trail, as we start to launch our summer activity programme of talks, tours and family workshops. We will keep you posted!!

**Jackie West and Nicky Lewis**

## **Cedar House**



Several years ago, we entertained readers with the exploits of the avian residents of this desirable property in Ladbroke. Once again it has occupants but this year they are great tits rather than blue tits. At first we suspected the nest box was just an overnight roost or possibly a place to check over nesting building material as there was daily stirring up of a few pieces of moss at the base of the box. However, recently we watched a bird (or is it two?) being very fussy with the exact location of some pieces of grass and now the base has a wool topping. Our key reference book on such matters tells us great tits lay a lot of eggs

(up to 15!) over a couple of weeks, hiding them in the nest lining until it's time to incubate them all. Perhaps that is what's happening and we will again be able to watch chicks being reared during May. If it does, we will share some footage on YouTube. If you'd like to watch local peregrine falcons, I see the ones nesting in the tower at Leamington Town Hall are back and online at <https://www.warwickshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/peregrine>

**Jackie West**



## **From Your District Councillor for Ladbroke**

### **Elections**

You should have had your polling card from the returning officer at Stratford for local elections on 6<sup>th</sup> May. There are ballots for the County Councillor, Southam Division and for the Police and

Crime Commissioner for Warwickshire.

A reminder that there will an emergency 'Covid proxy' available on the day, so positive Covid positive electors do not have to go to the polling station. Ring the elections office 01789 260236 for this and any other enquiries.

## **Covid**

From Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April there was a further easing of Covid restrictions which will allow for a number of sectors to open, including:

- Hairdressers, nail salons, libraries and community centres, indoor leisure facilities and gyms
- Self-contained accommodation such as campsites and holiday lets
- Outdoor hospitality venues, zoos, theme parks and drive in cinemas

The District has been working with others across the county to enable these to reopen safely and a number of online information sessions have been provided to local businesses to help assist with compliance with regulations. I have been asked about tents and outdoors shelters in pub gardens. More than half of the sides must be open (a bit like smoking shelters) to ensure safe ventilation. The environmental health team will be providing advice as appropriate.

The Council's Leisure Centre in Southam has reopened. In Stratford, the Council offices will be open to the public between 10am to 2pm and the Shopmobility Service in Stratford upon Avon has also resumed service.

The Council's officers have been working hard distributing payments to businesses under the Government's Restart Grants initiative. As before, the task for local staff has not been helped by the late approval of the Government's software to administer the scheme and the team had to work across the weekend to get things working.

As of the middle of April, Stratford district had the highest rollout of vaccinations in the country. Both in Stratford District and locally, the number of cases has levelled out at a lower level of around 30 per 100,000.

I wish those businesses and residents badly affect by the restrictions a return to prosperity, but in a measured and sustainable way. Please continue to be cautious and get your jabs as you become eligible!

The Covid legislation allowing County, Districts and Parishes to meet safely by remote meetings is about to expire. The situation is something of a mess because the Government won't allow parliamentary time to extend the regulation, giving councils a headache to find large, safe venues where social distancing can happen. At the time of writing, local government is taking legal action in an attempt to allow remote meetings to continue. In an even more strange twist one arm of central government (DCLG) is reported as supporting that legal action!

## **HS2**

The Councillors around Southam continue to offer unified and united pressure on HS2 to sort out the road closure of the A425. We had another meeting in the middle of April with them and our MP. I have to say I find HS2 a considerable challenge, with them offering a fairly uncaring approach to our local communities.

It continues to be unclear why the diversion road was not built, but what is clear is that the work near the polo ground is overrunning to the extent that it might take double the time HS2 first thought. My own approach is that we should strain every sinew to get HS2 to build the promised diversion road. Additionally, very robust representations have been made by us and HS2 now seem to be thinking about the possibility of compensating for the financial hardship to business and residents. Cllr Bromwich of Southam has kindly coordinated the setting up of an email address so that people affected can record their losses and difficulties and it can be relayed to HS2. The email address is [hs2southam@gmail.com](mailto:hs2southam@gmail.com). Please supply as much information as possible about the financial impact so we can make the representations to HS2. We have no idea if we will be successful, but we can only try.

**Nigel Rock - 07971 343065**

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

### **Harbury (Virtual) Annual Parish Meeting**

It's Zoom time again and several members of the public watched as the Council went through the problems and successes of a very difficult year. The Chairman praised Clerk Alison Biddle who had worked through the whole pandemic. Tim Lockley reprised the challenges of the pandemic and the lack of advice from Government. GASS (Guides & Scouts) postal network was enlisted to see who needed help - 160 people said they did and 172 volunteered! For our villages efforts we received an award from the High Sheriff.

New Councillor - Julie Balch - was part of the team that provided "Seasonal Lights" - Tim's idea to cheer everyone up. She praised the volunteers who set the lights up, James Davies the electrician who wired them up, and Hire Solutions and Colin Sheasby who provided the cherry pickers. She was delighted that Frances Road extended their illuminations too. The £5,500 project ran for three months when spirits needed a lift. The PC thanked all the volunteers. She praised the Library 'Seed Share' initiative and their 'Library of Things'.

Cllr Ekins was pleased that some improvement works were carried out during close-down, including safety surfaces under the Recreation Ground zipwire and table tennis table (using Section 106 money from David Wilson Homes); new desks installed on the children's play area; work on the Cemetery chapel roof; a new bench at the entrance to the tennis courts and an extra litter bin on the path opposite the skate park.

He reported that Deppers Bridge continued to suffer from HS2 road closures. Police speed checks caught and cautioned drivers - some were locals! But enforcement of the HGV ban at the railway bridge was difficult as they can't weigh the vehicles there! County Cllr Crump is organising a traffic survey for the hamlet.

A lady from Deppers Bridge had had a meeting with Councillors and Jeremy Wright MP over the hamlet's problems now the main road to Southam has been closed. HS2 revealed they have a compensation scheme for those who have been "impacted" by their project. She asked the PC if they could apply on Deppers' behalf to make a case for money to purchase a defibrillator and benches for their playing field.

Cllr Allen deals with Planning - quiet this year. She said they always listened to parishioners' concerns and responded accordingly to planning applications. The Housing Need Survey showed affordable homes were indeed needed and she was working with developers and Warwickshire Rural Community Council to find small plots for such dwellings.

Clerk, Alison Biddle, reported on Finance. The Precept budget (the amount of money the PC believes it needs for the following year) was increased by 2.9% to £116,683 to cover the costs of 10K for playing fields drainage; 10K for the new cemetery project; 10K for assets and improvements (more "Seasonal Lights" and a defibrillator for Deppers Bridge); £2,500 for community transport; £7,500 on community grants (after lockdown in March 2020 the Council had decided to offer grants to local organisations who had ongoing costs.); £3,500 for office refurbishment; £3,500 Councillors' allowances; £1,400 refuse collection and cemetery and open spaces and £1,000 for on-going Covid community support.

She reported that the PC ran a photo competition with a £50 voucher prize redeemable at local shops and businesses to help the local economy and provide FUN. And she thanked the retiring Finance Chairman Tony Mancell - saying "his contribution will be missed".

Cllr Andy Rutherford (Chair of the Village Hall) said it had been closed for most of the year and finances "had taken a beating". Running costs were £17,000 a year and the Hall would usually charge enough for hirings to cover these costs, but thanks to Stratford's Community Grant and a donation from the Co-op they had only lost £5,000. They sought funding for the Development Programme and now have money from BIFFA for the new porch extensions and the redecoration of the Farley Room from Section 106.

District Councillor Jacqui Harris reminded Cllrs of the death of County Councillor Bob Stevens saying she had lost a valuable friend and colleague. She said that HS2 needed bludgeoning. They do not give proper notice of road closures. Jacqui wanted the Old Gated Road shut but it was "like walking through treacle". And she did not know when the Bendigo Mitchell Crossroad changes would begin!

Paul Sheepy for the Rugby Club thanked the Parish Council for their grant to train coaches. In the last few weeks they had 240 children being trained there.

Bob Sherman for the Energy Initiative was helping the Church retrofit plans along with Phillip Mayer and trying to get them past the Diocesan Advisory Committee so that they can rehear the Church.

The Future Energy Project (to provide electric charging points at the playing fields fuelled by wind turbine) was part of Harbury E-wheels which had delivered 1,600 hours of free transport in 2019, but reduced to 570 hours in 2020. It had now reopened, received money from the Rural Communities Energy Fund and was applying for support from the Parish Council for more money.

Bill Timson for the Heritage Project thanked the PC for the Grant of £990 to provide carpet tiles for their Centre in the School grounds. Other major funding had come via an appeal flyer in the Harbury News (£1,300), WI (£500), Harbury Society (£500) and a Community Grant from Severn Trent of just under £10,000. The room had been ready to open in September 2020 but still awaited its official opening.

Sharon Hancock was concerned about the “excavations” in Mill Street (just before its junction with Farm Street) which had the potential to cause accidents. The Chairman had alerted the County Council to the danger (as had I) but Highways said as there was no pavement and Mill Street was an “unclassified” road it was “permitted development”. Do take care there!

Judy Morrall for the Club and Institute said they had celebrated their Centenary and welcomed 100 members and visitors to a buffet and music. There was an afternoon film for the children and adults, at Halloween. They now have a large screen TV and Sky Sport. The Club had received a grant of £500 from the Parish Council for urgent outside repairs. They seek to provide a service for villagers to enjoy and have an amazing project with the Crown Inn.

She said the “True Spirit of Harbury” had been demonstrated with everyone working to support each other and she thanked the Parish Council for their hard work. She looked forward to a healthier, safer and kinder future for the village.

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

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



### **High Sheriff's Award**

Harbury Parish Council was delighted to receive the High Sheriff's award in recognition of 'great and valuable services to the community'. In March 2020 Harbury Parish Council acted swiftly to provide assistance to elderly and vulnerable residents during lockdown. Every household received a form to complete, where they could indicate if they needed help or if they could provide help. In the end 171 people volunteered to help 160 households with shopping, collecting prescriptions, or just getting a daily newspaper. The network operated on a neighbourhood basis, so people were assisting those living on their own

street, or close by, and has continued to function during each lockdown where needed.

At one point when Bob and Preet, who run Harbury Post Office & Village Stores, were both ill with Covid, the volunteer network stepped up to open the shop for a week so villagers were still able to get essentials.

In the picture below (L-R) are Parish Councillor Julie Balch (who played a key part in the network), High Sheriff Joe Greenwell, Katie Sykes (one of the volunteers) and Parish Council Chairman Tim Lockley (who organised the network).



**Harbury Parish Council**



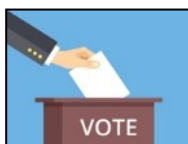
## **Vacancy for a Parish Councillor**

The role of a parish councillor is diverse and interesting. It is a great opportunity to get involved with issues that really matter to local people and make a difference to everyday life in Harbury. If you are enthusiastic about our community and can spare a few hours each month, please get in touch. The only requirements are:

- You must be available to regularly attend the monthly parish council meeting at 7.30pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month.
- You must have access to email and internet.

We welcome applications from all sections of our community so please contact us to find out more. Closing date is Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

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## County Council Elections - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021

In last month's edition we published profiles of the Conservative and Liberal Democrats candidates. Below are profiles for the Green Party and Labour Party contenders for the County Council Feldon seat.

Voting will take place in Harbury and Ladbroke Village Halls between 7am and 10pm.

**Editors**



## Green Party

**Richard Fowler**



Dear Neighbours,

I'm Richard Fowler, Green Party candidate for Feldon in the Warwickshire County Council elections on 6<sup>th</sup> May.

Julia and I moved to Warwickshire in 2010 to be closer to family. We have a son and two daughters, and two granddaughters who keep me on speed dial for lessons in binary maths and help growing vegetables.

I qualified as a librarian in Manchester, but spent most of my career in Information Technology in a range of settings in the UK, Europe, and the United States.

Having moved several times, I believe it's important to engage with the community you live in, and to contribute to efforts to make it a better place. In Harbury, I help run the Community Library; was part of the team that set up the Seed Share in 2020; and am leading efforts to set up a Repair Cafe, Bicycle Repair Clinic and Library of Things.



I'm interested in both social and technical initiatives aimed at helping Warwickshire meet its carbon reduction targets; strongly believe in public transport, and advocate appropriate funding for it; am concerned about the shortage of affordable housing in rural communities; and believe that it's important to maintain and use our public rights of way.

We're on the road to recovery from the Coronavirus Pandemic - and I believe local communities now have a critical role to play in driving a recovery that takes account of everyone's needs, supports businesses, and protects our environment.

If elected I will provide a different perspective, will be free to speak up for our area and communities, and will bring your voice to the council.

 **Labour** **David Robinson**



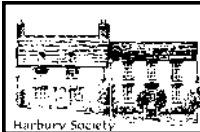
I am a retired NHS Consultant Obstetric Anaesthetist who worked at Warwick Hospital for 26 years. I am currently taking part in the Covid vaccination drive.

I am a lifelong Labour Party supporter with a core belief in equality for all and am passionate about the benefits of the NHS.

My first focus would be on social and emotional support for the vulnerable and needy. In these troubled times, we should not cut services that safeguard the vulnerable. Including vital services such as education, Warwickshire Labour pledges to reverse the cuts to education funding; as well as support the recovery from the coronavirus pandemic.

I also believe that Warwickshire's record on managing waste must be improved so that we no longer incinerate 38% of our household waste.

Vote Labour on 6<sup>th</sup> May for a fairer and more effective County Council.



**Harbury Society**

**Linda Ridgley**

Below is a report for a Society meeting held in February 2009. With pubs now beginning to re-open, hopefully all of the breweries mentioned in the report have survived lockdown and are trading again. Also, as mentioned, many villagers must be hoping that Harbury Beer Festival can be held this year - fingers crossed.

John Crossling is a Real Ale activist and Beer Festival organiser. His recent talk covered the evolution and demise of Warwickshire Breweries. After the big breweries closed, micro-breweries were set up by passionate amateurs, but some of them were gone in the blink of an eye. The reasons for closure



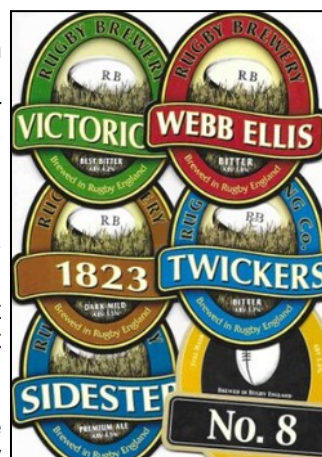
were varied, customs and excise(!), opposition from the brewery owning the premises, family breakdown, copyright wrangles, ill health - one brewster developed an allergy to the yeast!



Most of this century's start-ups are still going but two of the older established ones stand out as successful - Church End in its Ridge Lane premises has a brewery at the back of the old working men's club and a pub at the front. Its brews, which have ecclesiastical names such as Vicar's Ruin, Gravediggers, Pews Porter, have won lots of awards.

Warwickshire Brewery, in a converted bakehouse in Cubbington, runs its own pubs:- The Market Taverns in Southam and Atherstone and the Bear & Ragged Staff near Nuneaton. Its bottled beers have been very successful. It launched Market Ale to celebrate the refurbishment of Warwick Market Place and its initiative to make donations to the Guide Dogs for the Blind from the sales of its Old Warwick beer won it a marketing award.

Of those less long established breweries, North Cotswold stands out for its "extreme" brewing - an Imperial Russian Stout (15%) and at three years old it will feature at this year's Harbury Beer Festival. Rugby Brewing Company like the Warwickshire Brewery owns pubs (two big ones in Leicester). It moved to Willey in 2007 where it has an impressive brewing set-up and a visitor centre. Its beers have a Rugby theme. Tunnel Brewery produces lots of bottled beers which are sold in farmers' markets. Purity is one of the most successful micro-breweries in Warwickshire, set up by ex-marketing men from Bass who secured Rural Enterprise Funding. They have a high quality visitor centre and equipment, innovative and sustainable technology and aggressively market their produce says John. They have increased their turnover by 35% and initially concentrated on perfecting just two brews, Gold and Ubu which are sold bottled. Purity has now added Mad Goose, a Pale Ale named after the flock which guard the premises.



## Harbury Women's Institute

Mary Thompson

Our April meeting on Zoom was attended by 25 members, one visitor and a few husbands; some members were wearing colourful hats as it was Easter week.

Prior to Easter, members received a beautiful card designed by Chris Rutherford and Kath Ching. Each member received raffle tickets - the winners were Wendy Knowles, Sylvia Green, Liz Bunting and Sue Coupe.

The Warwickshire Federation organised a “remote” Easter competition. Kath Ching won first prize for her decorated egg and Ann Mayer won first prize for her Simnel cake - well done to both of them.



Our speakers were Pauline Devine and Janet Hall, volunteers from Stratford Guild Chapel, who told us about the famous wall paintings in the chapel.

The Guild Chapel, which stands on the corner of Church Street and Chapel Lane in Stratford, was built in the 13<sup>th</sup> century by the Guild of the Holy Cross - a prominent religious and social

organisation. Research has shown that 13 members of the Guild lived in Harbury. Hugh Clopton paid for the wall paintings in the early 1500s, essentially buying his place in heaven. Members who belonged to the chapel were guaranteed that prayers would be said for their souls.

Sadly, the paintings were banned following the English Reformation and John Shakespeare (father of William) is recorded as being paid two shillings for defacing the images.

The paintings were essentially covered in a layer of lime wash but are gradually being uncovered and are regarded as one of the rarest series of wall paintings in the whole of Europe.

The Doom painting depicts the day of judgement based on the Gospel of St Matthew. The painting was discovered in 1804 but covered up until 1928 when Professor E.W. Tristrop recorded and conserved it. Pauline and Janet were able to show us photographs of his records and the actual painting as can be seen now.

In the 1950s Wilfrid Puddephat, a teacher at the nearby Grammar School, recognised wall paintings on the north and south walls of the chapel and he created records before they were covered by oak panelling. We were able to see paintings of Saints such as Thomas Becket and St George, the Dance of Death, Earth upon Erthe and the Lyf of Adam. Again, all these paintings have been damaged over the years but are gradually being restored as funding allows.



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The chapel is used by pupils of Edward VI Grammar School and also services are held three times a week. Hopefully the chapel will soon be open again for visitors to look at the famous paintings.

At our meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> May, Kath Ching was going to demonstrate her hobby of decorating eggs. We decided this wasn't suitable for a talk via Zoom, so Kath is going to do this next January when hopefully things will be more normal. We are pleased to welcome a speaker who we had to cancel last year; Micki Coupe Brickwood is going to tell us about her Himalayan Trek.



## Harbury Theatre Group

**Keith Hayes**

It's a long time since I last had to sit down and write an article like this. The Theatre Group, just like the rest of the world had to shut down and lock itself away while the pandemic raged around us, quite a wrench for us as we had started rehearsals for our May 2020 show and it was going well. We had a good cast and we were enjoying ourselves; we had even learnt some of our lines.

However, the light is looking much brighter at the end of the tunnel so now is the time to bounce back. Just like Andrew Lloyd Webber we are desperate to get people back into our little theatre. We must act so to speak.

We could restart rehearsals for "The Affairs at Meddler's Top" but it is now too late to have it ready for May this year. It could be moved to November which is the next slot we have booked at the Village Hall, however, after such a long time away we have many more people who would like to be involved. We really need a large cast. Something that would involve all our members, something that actors and technical staff can all get their teeth into.

We **will** bring "Meddlers Top" back in the future but we feel the best solution must be for us to put on a Pantomime for the end of the year. It is always the biggest task we ever undertake, a large cast, music and singing, numerous set changes, colourful scenery, interesting technical problems and special effects. A worthwhile challenge for all involved.



**A photo from our 2017 Panto - Merlin**



So, this is going to be the plan. The first problem of course is to find a good script. This may sound simple but we have to find one that suits our parameters. There are dozens to choose from and so many things to take into consideration, but we are taking the first steps, reading has begun. Confucius, he say "a journey of a million miles begins with but a single step" So please watch this space.



## Harbury Heritage Centre

**Bill Timson**

As you read this article, unfortunately once again two more of Harbury's traditions have been cancelled due to the Covid pandemic. On the first day of May a group of hardy Morris dancers, our very own 'Hereburgh Morris' would usually meet at Chesterton Windmill to welcome in the Summer. If you want to witness this event you will have to get up early in 2022 because they start at 5am!

May is a month that brings us nearer to the hazy days of summer with more hours of daylight and warmer temperatures. Another tradition that is practiced around the country is dancing around the maypole - a popular event celebrated by our primary school.



**Front row from left: Frances Sollis, Sharon Hanson, Kathy Marshall, Mary Fell.**

**Back row from left: Betty Herbert, Janet Caswell, Lynne Pratt, Queen of the May, Deborah Marshall?, Sandra Best, Anne Pratt (Lynne's twin).**

Maypole dancing is a tradition on May Day. It is believed to have started in Roman Britain around 2,000 years ago, when soldiers celebrated the arrival of Spring by dancing around decorated trees thanking their goddess Flora. Today when it is practiced dancers weave ribbons around a pole rather than a tree. While dancers usually perform this dance in the Spring on 1<sup>st</sup> May or May Day, those in Sweden perform it during their midsummer celebrations.

In the Heritage Centre archives we have some May Day memories, like the photograph on the previous page sent in by Frances Leonard; it shows celebrations at the Wagstaffe School in 1958. (HM-0459).

Frances, who grew up at 4, Farm Street, has identified most of the girls in the photograph.



More recently May Day dancing is shown below at the primary school in 2007; recorded on DVD (Catalogue No 044) with Nigel Chapman's commentary. Two stills are shown below left and below.

Let's hope that this tradition, the Morris dancing and other annual events can start up once again as we come out of the pandemic and gradually return to normality.



### Other News



The High Sheriff of Warwickshire, Joe Greenwell, paid the Heritage Centre a visit on the first day following the lockdown to present members of the committee with a certificate 'for their great and valuable services to the community'. We feel very honoured to receive this award; it reflects the hard work the committee has shown over the past twelve months in setting up a new home for the history collection of Harbury.

The photograph below shows High Sheriff Joe Greenwell, right, presenting the certificate to vice-chairman David Turner and other members of the Harbury Heritage Group Committee outside the Centre.



We are looking forward to opening up so that the Centre can be used fully by the school children and members of the local community.

**Watch our website [www.harburyheritage.org.uk](http://www.harburyheritage.org.uk), our Group Facebook page Harbury Heritage Centre and the Parish Council noticeboards for details of re-opening.**



## Harbury Energy Initiative

**Bob Sherman**

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### A green affiliation

Last year we began a discussion with Your Co-op Energy about their Community Power tariff. This tariff is specifically aimed to support community energy projects such as ours in Harbury. They were keen to support Harbury e-Wheels and energy projects that we are running. Their first support came as a grant that allowed us to install a weather station on the gable end of the Village Hall. Initially this is to collect data on wind speed and solar radiation for our electric car charging project, Harbury Future Energy. It is intended that it will become a resource for the whole village in time.

Harbury's low carbon energy groups and projects are now teaming up with Your Co-op Energy to offer community-owned renewable energy to local



households. Your Co-op Energy is the only supplier in the UK that has a tariff powered by community-owned renewable energy. The tariff is generated by renewable energy projects owned and run by communities across the UK, with any profits being reinvested back into the communities that built them.



Working with Co-op Energy we can help to reduce the impact on climate change and for every resident of the village who signs up to Your Co-op Energy, we will receive a thank you donation of £25 to Harbury e-Wheels to

support our provision of free transport to those in need using non-polluting electric cars.

It is sensible to consider switching energy companies from time to time. You can often save money and sign up to green energy at the same time. Next time your contract ends why not switch your energy to this truly green supplier and support our community? You will receive award winning customer service from their partnership with Octopus Energy and a competitive price too!

Simply visit their website **cooperativeenergy.coop/harbury** and use promo code **ewheels** when you sign up.

### **Electric car charging in Harbury**

After the Parish Council gave unanimous approval to the charging station project at their March meeting, the Harbury Future Energy team has continued to progress plans. There is still a bit of hurdle jumping ahead but we are delighted to have Parish Council support.

We know that it is important to keep you up to date as things evolve and that is a key part of our planning. By the time you read this our web page on the Harbury Energy Initiative website ([www.harburyenergy.co.uk](http://www.harburyenergy.co.uk)) explaining the whole project will be ready to view. We are happy to take any questions stimulated by the information. We also expect to offer a chance for people to talk to us in person(s) at events this year, pandemic rules allowing.

One of our aspirations is to be able to provide part of the energy store structure to Harbury groups for serving refreshments at football matches and other village events. This makes it even more of a community benefit.

### **Church**

As you will probably read elsewhere in the magazine, the application for the church low carbon refit and repairs has now gone to the Diocesan Advisory Committee to consider. The permission, known as a Faculty, requires a detailed form to be completed of a similar length to a small novel. The team that has done all the work on this so far must feel a great weight lifted from their shoulders (and brains). No doubt it will return as the time to find out the outcome nears. With a Faculty secured, several of the team, including three from HEI, will start working on the funding bids. More novels in creation. Non-fiction, of course.

## The coming of ADVENT

As a result of my appeal for volunteers 51 people came forward to host one of the voltage monitoring devices. CrowdCharge is delighted with this result - and so am I. Great credit goes to Harbury for coming forward in such numbers so readily. The nation will thank you (okay, probably not but you should feel good). I write this the day before the briefing session, which many of you will have attended. They tell me that the plan may be to extend the trial to energy monitoring as well in some selected houses.

## Solar Together

Those who have taken part in the County Solar Together programme will know that the reverse auction has now been held. It won't be too long before we are all contacted by the successful company. As I am one of them, I will be able to let you know how it performs as a way of getting a good deal for local residents. They may run another in due course.

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|  | <h2>Harbury Rugby Football Club</h2> | <p><b>Steve Kittendorf</b></p> |
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Outdoor training started up again from Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March in line with RFU guidance focussing on building players' general fitness levels and rugby skill development along with non-contact game play.

Being in lockdown did not mean that we were resting on our laurels. We used this time wisely to finalise the re-establishment of our Colts squad and rebranded them as Harbury Hawks. It has been a while since we had a Colts squad and this means we are able to extend our rugby provision from the age of 5 to 18. More information can be found on the Harbury Hawks Instagram page [@harbury\\_rfc\\_hawks](#)

Any new players are more than welcome to join our current U16s moving into the Colts and attend our training sessions at 7.00pm on Tuesday and Thursday evenings with Sunday training at 11.30am.

Having returned to training following the recent Lockdown we were delighted to have supported Wasps RFC with one of their Easter Rugby Camps. Originally due to be held over a two-day period on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of April, this was sold out very quickly and we managed to extend the period to a further two days and include all age groups. In total, we had approximately 200 players attending the training camps over a four-day period.



Our return to training has been fantastic: we have seen an increase in the number of children joining the club across all age groups and all the players have been desperate to get back on the pitch. There is a renewed love of the game across the Mini and Juniors from coaches down to all players and parents. Please note, we operate in a Covid-19 compliant environment and welcome new members at any time.

For any girl wishing to play rugby without full contact, we are introducing Touch Rugby for Girls from the age of 9/10 to 14 - come and give it a try. Training will take place on a Sunday at 10.30am from the new season which will commence in September 2021. Ad hoc training sessions will be held if we have sufficient numbers interested during the pre-season. For more information or to discuss getting involved please contact Phil Sheepy via email [sheepy226@virginmedia.com](mailto:sheepy226@virginmedia.com).

Work on the grounds continued with aeration (verti draining) of all pitches completed at the start of April. Pitches 2 and 3 were sprayed with a moss treatment a couple of weeks later and then scarified at the end of the month.

The "Major" continues to work tirelessly on the cricket square, the sight screens were painted and the artificial strip cleaned allowing practice sessions and pre-season games to be held. League cricket commences from 1<sup>st</sup> May and continues every Saturday through to the end of August.

Finally, it is with regret and great sadness to announce the death of our friend Oli Perry. The family would appreciate your understanding by not posting information on social media (Oli would hate that) allowing the family time to grieve. Our sympathy and thoughts are with them - Rugby Love.



## Harbury Tennis Club

**Colin Mercer**

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

We're back on court! The return coincided with some lovely weather and, not surprisingly, our social sessions have been very well attended. Numbers are restricted initially, but from 17<sup>th</sup> May we hope to be back to our usual "turn up and play" arrangements. We have entered three teams in the Banbury Summer Leagues and hope to start fixtures soon.

The coaching programme delivered by Coolsportz coaches has also started again and as usual is very popular, with Lianne, Adam, and Scott's groups nearly full. Because our home league matches are on Wednesday evenings, Scott's groups have moved to Fridays. He's introducing a six week LTA Youth Start course - fun starter sessions for children who have never played tennis before. Lianne has also been able to get back into Harbury School to continue the "She Rallies" course that she had just started with Year 4 girls when the first lockdown started. For details of the coaching available please contact Lianne on 07919 104093 or [lianne@coolsportz.co.uk](mailto:lianne@coolsportz.co.uk)

We're all set and really looking forward to a busy summer, lots of fresh air and tennis!



## Harbury Pre-School

Staff & Committee



**Welcome:** We are delighted to welcome back all the children fresh from their Easter break and to hear about what they have been up to in the holidays. This week has mostly been about welcoming our new starters and settling them into Pre-School with their new friends.

We would also like to extend a very warm welcome to Alice Mellings who has joined our staff team as bank staff to provide extra cover during our busier sessions.



**Easter Nests:** As an Easter treat, before the holidays, the children made some tasty Easter Nests. They followed the pictorial recipe card and directions and broke up some shredded wheat and thought about ways of melting the chocolate. The adults then placed a bowl of chocolate into a bowl of boiling water and the children watched it change as it melted.

They then stirred the shredded wheat and chocolate together. The children then carefully spooned the mixture into a cake case and counted out five mini eggs to place on the top.

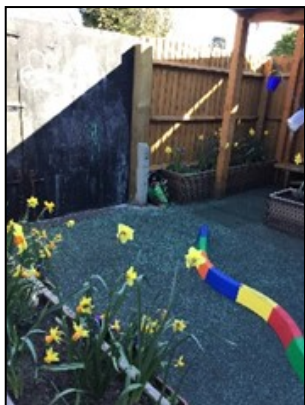
**Easter Egg Hunt:** One of our indoor resources before Easter consisted of some straw with plastic eggs for counting or role play. A few of our children spotted these and asked the staff whether we could have an outdoor Easter Egg Hunt! We thought this was an excellent idea! We hid the eggs around the outdoor area for the children to find. The children then



asked for a turn and worked in pairs to hide the eggs while the others looked away. We were very impressed by both their hiding and seeking skills and their ability to wait patiently for their turn to hide the eggs. I suspect we will still be finding the odd egg in weeks to come!

**Outdoor Play:** It is so lovely to come back after the holidays to heat and sunshine!

The flowers and bulbs that the Pre-School children planted last Autumn are in full bloom and look beautiful. The children have been painting with the water



over the last few days and some of them took the opportunity to water our plants at the same time.

We have taken advantage of the heat and enjoyed lots of outdoor play this week. The bikes have been temporarily replaced by the climbing frame and the children have loved climbing up the ladder, sliding down the slide or sitting underneath and chatting together. It is always a firm favourite in the summer. It is also lovely to see the children engaging in role play in groups outside, for example pirates, dinosaurs, babies or serving up various concoctions in the 'café'.

**Looking forward:** By the time you read next month's article we shall hopefully have five little live caterpillars in our Pre-School. We will be eagerly waiting to see what they become!

**Places filling fast:** We have a record number of Pre-Schoolers currently enrolled and some of our sessions from September 2021 are already full. If you are considering Harbury Pre-School for your child, please do get in touch.

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



**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 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 Harbury Library during its opening hours.

Thank you.



## Harbury Village Library & Biblio's Café

Rich Fowler

### Library

From Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April the library's opening times are:

|            |                 |
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| Mondays    | 10am to 4pm     |
| Tuesdays   | 10am to 1pm     |
| Wednesdays | 10am to 4pm     |
| Fridays    | 10am to 1pm     |
| Saturdays  | 10am to 12 noon |

We have improved the one-way system in the library so it's possible to admit more than one person, or family group, at a time. Social distancing rules must continue to be observed, masks must be worn, and we'll ask you to sanitise your hands when you enter the building.

When the library is open you can browse our stock of books, audio books, board games and jigsaws. You can also return items, collect items which have been requested online, use the public access computers, and leave donations for the Food Bank. For the time being the Takeaway shelves are not available.

Our Click and Collect services will continue to operate.

During the pandemic we have received many generous donations of books and jigsaws, but for a while we won't be able to accept any more.

### Biblio's

Our current opening hours, for takeaway, are as follows:

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| Wednesday | 10am to 12 noon |
| Friday    | 10am to 12 noon |
| Saturday  | 10am to 12 noon |

Seating is available at the back of the car park.

We hope to open indoors from Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021, please watch the village notice boards and Facebook for more information.

### Want to get in touch?

Got a question or a comment for us? Phone 01926 258776, email [library@harburyvillagelibrary.org.uk](mailto:library@harburyvillagelibrary.org.uk), message us on Facebook @hvlbc, or simply drop a note through our letterbox at Harbury Village Library, The Wight School, High Street, Harbury CV33 9HW.





## Harbury Village Club & Institute

Judy Morrall

Where did the last few weeks go? In fact, where did the last twelve months go? At least the weather is much warmer and today, Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April, set to reach 17°. Hopefully you have all been able to enjoy seeing the emergence of leaves on trees and so many wild flowers it lifts your spirits. The blackthorn flowers have been in abundance this year. Hopefully there will be many sloes to make sloe gin in the Autumn.



We have a total of 26 new members so far this year and we are really looking forward to welcoming them and existing members and visitors once we reopen, hopefully on 17<sup>th</sup> May. Some of the interior will be looking much fresher and welcoming and the snooker tables, pool table and darts boards are waiting to be used. We will have to wait and see what the government guidelines are but if we have to have table service again, no problem.

We will be having a Zoom committee meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> May and hope to finalise our plans for a welcome event. There will be a buffet provided and entertainment too - we will advertise on our Facebook page once a date has been agreed. We are hoping to have a safe area for children to sit and also play games. It will be on the grassy area behind the snooker room and it will have fencing around it to ensure that it is perfectly safe. I do have some games and would welcome any donations to add to them. I had a badminton set, rackets and a net but the shuttle cocks have gone??? I shall see if I can get replacements. All of the games and equipment will be fully sanitised before and after use. Plus, we now have extra chairs and a table for adults to sit outside and enjoy a drink. You will hopefully also enjoy the views now that the conifers have gone.

I have planted a few more things on the rockery, forget me nots and lavenders. The tulips which I bought as bulbs last year are flowering and look very joyous. I bought the bulbs last November and the box they were in said orange and yellow but I think the pink looks good and blends in well with the other plantings. Watering was getting difficult as I had to take twelve bucketloads of water up and down the steps, back-breaking too. So last week I took one of our hose reels and an extension and attached it to the outside tap and yes it reached, hurray!! I was able to water from the top and thus ensure all of the plants enjoyed a soaking. Some of the seeds I planted two or three weeks ago are also coming through. Again, thank you to everyone who has said how much they enjoy walking past it.

A date for your diaries: on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September there will be a beer festival hosted jointly between the Club and The Crown. We have some local breweries who will attend plus much more. The Hereburgh dancers will entertain us. Obviously once we have firmed up our plans you will be the first

to know. This is just one of our joint ventures and we are so grateful to John and Amanda and it is good to support each other in keeping with the Harbury spirit. We are probably going to have food vans each Friday once we reopen and this too will be discussed at our meeting. The curry van has not had many bookings lately but is hopeful of many more and will alternate with another food van, talks are taking place again to confirm, very exciting. The last time the curry van came before we had to close, the rooms were very busy and everyone was enjoying the food and of course drinks to wash it down. The children will be able to enjoy a film matinee on a Saturday afternoon and we hope to arrange Saturday family bingos as these are always well attended by the whole family. So, as you can see, there will be something for everyone to enjoy.



I have planted lots of seeds in seed trays and these are now in my plastic greenhouse. These will be planted out at allotments once they have germinated and been hardened off. Last year I had a great display of squashes and courgettes so am hoping for the same this year. I have been busy at allotments too finishing off the digging. Although I did dig over all my six plots at the end of autumn I do like to do so again and add more chicken manure pellets. The strawberries have been refreshed and hope for a better yield than last year. Garlic is growing well and the gooseberry bushes are looking good. The blossom on my plum tree and the three communal ones is amazing this year. Seeds are planted in three of my plots so a good start to the growing season. The rhubarb is delicious and loads more to come - you can't beat a rhubarb crumble. It is so nice just immersing yourself in nature and I had a lovely female blackbird visit me last Saturday, she was so close. The robin also got in on the act.

I will be going to Farnborough garden centre on Friday as I need some more compost for my outside pots and no doubt I will be tempted to buy a few more plants! The standard of the plants is very high and there is always something different each time I go. Hopefully once all the danger of frosts has passed we can get our tender plants, which over-winter in the utility room, outside onto the patio area. The lovely red banana is raring to go as are the money trees, aoniums, phormiums and other semi exotic plants from Cornwall. We are going to Cornwall at the end of August again and top of my list will be a visit to the local nursery. We didn't get round to visiting a vineyard as we ran out of time so this too has to be redressed. I have had my second vaccination and a visit to my hairdresser - what excitement. Things thankfully are slowly getting back to some sort of normality.



I hope that you watched the Grand National as all of us volunteers at Upton House were glued to the TV. I am name dropping again as Sam Waley-Cohen who is the only amateur jockey to have won the Cheltenham Gold Cup was taking part this year. He won the Gold cup on a horse called Long Run which is owned by his father Robert. Long Run is retired now and we often see him in the





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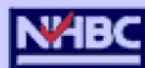
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field next to Upton Viva where his parents live and next to Upton House. We often see Sam when he visits his parents and he is so polite and always thanks us for volunteering. He lived at Upton House until 1988 when the family moved in to the newly built Upton Viva. Sam was riding another horse belonging to his father called Jett, we of course were wanting him to win as he was an outsider. He has previously been 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> in the National. He led all the way to the last but one fence and just ran out of steam but we are all very proud of him.

We are all looking forward to volunteering again from 17<sup>th</sup> May; it will be as last year. Not all of the House will be open as upstairs is difficult to manage as not sufficient space but the best of the collection is on display. As last year, the House will be open from 11.00am to 4.00pm, a long day but we do get two breaks. Please come and say hello.

Still watching the Repair Shop and Salvage Hunters and a sneaky weekly view of The Syndicate. How the Repair Shop team rejuvenate the items brought to them by members of the public is wonderful. Very emotional too.

Only just over four weeks until we can see each other at the club. Please take care, enjoy Spring and to repeat what my friend Eric Idle sang '*always look on the bright side of life*'.

All my best wishes.



## Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery

Christine Dakin

Very little is predictable in the world of horticulture. The weather is the main thing which varies so much. A certain amount of swearing has happened in early April due to the very low temperatures and lack of rain. This means that the plants I'm growing are not rooting as quickly as normal which, in turn, means they are taking longer to be ready for sale. The ones that are ready are being bought faster than I can replace them.

But the main thing which has caught me out this year is the huge demand for plants and the fact that there is a shortage due partly to Covid and partly to Brexit. Imports of plants are just not happening on the scale it did in the past. There are extra costs, more paperwork and other delays, plus I'm hearing that the suppliers are busy selling their produce within Europe, not here. You could argue that this is a good thing for our economy (an opportunity for growers to expand) but plants don't magically appear from nowhere overnight. Trees and shrubs can take years to grow into a saleable plant.



In the meantime it is more important than ever for you all to do some growing at home. Sow more carrots, beans, peas, lettuce and salad leaves. Plant out courgettes, cabbages, kale, cauliflower. Take cuttings of dahlias, penstemons, hydrangeas and hebes.

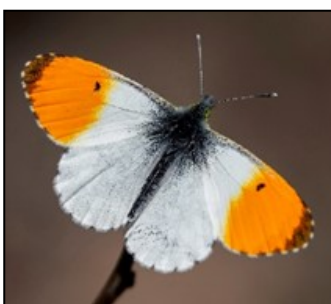
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## Nature Notes

John Hancock

Now, on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April, I am writing this piece from home in Mill Street being in isolation before having an operation to replace my right hip. The weather continues fine with windless days and plenty of sunshine. Really, the ground would benefit from some rain as seedlings require watering to aid survival. Having been used to walking out of the village and cycling further afield, I am finding being restricted to the garden something of an ordeal. Before starting isolation, it was good to have a coffee with Sharon outside Biblio's last Saturday and discuss with others how they are coping with life under the restrictions necessitated by the public health emergency.



Male Orange Tip butterflies are flying. The orange colour advertises their distastefulness to predatory birds thus aiding survival. The insect's larvae feed on Crucifers such as Cuckoo Flower and Hedge Garlic. They concentrate the mustard oils in their bodies evolving a defence against attack. The females are not so colourful but all have mossy green underwings providing excellent cover when perching on cow parsley. Peggy Middleton captured a lovely photograph of a male butterfly in her conservatory showing both colours.

The butter-yellow male Brimstone is busy patrolling hedgerows seeking a mate. The female, whilst being the same leaf shape, is white and very much more secretive. Peacock and Small Tortoiseshell butterflies are also about. To us, both sexes look the same. Pheromones released from sex glands on the insects' bodies enable butterflies and moths to find a mate. I well remember going with David Brown, Warwickshire's Recorder for Moths, to Oversley Wood near Alcester. David had with him a female Emperor moth in a small wire cage. Years before, that particular species had been found at Oversley. We took a walk to explore the terrain and, on our return, found two suitors fluttering around the cage. Apparently, the scent can be picked up by the males as much as 15 kilometres away.

Micro moths have wing spans of under 20mm, so they are tiny compared with the Emperor, a Macro moth with a wingspan of 80mm. Micros outnumber the Macros by at least two to one. They generally have no common names and are identified in Latin. They have equally remarkable life cycles and of course are important pollinators like their larger cousins.

Gillian Hare had been asked to identify some trees surrounding Harbury Playing Field. They were in flower but the leaves had yet to erupt. The flowers were a yellowish green in a loose cluster or corymb. At first, I thought they might be Limes but then decided a Maple was more likely. Later, talking to Ron and Heather Rogers I discovered they were Cappadocian Maples, i.e.

originally from the Roman province of Cappadocia in present day Turkey. A plant identification app is useful to have when out and about. Walking towards Ufton a week ago, I came across my first cowslips of the year, always an important milestone in the botanical cycle. John and Sally Stringer next door have a dozen or so cowslips blooming near one corner of their back lawn. This reinforces the view that overzealous mowing and trimming should be avoided where possible to at least allow our once common flowers to set, seed and spread.



By the side of our house behind a Magnolia is a small area of grass where the vegetation is given its head. Teasels have happily set up residence. They are biennials so their first year is merely a rosette of leaves. The following year the tall flower stem develops. The flowers are purple arranged in a conical spiny head. The stems can be two metres in height and are prickly as are the leaves. A relative of Field Scabious, the flowers are visited by bees and other pollinating insects. A micro moth (*Endothecia gentianaeanna*), flies in June and July and lays its eggs on Teasel. Next comes the extraordinary bit mediated by evolution. On hatching into a grub - just one per flower - the larva burrows into the flower head. Then it lives in a woody chamber feeding on the pith and then pupating. Before doing so it bores an 'escape tunnel' for the emerging moth enabling it to survive. This is just one of so many amazing evolutionary stories.

Over at Bishop's Itchington, Pam Reason has reported seeing several kingfishers beside the River Itchen close to Ladbroke Road. These exotic looking birds are always a heart-warming sight and a good sign of water purity.



## General Section



## Harbury Carnival 2021

The second Saturday of June is a very special date in the Harbury calendar - our wonderful village carnival. Sadly, we will be unable to run this event for the second year running but we would really like to mark the occasion in some way. There will be no rosettes for best fancy dress this year but we have a couple of creative competitions that we would love you all to get involved with.

### 1. Design A Float

What float would you like to see at the next Harbury Carnival? Design a float and send a photo of your ideas to [harburycarnival@gmail.com](mailto:harburycarnival@gmail.com) along with



your name and age. Entries can be hand drawn, digital or photos of 3D models. This competition will be judged by art teachers at Southam College.

Prize for the winner in each age category (Under 7, 8-12 years old, 13-16 years old).

## 2. Carnival Bake Off

This is for all ages or something to do as a whole family. Bake a cake and decorate it based on a children's book. Send a photo of your finished cake to [harburycarnival@gmail.com](mailto:harburycarnival@gmail.com)

Entries will be judged by Annabella Bakes. Prize for the winning bake.

All entries need to be received by **27<sup>th</sup> May** and the winners will be announced on Carnival Day - Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June.

Follow Harbury Carnival on Facebook for more updates. We look forward to seeing all your creations.

**Harbury Carnival Committee**



## Wednesday Walks

So far, so good. We have been taking full advantage of this lovely weather, lambs and birds and blackthorn. We are walking in groups of six from the village, and have now started a little foray into the near neighbourhood. A few who want to are now driving separately just a short distance to access a different route, and we plan to continue this until car sharing becomes permitted. It feels like the great escape to leave our well walked Harbury paths, even knowing how lucky we are to have them. But be reassured, there will still be a walk directly from the village for anyone who wants that, and we will be happy to welcome anyone who would like to join us. 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park, every Wednesday.

**Gillian Hare**

## Bicycle Repair Clinic

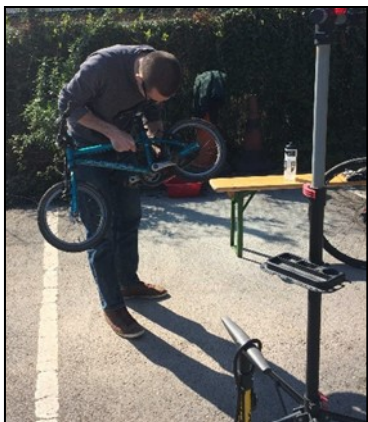
Our first Bicycle Repair Clinic took place on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April. It was a gloriously sunny afternoon with time for some serious bike chat between the repairs. Both adult and children's bikes were worked on. The second Repair Clinic is on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May.

### Repair Cafe Harbury

Bicycle repairs will be included in our first Repair Cafe which will take place in the Scout Hut from 2pm to 4pm on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. The volunteer repairers at the event will have a wide range of skills, so please watch out







for announcements in advance of the sorts of items we'll be able to try and repair.

There's more information on our website and on our Facebook page @RepairCafeHarbury or you can email us at [repaircafeharbury@gmail.com](mailto:repaircafeharbury@gmail.com).

**Rich Fowler**



## **Harbury Gardens Walkabout - 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> July**

Good news! As we come out of lockdown it feels the right time to have a safe outdoor event.

Harbury e-Wheels is organising the return (after more than six years) of Harbury Gardens Walkabout, subject to any change in regulations at the time. We hope to have 20+ gardens spread around the village with some offering teas, cakes and drinks. Why not also visit the Harbury Heritage Centre?

Many garden owners have already agreed to take part, but if you would like to open your garden, please contact Janny Freeman on 01926 612002 or [jannyfreeman@gmail.com](mailto:jannyfreeman@gmail.com). We would love to include gardens that have not opened before. The plan is to open 12noon - 6pm on Saturday and 2pm - 6pm on Sunday.

Here's hoping for a blooming good July!

**Peter Walshe**



## **Harbury Senior Citizens Committee Update**

Another year has gone by since we cancelled the 2020 summer outing and we have to tell you that we have decided to cancel this year's trip as well. We think that there is still uncertainty should we plan for our usual trip in June and then we hit the summer holidays. We guess that staycations will make for a very busy visitor experience regardless of where we went.

On a brighter note, we have booked the village hall for your Christmas Dinner Party on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December and we hope that it will take place as planned. Only time will tell, and it will be several months before we can actually confirm it. A question of watch this space for updates.

Meanwhile, enjoy the rest of Spring and the Summer when it arrives. There are rumours that there may be other things planned for the village during the summer. Let's hope they can take place and be enjoyed by all.

The committee are still here and if you have questions please contact one of us.

**Mike McBride**

**On behalf of the Harbury Senior Citizens Benefit Association**



## **Village Show**

Plans are progressing for the Village Show which will be held on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September in the Village Hall. We are just finalising the schedule which we hope will be available soon. Once this cold spell has finished, I'm sure many of you will be planting out and starting off your vegetable and fruit growing with a vengeance. There are, of course, many other classes in the show and you will be glad to know that baking and preserves are back this year. Always hotly contested categories.

Lots of you will be interested in the photography section and just to get you started the category we sign-posted last year is "Surprising Nature".

We look forward to being able to print all the show details shortly!

**Village Show Committee**



## **Southam Heritage Collection**

The Southam Heritage Collection is delighted to announce that we are able to open our room in Southam once again from 6<sup>th</sup> May.

At first, we are open as a shop only on Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings, 10am - 12 noon and you will find us opposite the Library's entrance in Tithe Place near the church.

The cafe is open and toilets available, including disabled and baby changing facilities.

We have a selection of local history publications, second-hand history books, cards by local artists specific to us, painted horseshoes and other small items for sale. We have two window display areas, one in the atrium and one fronting onto the High Street, both displaying local history.

Our 2021 exhibitions are under the umbrella "After the War", Southam from 1945 and we start with a large aerial map of Southam c.1950 in the atrium window. Our publications include an interesting little book by Helen Morris, "Southam Zoo", which was on the Daventry Road between the 1960s and 90s and many local children I know will remember visiting, or hearing the big cats roar in the quiet of the night.

As we are allowed to open our Exhibition Room up further, we will be featuring items such as Southam's new post-war schools, what was there before Wood Street car park, or the supermarket on Oxford Street and even

way before Tithe Place itself. So take time over the summer to call in and see us, and if you want to keep your distance, then pick up our town walk and public house leaflets and take your own socially distanced history walk around the town with family and friends.

Alongside the British Legion Centenary celebrations at Galanos House this year, we are collecting WW2 and National Service memories and our High Street window will be featuring these. So don't forget to look at all the windows when you are in town.

For further information, please go to [southamheritage@hotmail.com](mailto:southamheritage@hotmail.com) or call Linda on 01926 814214 or Bernard on 01926 613503.

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**Linda Doyle**



### **Staff updates at Harbury Surgery**

Harbury Surgery is continuing to offer telephone appointments with GPs with face-to-face appointments as required.

Our Nursing Team are seeing patients for a range of nursing procedures, although some services are still suspended until further guidance is given (these include spirometry, ear syringing and travel vaccinations).

Please call the practice for further information on appointments and general enquires - 01926 612232

There have been some staff changes in the past few months which are detailed below:

#### **GP Partners**

Dr Wilkinson retired last year and Dr Sarah Chard (who has been with us as a salaried GP since 2018) has joined the GP partnership, working alongside Dr Colin Snowdon and Dr Mel Wood.

The rest of our GP Team includes Dr Kim Panting, Dr Hazel Parkinson and Dr Rupert Collins.

#### **Nursing staff**

We have an additional Practice Nurse, Dawn, who joined our team earlier this year. Like our other Practice Nurse, Jan, she can offer a range of nurse appointments. We also have our Healthcare Assistant Rachael and phlebotomist Alice. As well as their own interests they can offer blood test appointments and smoking cessation advice.

Katriona Collins also provides diabetic reviews at the practice.

#### **Administration**

We have six Reception / Administrators (Brenda, Alice, Ana, Becki, Kerry and Stef) along with two practice secretaries (Nicola and Julie), plus a new Assistant Practice Manager (Becci).

## **Dispensary**

We have four dispensing staff (Paula, Sue, Denise and Faye) working at Harbury but also at our branch surgery, Bishops Itchington.

Details of all our Practice Team and their working days are listed on the practice website.

<https://www.harburysurgery.org.uk/practiceteam>

## **Additional Roles**

Harbury Surgery is part of the Warwickshire East Primary Care Network (PCN). Other GP Practices in this network are Southam Surgery, St Wulfstan Surgery and Kineton Surgery.

The PCN aims to bring local surgeries together in order to provide new and innovative services to patients that would otherwise not be possible when working as individual practices. We hope these new services will bring new levels of care to our patients. Examples of the additional services and roles are detailed below.

### **Patient Care Co-ordinator: Fraser**

Fraser is the first point of contact for patients who may be referred to one of the services offered by our new PCN staff, whether this be through a self-referral or through your GP or nurse. He will signpost you to the relevant team member who can best assist you.

### **Health & Wellbeing Coach: Ludmilla**

Ludmilla offers education and guidance for patients on changing their habits surrounding diet, lifestyle and general health and wellbeing.

### **Social Prescribers: Jo, Rita and Elicia**

The social prescribers act as a signposting service for patients to relevant local resources, which they may benefit from. There are so many different programs and opportunities outside the GP Practice but it is often hard to find the ones most relevant to you, such as benefits entitlement, connecting with local community groups, carer support, befriending services and access to social care. We are currently writing to some of our patients offering a telephone call with one of our social prescribers.

### **Clinical Pharmacists: Hitesh and Rajveer**

The clinical pharmacists are an extension of our clinical team. They are engaged in multiple activities including medication reviews and queries. In these reviews, they will ensure the appropriate blood tests and monitoring has been completed for your medication and review your current medication for appropriateness.

### **Musculoskeletal Practitioner: Roger**

Roger is an extremely experienced musculoskeletal practitioner and can see patients with arthritic symptoms, sports injuries, joint pain, back pain and non-specific muscle pain.

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**Becci Young, Assistant Practice Manager**



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If residents want support registering or want more information about the scheme, they can call the customer service desk at Act On Energy 0800 988 2881 or, alternatively, call iChoosr on **0800 048 8439**, lines will be open Mon - Fri 8.00am - 5.30pm, and an advisor will be available to help.

For more information about the scheme visit <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/switchandsave>

**Anthony Quin**  
**Warwickshire County Council**



## LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

### Dear Editors

*There has been much talk about Harbury's closed railway station in recent editions, but not one mention of the fact that one of the station signs has pride of place in the Severn Valley Railway's museum at Kidderminster station.*

*The Severn Valley Railway reopened on 12<sup>th</sup> April and is an excellent family day out from the Harbury area - [www.svr.co.uk](http://www.svr.co.uk)*



**Chris Gibb**

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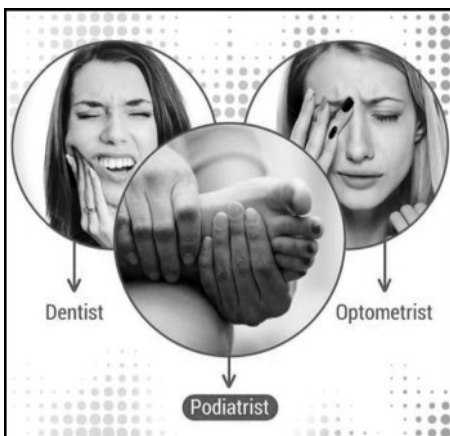
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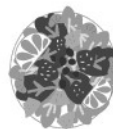


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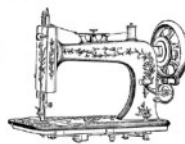
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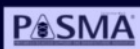
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