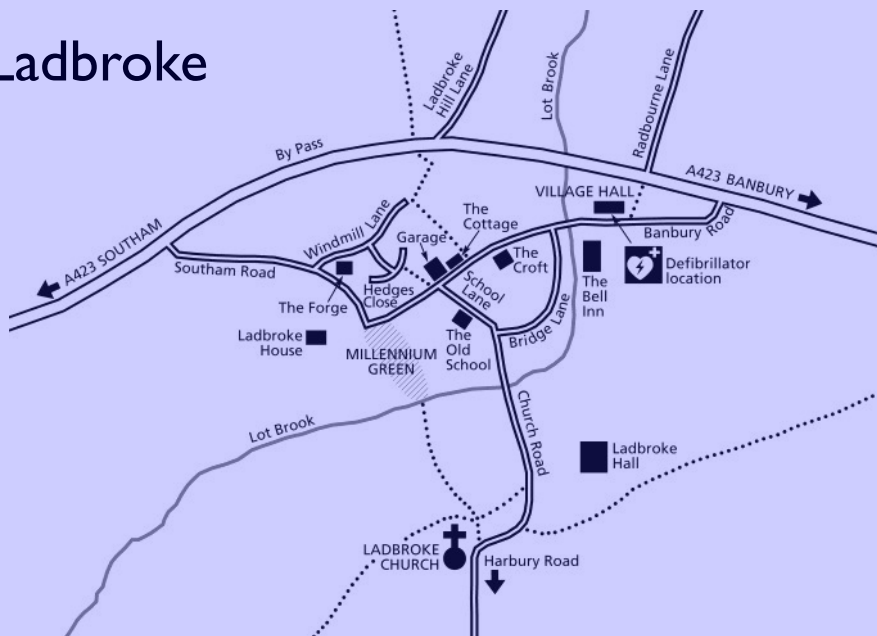


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## Editorial

Congratulations to the Village Show organisers. There was a good turnout of exhibits and the day was a success. Photos taken during the show are in our middle pages.

The monthly Local Produce Market held in the Village Hall goes from strength to strength. Not only are you able to buy a huge range of products, at the September market two local charities were able to raise some much needed funds too. October will see a Halloween Special Market on the 30<sup>th</sup> and then the Christmas Market including a visit from Santa on 11<sup>th</sup> December.

Although there has been a number of Covid cases reported in Harbury recently, there is no doubt that many organisations are trying to get back to normal. There are a number of talks this month which include photos of travels around the world, The Honey Bee and Beekeeping and what it's like to be the High Sheriff of Warwickshire. The Library in conjunction with other local organisations have a number of events coming up too. And if that wasn't enough there will also be two feature films for you to enjoy.

In September the Surgery welcomed a new GP, Dr David Lewis. We wish him well and hope he enjoys working at Harbury and Bishops Itchington surgeries.

It is great news that GASS will once again be running the Bonfire and Fireworks on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November. Tickets can be bought in advance or on the day. The usual house collection of garden rubbish and wooden items will be taking place. If you would like to use this collection service, please complete the cut off slip on page 32.

In Ladbroke you are invited to help pack Christmas shoe boxes (for boys and girls and families who otherwise would not receive a gift). The deadline for donating is Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November. If you are reading with interest the series of stories about 'Alice the Adventurer' you can now buy tickets to attend 'An Evening with Lady Alice Dudley' including a light supper, at Ladbroke Hall.

A group of Harbury Residents is leading a campaign to help make Station Road, Butt Lane and Bush Heath Road (B4452) a safer route. An article hoping to help raise awareness across the village and how you can get involved is in this edition.

The annual Remembrance Day will be held in November and the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal starts at the end of this month. Once again there will be a village collection in Harbury with poppy merchandise available in outlets. This year sees the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the British Legion helping serving and ex-serving personnel and their families.

Finally, our congratulations go to Keith Archer and Sally Penn and Jamie Cooper-Dunn and Claire Greenwell on their September church weddings. Our condolences go to the families of Nolan Colin Oliver and Leslie Reynolds.



# Harbury Diary

## OCTOBER

- Sat 9 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Southam United Bowling Club  
Cotswold Fine Rugs, 10.00am - 3.00pm, Village Hall  
Harbury Village Club Quiz Night in aid of Cancer Research, open at 7.15, quiz starts 8.00pm, the Club
- Sun 10 **TRINITY 20**  
Holy Communion with Children's Church and Harvest Festival, 10.30am  
Messy Church, 3.00pm, Tom Hauley Room  
Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall
- Mon 11 Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall  
Martial Arts, 5.30pm, Village Hall  
Yoga, 8.00 - 9.00pm, Village Hall
- Wed 13 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park - Shotteswell (4 miles some hills)  
Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room  
Slimming World, 5.30 & 7.00pm, Harbury Rugby Football Club - no booking required Tel: Jodie 07771 930568  
Heritage Centre AGM, 7.30pm, Harbury School (Park Lane entrance)  
Ballroom Dancing, 7.30pm, Village Hall  
'Travels with Tottle', 7.30pm, Harbury Village Library
- Thurs 14 Holy Communion Service, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room  
Harbury WI, 7.30 for 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room - Joe Greenwell talks about what it means to be High Sheriff and Deputy Lieutenant of Warwickshire
- Fri 15 Ben and Soph's Jazz, doors open 6.30pm, Show 7.00pm, Village Hall - 07515 275655  
Harbury School PTA Comedy Night - A Night of Fantastic Stand Up - doors open 7.00pm, show starts 8.00pm, the School
- Sat 16 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Harbury Pre-School  
Harbury Village Cinema presents 'Nomadland', doors open 6.15pm, film starts 7.00pm, Village Hall
- Sun 17 **TRINITY 21**  
All Age Service with Communion, 10.30am  
Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall  
Heritage Centre open 2.00 - 4.00pm, Harbury School (Park Lane entrance)
- Mon 18 Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall  
Martial Arts, 5.30pm, Village Hall  
Yoga, 8.00 - 9.00pm, Village Hall
- Tue 19 Harbury, Ladbroke & Ufton Parish Church 'Surgery' evening, 7.00pm, Tom Hauley Room, Harbury  
Harbury Society AGM, 7.30pm, followed by a talk by Gordon Robbins - 'The Honey Bee and Beekeeping - What's the Buzz?', Tom Hauley Room
- Wed 20 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park - Radway and Edgehill (4.5 miles hilly)  
Connections (Dementia) Café, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room

- Wed 20 Slimming World, 5.30 & 7.00pm, Harbury Rugby Football Club  
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Harbury Pre-school, AGM, 7.30 for 7.45pm, at Pre-school  
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- Thurs 21 Holy Communion Service, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
- Fri 22 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid  
of Myton Hospice - Sale of Christmas Cards
- Sat 23 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid  
of Southam & Area Guide Dogs  
Repair Café, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Scout Hut  
Harbury Village Club showing Bohemian Rhapsody, 8.00pm, the Club
- Sun 24 TRINITY 22**  
Holy Communion with Children's Church, 10.30am  
Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall
- Mon 25 Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall  
Martial Arts, 5.30pm, Village Hall  
Yoga, 8.00 - 9.00pm, Village Hall
- Wed 27 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park -  
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Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Sat 30 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid  
of Harbury WI  
Harbury Local Market: 10.00am - 12.30pm, Village Hall  
Harbury Village Club Children's Disco, 7.30pm, the Club
- Sun 31 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**  
Holy Communion with Children's Church, 10.30am

## NOVEMBER


- Tue 2 Meeting Point, 12.30pm, Crown Inn (bookings by 29<sup>th</sup> Oct)
- Wed 3 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park -  
Long Itchington (4 miles flat)  
Mothers Union Communion Service 2.00pm followed by a talk by  
Reni Claire 'Acceptance as a Christian living in an Asian society,  
Tom Hauley Room  
Slimming World, 5.30 & 7.00pm, Harbury Rugby Football Club  
- no booking required Tel: Jodie 07771 930568
- Thurs 4 Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
- Fri 5 Bonfire Radicals in concert, 8.00pm, Village Hall
- Sat 6 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid  
of Save the Children  
Harbury Bonfire and Fireworks, gates open 5.30pm, bonfire lit 6.00pm,  
firework display at 6.30pm, Village Hall playing fields



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	Deppers Bridge	Harbury, Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge outlying properties	Collection Week
October	Wed	Fri	
	13	15	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	20	22	Grey Bin
	27	29	Green & Blue Lid Bins
Nov	3	5	Grey Bin
	10	12	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	17	19	Grey Bin



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## From the Rector

**Rev Andy Batchelor**

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Doesn't it seem at the moment that we are staggering from one crisis to another? Just as we begin to recover from the devastation of Covid, we are now faced with potential shortages caused by a lack of HGV drivers, the current panic buying of fuel, huge increases in energy bills, and the headlines once again telling us that 'Christmas could be cancelled'. Of course, in reality, Christmas can never be cancelled, because it's not about the availability of turkey or carbonated drinks, it's about God stepping into our world, altering the course of human history, and profoundly changing the lives of every human being who puts their trust in him. And perhaps the shocking scenes we have seen of drivers attacking each other on petrol stations remind us of how much we need that transformation. This month of course we will be celebrating Harvest Festival in our churches, giving thanks to God for the bounty of the Earth and for those who tend the land and who bring us its produce - especially challenging this year. But those pictures of people filling up every container they have with petrol, attacking one another in their desperation to make sure they are at the front of the queue, also remind us of how human selfishness is reflected in the inequality of our world. So many have so little, yet those who have relatively so much always want more. Harvest is a time when we can and should be generous to those in need, both in our country and across the world, and a time when we can be reminded that God's love extends to all of humanity, but particularly to those who have nothing. Our Harvest celebrations link us to the past, all that God has done, all the blessings we recognise today, it challenges us for today, to care for one another, and it inspires us for the future, to create the kind of world where no-one is left out, the place Jesus calls The Kingdom of God.



## From the Churchwardens

**Liz & Michael**

We will continue throughout October and for the first half of November with the current pattern of holding a service each Sunday morning in the Harbury Church. At this time of year, although the building is without any heating, it should be sufficiently warm to be pretty comfortable with a coat on.

We would like to draw your attention to three special services. On Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October, commencing at 10.30am in Church, we will be holding our special Harvest Festival Service and on the same day at 3.00pm in the Tom Hauley Room, there will be a special Harvest Festival Messy Church, where the plan is to make a messy meal from vegetable and fruit! This year we are asking folk to please bring to the morning Church service gifts of non-perishable food items that are suitable for onward donation to the local Foodbank.

The third special Service will be held in Church on Remembrance Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November, and whilst the exact arrangements are still being worked out, it is likely to be slightly shorter in church than in prior years, and will conclude outside with the traditional service gathered around the war memorial including the roll call and observing the two-minute silence.

Finally, we are hopeful that our plans for heating the church will be approved by the end of October. We have considered the feedback from the Diocese and have adjusted the details of our proposal for installing Radiant Heating into the church and Tom Hauley Room, and we believe that our proposal now meets all the requirements. The revised Faculty will be submitted in early October for consideration during the month by the Diocesan Advisory Committee and the Diocesan Chancellor, who has the legal responsibility (rather than the local council planning department) for approving building plans in listed Church buildings.

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

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

## From the Registers

### *Marriage*

11 <sup>th</sup> September	Jamie Cooper-Dunn and Claire Greenwell
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### *Funeral*

14 <sup>th</sup> September	Leslie Reynolds (93 years)
24 <sup>th</sup> September	Nolan Colin Oliver (89 years)



## Heat, Light, Stone

### A Visit to Oxfordshire

St Mary's, the Church of England Parish church of Chalgrove with Berrick Salome, is in the Aston and Cuddesdon Deanery of the Diocese of Oxford. (Chalgrovechurch.org). It is a Grade I listed church and contains precious and delicate medieval wall paintings. Yet this ancient church has cutting edge, twenty-first century heating from radiant panels. This is the heating system planned for our own All Saints Harbury. On September 20<sup>th</sup>, representatives of the Heat, Light, Stone project visited the Oxfordshire church to see how fitting these heating panels had affected the aesthetics of this beautiful building.

The visit confirmed all that the Chalgrove congregation had assured us. The panels are discreet, effective, and not out of keeping with a place of worship. We are much encouraged and more confident that the Coventry Diocese will accept our plans. All that should be progressed at the meeting of Diocesan Buildings Committee this month. We have our fingers crossed!

The panels will be around Harbury village church and can be switched on independently, so that meetings or worship in the Lady Chapel - the pews to your immediate right as you enter the main door of the church - can be heated without heating the entire church.

We are still on target for completing the Heat, Light, Stone Project for Christmas 2022. But, inevitably, money is still needed. We would welcome offers to hold events as restrictions become more relaxed. Coffee mornings, quizzes, sales and other traditional events all help to swell the funds. Do think about it; every little helps, as we are often reminded!

**John Stringer**



## Mothers' Union

**Gillian Hare**

I'm sure all there were interested and privileged to share Julie's experiences of her last five years; we appreciated her taking time from her busy schedule. This followed our communion service led by Rev Ann, when we rejoiced to be doing this together after so long.

Chris asked members to agree that we should continue to gift a Bible to couples marrying in all three churches and showed us a new edition of the N I V translation. She also forewarned us that we will need to raise some funds to continue this, however, several members offered to make a donation as we do not have a coffee morning until January. Anyone else wishing to do so should contact Jo.

Our October meeting will have happened when you read this, so we look forward to 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Many of us remember Reni Claire when she worked at the Christian Resource Shop in Leamington. She is coming to speak about

her experience of acceptance as a Christian living in an Asian society. We welcome all who would like to hear her, in the Tom Hauley Room at 2pm for communion or, if you prefer, at 2.30pm for her talk.

## Ladbroke News & Diary

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

### OCTOBER

#### Sun 10 TRINITY 20

Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am

Tues 12 WI, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Wed 13 Table Tennis, 7.30pm, Village Hall

#### Sun 17 TRINITY 21

Holy Communion (BCP), 9.00am

Wed 20 Table Tennis, 7.30pm, Village Hall

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#### Sun 31 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Holy Communion, 9.00am

### NOVEMBER

Tues 2 Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Wed 3 Table Tennis, 7.30pm, Village Hall

#### Sun 7 3rd BEFORE ADVENT

Family Communion, 10.30am, followed by refreshments



## Ladbroke Church News

**Peter Rigby**

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

The Church was packed for the Service to celebrate the life of Jane Rutherford, which was held on 9<sup>th</sup> September, with some moving singing from our reconstituted choir and Eulogy from Jane's husband, David.

The whole Church building is now back in use including the Chancel with the restored east window and the organ is being played once again. With a wedding and baptism as well during the month, there is a feeling of "back to normal" after the Covid winter. But, at the same time, we have also been looking forward and our Vision Day, held in conjunction with Harbury and Ufton parishes, was encouraging for those who attended. The day concluded with us considering what we would aim to be reporting at our Annual Church Meeting in five years' time - if you would like to know more, have a chat with someone who went along!

Looking ahead in the shorter term, by the time this edition is produced we shall have celebrated Harvest Festival and enjoyed a brunch together in the

Village Hall afterwards. Gifts of non-perishable items will be donated to the Food Bank and fresh produce will be given to Galanos House.

We shall be holding the village Remembrance Day Service at 3.00pm on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November. Please note that there will be no morning service that day.

## From the Registers

### *Marriage*

4<sup>th</sup> September Keith Archer and Sally Penn

### *Baptism*

5<sup>th</sup> September Rufus Detre and Florence Detre

### *Interment*

9<sup>th</sup> September Jane Rutherford

## Forthcoming services and events:

Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	10.30am	Harvest Family Service followed by brunch in the Village Hall
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9.00am	Holy Communion
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9.00am	Holy Communion
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	9.00am	Holy Communion
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10.30am	Family Communion
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	3.00pm	Village Remembrance Service (no morning service)

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## Ladbroke Parish Council

Jackie West

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

I was unable to attend the parish council meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> September so this is what I understood was discussed, from the **draft** minutes.

There were just three parish councillors and the clerk present plus our new county councillor, Cllr Kettle, who introduced himself and explained his responsibilities on WCC. Nigel Rock was not there but had sent a report

covering two current consultations: District Council Ward Boundaries and the potential merger of Stratford and Warwick District Councils. The public can see the proposals for the latter at [www.southwarwickshire.org.uk](http://www.southwarwickshire.org.uk) and comment until 24<sup>th</sup> October.

**Planning:** the parish council had made no representation for the proposed extensions and remodelling of Cornerstones, including re-sited access, an agricultural building and some other changes to proposals at Deppers Bridge Farm on the edge of the parish, a new front door and sun tunnels to bring in daylight at 20 Ladbroke Hall or for treeworks at The Old Well House. The last two have now been approved by SDC together with treeworks at Ladbroke Farm and the proposals at Rose Cottage.

**HS2:** Cllr Batty had had a number of successful meetings with Simon David (community engagement) who will be invited to the November meeting to give a briefing on works to be carried out.

**Village Hall:** the Parish Council agreed to give a grant of £812 to the Village Hall trust towards new lights.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November.



## Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge Women's Institute

Carol Lane

Ladbroke and Deppers Bridge WI member, Maggie Watts was our speaker for the first indoor meeting since lock-down, on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

Maggie and her husband Tony had lived in Europe and South East Asia where his job in the electronics industry took them so, when he retired, they had to decide how to spend their retirement years.

At that time they were living near Aix en Provence and they had started to sail on Lake Maggiore when they lived in Italy between 1978-1982.

Having enjoyed this hobby, they determined on buying a yacht. Not content with any of the boats they looked at, they decided to have one built to their specification. Gradually Ganymede took shape and was ready in February 2002.

This was not the only brave decision they made as they also home-schooled their 12 year old son, Charlie, while they were cruising round the Mediterranean. He now has a degree so Maggie and Tony must be proud of their teaching. (I think there could be another talk just about that!!)





quote Maggie's wise words 'If you make plans, guard yourself against disappointment'. Just before they embarked on their first big crossing, Tony's bag containing their passports was stolen. Luckily all their papers were on the boat but they had to travel to Madrid to get a quick replacement of the passports. By this time various Spanish yachting magazines had become interested in their venture so a reporter, a photographer and a representative from the boat builder joined their initial sailing from Barcelona to Ibiza. On the day of departure there was a hold up as Ganymede's mast was too high and they had to wait until the bridge was opened. As they left the harbour a horrendous storm blew up and by the time they reached Ibiza, Tony was the only person who was not seasick. An extra consequence which Maggie used to experience was intensely cold and numb feet!



For the first 18 months they cruised round Italy, down the coast of Spain and the Balearic Islands where they often spent time with friends. Winter was spent in a marina. Over their eight years on the Mediterranean, they also visited Turkey, the Greek Islands and Croatia. Some of these crossings included night sailing and Tony would do the majority with Maggie taking over at sunrise. Maggie commented on the potential roughness of these waters and was amazed at the determination of migrants making such a crossing in an inflatable boat.

One memorable trip was on a passage from Croatia to Malta to join friends who were already there. Maggie dropped the fridge lid and amputated the tip of her finger. An ambulance took her to Bari on the Balearic coast and, after Tony had fetched the amputated tip, it was very successfully sewn back on again!

After selling Ganymede in 2011 they had to choose where to settle and, as their other sons were living in the Midlands, this has become their home.

In answer to some of the many questions this interesting talk had prompted, Maggie said that the places she misses most are the Greek and Adriatic Islands.

Ganymede is now in the Gulf of Mexico.

At the business meeting which followed, a minute's silence was held in memory of Hazel and a donation will be sent to the Warwickshire Federation Memorial fund in her memory.

This year's resolution is Ovarian Awareness.

Our secretary, Janet, has had to step down due to other commitments and Dianne thanked her for all her help re-establishing the WI after the lock-downs. Now that Joan has had a break, she is prepared to take on the role again which is very much appreciated.

Coffee mornings have started again in the Tom Hauley Room in Harbury and we have been allocated 13<sup>th</sup> November as our fundraiser. Dianne asked for the usual donations of cakes, (preferably covered and with any allergens listed), good bric a brac: e.g. scarves, bags, jewellery, photo frames, ornaments etc, books, DVDs, CDs and raffle prizes. Help will be needed on the day so please put it in your diaries.

The next meeting will be held at the new time of Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> October starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. It promises to be a fascinating presentation. As you know, the church has recently undergone major conservation work. Jackie West has been heavily involved in managing this work and in particular has studied and researched the stained glass windows. She will explain how to identify some of the people portrayed and other coded messages in the designs using stunning close up photography. We will also see some of the skills and techniques the conservators used earlier this year to repair some of the windows.

There will be a Special Meeting to confirm the Committee's recommendation that the financial year end should change to March with the Annual General Meeting in May.

Coffee and biscuits will be prepared in the kitchen as before Covid.



## Ladbroke Matters

**David Wright**

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



It was great to see our friends at the Summer Picnic at the end of August. We missed you during lockdown, and hope you enjoyed the event. Our thanks go to all who helped make the evening go with a swing.

We will soon be planning events for the coming year, and maybe a Christmas event too. More details available soon.

Don't forget that you can hire the Village Hall for your party or celebration at a very reasonable rate (£15 per hour with a 20% discount for Ladbroke residents). We have a new kitchen, and room for up to 80 people. To book your special occasion contact Debs (tel 07779 225105 or email [debs.dptv@gmail.com](mailto:debs.dptv@gmail.com)).



If you would like to join the Ladbroke Matters team, have any suggestions for future events, or any other comments please contact the Trustees (details on the Ladbroke website).



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**Margaret Bosworth**



### Ladbroke Photography Club

**Kip Warr**

September's meeting was the first indoors for some 18 months and suddenly everything seemed normal again, albeit seated apart and with the windows open. We were reminded of the dark days of lockdown with photographs of empty streets and of current precautions with images of masks, gel and tests. On the lighter side there were pictures of "We're back" signs signifying the happier days coming out of Covid. We also had a display of members' photographs from a walkabout in Warwick. It is always intriguing to see how a group can all go to the same place and come away with such different images: familiar landmarks seen from new angles and small details that normally escape attention.



**Peregrine Falcon and Buzzard by Richard Bedwell**

The main event was a presentation by Richard Bedwell on a theme of "On the Wing". He has been specialising in photographing birds and aircraft for the past twelve years and his collection is extensive. His pictures were taken in many parts of the world and included many bird species I had never heard of. His detailed shots of birds of prey were very impressive, whilst other birds were shown in minute detail. His photos of aircraft included everything from Tiger Moths to modern jets (mainly military), again in great detail. They



included iconic machines like Spitfires, Hurricanes and Lancasters and displays by stunt aircraft and the Red Arrows as shown here.



**Red Arrows by Richard Bedwell**

Our coming meetings, all in Ladbroke Village Hall, will be: **5<sup>th</sup> October:** 10 of your best photos, **2<sup>nd</sup> November:** Steve Gale: Artificial lighting workshop and **7<sup>th</sup> December:** competition and phototopic on the theme of Autumn.

Anyone can participate in any of these events and it really is free this year for all! And the photos we took during lockdown are still on display at [kwarr.co.uk/photography](http://kwarr.co.uk/photography). If you would like more information about this very friendly club, please contact Jackie West: [ladbrokephotoclub@btinternet.com](mailto:ladbrokephotoclub@btinternet.com)



## **Ladbroke General Section**



## **Ladbroke Heritage**

Repairs were on the back burner in September while the building was heavily used - not just regular services and choir practices but a wedding, two baptisms, Jane Rutherford's memorial service and many visitors. On 4<sup>th</sup> September a quarter peal, the first major ring since Covid hit, rang out from the repaired tower to announce the wedding of Keith and Sally thanks to a team mainly from Stratford. Our own village ringers rang after the ceremony while photos were taken and confetti thrown.



## Heritage Open Days

As well as local visitors the HOD publicity encouraged a number of day trippers and overnight tourists to come along. I'd like to thank the lady in Harbury who told one couple from Wales they must come and visit our church. They had been disappointed not to get into St Mary's Warwick (because of the scaffolding work in progress there) and "loved the informative personal tour of a beautiful building" they had at Ladbroke instead. Times without any visitors gave an opportunity to sit in the sunshine in the churchyard; it receives a surprisingly high number of visitors. I discovered some of these are geocaching, a modern take on orienteering with a mobile phone. The clue to one micro-cache is in plain sight in our churchyard but I'm sworn to secrecy where it is!

### Fascinating variety of gravestones in Ladbroke Church

Our activities programme continued in September with two fascinating talks by Nina Morgan, a science writer, and Philip Powell, a former curator of the Museum of Natural History at Oxford University. Their subject was the type and origin of the stones in Ladbroke Church graveyard.

Using magnifying lenses, we saw the fossils in some of the sedimentary rocks such as the local iron-rich limestone known as Banbury Ironstone or Hornton Stone, as well as stones from further away, including limestone from Dorset and granites from as far afield as Cornwall and north east Scotland.



We also saw numerous stones from outside the UK, including marble from Italy, granite from Scandinavia and limestone from Slovenia, each of which looked very different from their UK equivalent because of the distinctive chemical composition and colouring.

So how and why are there so many different types of rocks used for gravestones in our church? The practice of marking graves with headstones only started in the 17<sup>th</sup> century, when wealthier members of the community used local stone to mark graves and carve inscriptions for their loved ones. These are the ones which are weathered, covered in lichens and difficult to decipher. By the 19<sup>th</sup> century the fashion for limestone and the whiter colours began, and, by Victorian times, carved marble from Italy showed off wealth and status, with inscriptions often inlaid in lead.

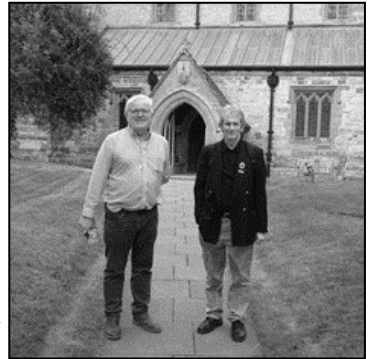
Modern gravestones are often granite, sourced from Europe and Scandinavia and transported by canals, ships and road. Their durable finish gives stonemasons greater scope to carve beautiful lettering.

So next time you find yourself in a graveyard, stop and have a look at the gravestones. See if you can trace the progression of older graves in local stone, to the limestone and marble of the Victorians, to modern day granite; it tells the story of status, fashions, power, wealth, and a global trade in rocks as well as enduring love.



## Blue Badge Guides arrive in Ladbroke

September also saw our long planned visit by a group of 16 Blue Badge Guides from the Heart of England Region. These are professional guides trained to the highest level, so we had to sharpen our brains and remember our history!! No problem. Four of our Ladbroke tour guides were on good form and using our new village trail maps, took small groups round the village and church showing them architecture, stained glass, geology, thatching and told the story of our village and its characters from the Domesday Book to HS2!



We finished in the village hall where the Blue Badge Guides were treated to tea and cakes, and a special presentation by Jackie on the story of Alice and Robert Dudley. They were particularly interested in this story and can add it to their specialist knowledge of our area. Find out more about Alice and Robert in the story we are serialising in the Harbury & Ladbroke News, and tickets are now on sale for the **Meet Lady Alice** evening on 13<sup>th</sup> November. More details on page 18.

If you are looking to take family, friends and relatives out for an inspiring local activity, our guides are available to book for your personalised village tour. Call me on 01926 815196 or email to [nicolalewis1958@gmail.com](mailto:nicolalewis1958@gmail.com)

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

**Jackie West and Nicky Lewis**

## Alice and The Adventurer - Part 2

*With so many people in Alice's story, I thought that outline family trees might help to show how the main characters are related; you'll find it after this month's episode.*

Last time you heard about my childhood, my sister's marriage to Robert Catesby and his untimely end.

By this time I had been married for a few years. Like Kathryn, our father had decided who I was to marry and Robert Dudley was the man he selected. Of course, we all knew about the Dudleys as the father of my chosen husband had been a great favourite with Queen Elizabeth who wouldn't agree to marry



him but didn't want him to marry anyone else. I knew the story that he had married Amy Robsart when they were quite young but she had broken her neck falling downstairs and I heard the speculation about that. Then my future father-in-law got together with Lady Douglas Sheffield, a widow, and my Robert was their child. Robert insisted that his mother and father had been married and, even though they didn't live together, Robert senior acknowledged him as his son.

My fiancé was tall, handsome, an excellent horseman and very clever, being enrolled at Christ Church, Oxford at the age of 14. Because his parents were not living together, his childhood was spent with various families connected with his father although he could see his mother whenever he wanted to. However, she married again and moved to Paris when he was only about six so he never knew a proper home life. He led an expedition to the West Indies when he was 20 and was knighted after he helped to raid Cadiz about two years later. After the death of his father and his Uncle Ambrose, Earl of Warwick, he had inherited Kenilworth Castle and other lands. He was supposed to marry a girl called Frances with Queen Elizabeth's consent but they had to wait as they were deemed to be too young and Frances secretly married someone else and was banned from court. So, at the age of 17, he married Margaret Cavendish but she died without them having a child.

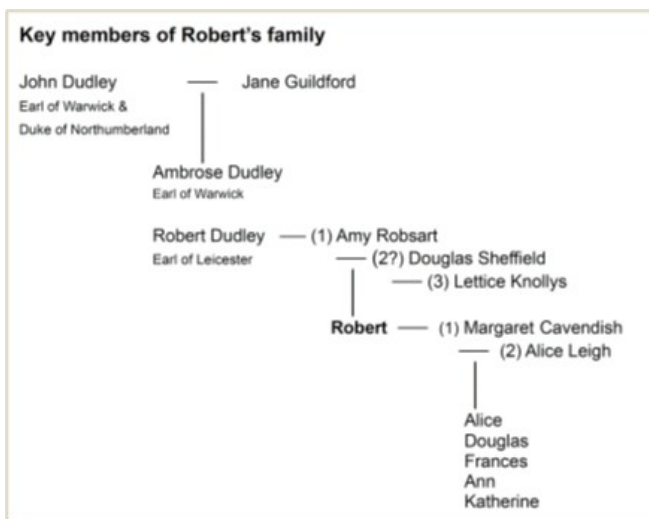
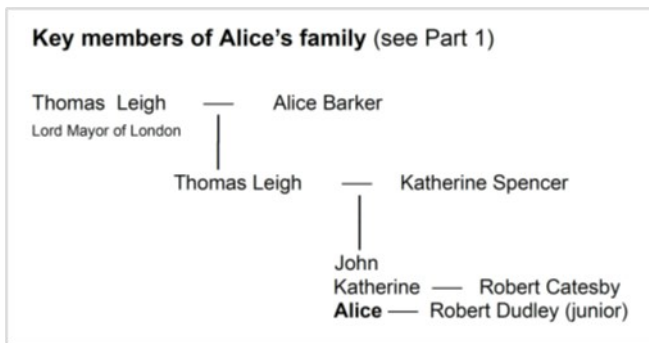
This, then, was my Robert and I was determined to give him the happy life which I felt he had been deprived of until then.

Robert and I were married in the small church at Ashow quite near my home and my mother's sister, Aunt Alice, came to be a witness as well as my parents. What girl could have been happier then? I was married to a brave, handsome, successful courtier, lived in Kenilworth Castle a very short distance from my parents and I was expecting my first baby very soon after we were married. All men hoped for sons but when my little Alice was born, we didn't mind as it was obviously going to be easy for me to produce more and the son would surely be next. I kept hoping pregnancy after pregnancy to have the boy we both wanted so badly but after Alice there was a girl Douglas, then Frances, Anne and Katherine who were all born within five years. I loved my little girls but I was very tired having so many babies in such a short time with the inevitable disappointment at the end of each term.

However, they were all healthy babies and we still had hope but other things started to go wrong. My Robert's father, fed up with Queen Elizabeth's unwillingness to make a permanent commitment to him, had married Lettice Knollys who was a widow and already had several children. This threw the whole question of my husband's legitimacy into question and he fought a long battle in law but there were too many facts against the marriage. For example, how could his mother have married again if she already thought she was married? This then called doubt upon his right to inherit Kenilworth and Warwick. Also, by now Queen Elizabeth had died and King James - a Stuart King - was on the throne and he started looking at our properties.

If we had had sons maybe my Robert would have stayed with me but in 1605 he decided England was no place for him any more so he decided to go abroad - for two years, he told me.

**Next time,** What my Robert did overseas.



**Carol Lane**

## An Evening with Lady Alice Dudley

Lady Alice Dudley cordially invites you to join her on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November in Ladbroke Village Hall. Her 21<sup>st</sup> century friends will greet you with a welcome drink and provide a light supper from 7pm before Lady Alice herself takes centre stage around 8pm. She will recount the story of her life in her own inimitable style, supported by her friends and modern technology.

Tickets £12 available from Carol, tel: 814715, and bring your guineas on the night for the bar!

**Jackie West**



## Teams4U- Love in a Box Shoebox Appeal Update

Hopefully you will have seen my notice in September's issue about this year's appeal.

Anyone who needs an empty shoebox please contact me as I have some spares including flatpack boxes I have purchased from the charity. I have had some kind donations of knitted hats and several small toys so can supply if these are needed.

Further information as always can be found on Teams4u website ([www.teams4u.com](http://www.teams4u.com)) which has a brilliant guide on how to complete a box and methods on how to make a financial donation.

In order for me to get boxes to our local collection point I need them by Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November.

My address is Cherry Trees, School Lane, Ladbroke. CV47 2BU



Tel: 07768 333675 or email [suewright21@googlemail.com](mailto:suewright21@googlemail.com)

Please contact me for any further information or if you need me to collect completed boxes.

As always thank you in advance - all your contributions are really appreciated.

**Sue Wright**



## Report from your District Councillor for Ladbroke

There are two consultations this autumn and both affect how we are to be represented.

Firstly, a review of the present District Council Ward Boundaries was started some time ago - well before talk of a merger with Warwick District. Secondly, the consideration of that merger is the subject of a comprehensive public consultation.

**District Council Ward Boundaries.** Presently there are 36 councillors, down from the 53 there were 10 or so years ago. Broadly, each councillor represents about 2600 electors now, whereas it was 1800 before. There were a number of concerns that the earlier reduction in councillors was too great, resulting in poorer representation, and wards that are too big, with excessive workload that varied widely between wards. The proposed reorganisation was to produce an increase to about 41 councillors. The Boundary Commission has published proposals for public comment between now and **8<sup>th</sup> November 2021**. I would encourage everyone to read what is intended and comment upon it:

<https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/west-midlands/warwickshire/stratford-on-avon>

There are many aspects to the report, but for us, I have great concern for our area's representation. Ladbroke is presently part of the largest ward in the District. As it happens, the one comment I had already made directly to the Boundary Commission is one that has been taken on board. In the first round of comments I suggested Ladbroke fitted better with Harbury/Bishops, than say Napton/Shuckburgh as now. That said, in overall terms this proposal makes matters much worse, with a new giant ward that stretches almost to Banbury in the south, and the M40 Junction at Gaydon in the west. The giant ward would have two councillors instead of one, but Ladbroke (with Harbury) only one.

Given the objective of the review - to make better democratic connections, ease and even out work load etc, one wonders what has gone wrong.

Warwick and Stratford will be taken by the two Councils in December. To inform this decision, information has been published at [www.southwarwickshire.org.uk](http://www.southwarwickshire.org.uk) and a public consultation will run until **24<sup>th</sup> October 2021**. I would also encourage everyone to have a look at this and respond please. (One linkage with the previous part of my report above is that these proposals will increase the size of wards that District councillors are to represent.) However, there are many other significant matters to consider. My personal preference would be to work towards achieving a single Unitary Council for South Warwickshire, taking over the functions of both county and district and strengthening work at a parish level. This is unlikely at the present time because it would require central government approval - so I hope the combined South Warwickshire District would be a stepping stone towards this. However, I want to know what people think, so I would appreciate hearing people's comments directly as well.

**HS2.** On 23<sup>rd</sup> September our local area was visited by Andrew Stephenson the Minister responsible for HS2, in the company of Jeremy Wright MP. Whilst it was positive that he came, very little time was allocated and Mr Stephenson could only listen to the significant range of complaints thrown at him, by a combination of local elected representatives. I thought the comments from local councillors were useful, clear and objective - but robust. Unsurprisingly, no answers were forthcoming, despite him saying the Prime Minister had charged him with making sure that local communities were not disadvantaged by HS2 more than necessary, and that he was committed to this. Whilst I supported other councillors' messages on the history of complaints, I made clear I wanted to see a change in future. Cllr Louis Adam (Long Itchington) and I repeated our request for an independent enforcement body to investigate and control the more questionable activities of HS2 such as unilateral changes that affected the environment and local communities. Road diversion and hedge removal were cited as examples.

**Nigel Rock**  
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

### Dear Editors

*My husband and I have lived in Radbourne Lane, Ladbroke for in excess of 36 years, and in the last few years dog fouling in the lane has become more prevalent. There are dog fouling restrictions in Ladbroke itself, but that doesn't mean that our lane should be used as a dog toilet! We have had black plastic bags filled with dog excrement left on the grass outside of our property, which we have then had to dispose of. If people have dogs they should be prepared to clean up after them, and take the excrement home with them. The dogs have been using the grass verges as toilets, and when you have to get onto the verge because of tractors/cars etc., you could well stand in one of these nasty, smelly piles. It would be good if those that let their dogs foul, would think about it and clean up after their dogs.*

*If anyone in the village or surrounding area have been and still are suffering from the atrociously strong smell from the local intensive pig breeding unit at Chapel Ascot Farm, please ring 0800 80 70 60, which is the Environment Agency 24hr hot line, to report it.*

**A. Walker (Mrs)**

**R. Walker**



## 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**

### September 2021 Meeting Report

Back to its usual place in the Village Hall, the Parish Councillors faced a small number of parishioners for their September meeting.

### Public Participation

A couple of parishioners from Deppers Bridge, were present to explain to the Councillors their development plans. Their application was to change "an eyesore at the bottom of the garden" to a holiday let. The applicants explained that it would be built on the existing footprint of the old building; have no impact on trees or wildlife and it had the neighbours' support. Chairman Tim Lockley explained that the Councillors did not make decisions - they could only comment on planning applications.

### Other Organisations

**Community Libraries** such as ours had been praised for their efforts in the pandemic and now their extended hours of opening.

**The Village Hall** had more refurbishments to be undertaken. Bookings were increasing. There had been some adverse comments on brightness of the safety lighting.

**Conference on Climate Change** - Julie Balch would attend. The Harbury Energy Initiative was to provide more information on the Global Energy Initiative and what residents could do to help reduce our carbon footprint. She asked the Cllrs what they would like to hear from the Energy Initiative on this matter.

## **Reports from County and District Councils**

**Harbury Lane and the Fosseyway Junction** - Cllr Gibb was concerned that the work there to make the junction safer was still to be done. The delays were not acceptable, as these improvements were promised to happen three years ago. Cllr Gibb complained that the County had missed the opportunity to do the work this summer.

## **Planning**

The Cllrs discussed the Deppers Bridge application. Cllr Gibb pointed out that there had been no objections from the neighbours. The Chairman was concerned as to whether a "Holiday Let" could be changed into a full time dwelling in future and sold off separately. Cllr Allen and Cllr Rutherford suggested the application was contrary to the Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Balch pointed out that the applicants needed to do something with the building. After considerable discussion the Council took Cllr Allen's advice and objected to the proposed development.

Plans for a two storey extension at 17 Manor Road and extensions at 6 Percival Drive were quickly agreed on - both had "No Representations" from the Council.

There was longer discussion on plans for another solar array on Eastfields Farm at Deppers Bridge. Local residents who had commented were in favour of the project. Cllr Gibb said the Parish Council should make sure that the construction vehicles adhered to the proposed traffic management plan.

## **Amalgamation plans for Warwick and Stratford districts**

Chairman Tim Lockley was "broadly in favour" if it would really save money and did not cut, but enhance services. Cllr Chris Kettle explained that the districts had to have a five year plan and save £8 million either by increasing Council Tax; by removing "discretionary" services; or demanding more tax from residents. He said the amalgamation would protect rural areas.

Chairman Tim Lockley would draft a response to the plans for his colleagues to consider.

## **Environment**

Residents of Butt Lane and Bush Heath Road wanted the Councillors to consider undertaking a feasibility survey on traffic speeds. The Chairman was

in favour but thought that Deppers Bridge should also be re-surveyed at the same time.

Cllrs did not think that suggestions from a resident that there should be parking restrictions on High Street of one hour, would be viable or enforceable. They agreed that more “No Idling” signs should be obtained - to be placed where appropriate.

It was agreed that the Scouts and potentially, other volunteers, could be responsible for planting the trees which Colin Sheasby, their tree surgeon, had advised were most suitable for a Feldon village.

District Cllr Jacqui Harris complained about the poor (or lack) of communication from HS2. She thought that our MP and his party were concerned about the “horrible stories” which continued to emerge about HS2 and its impacts on the environment.

She pledged to continue to complain about the anti-social behaviour of one household on Oakfields Estate, which was “not pleasant for other residents”, who had suffered for 12-15 months. There was no response or representation from the Police so she was lobbying the Police and Crime Commissioner for Warwickshire - Phillip Seccombe. Cllr Balch thanked her for her efforts on the behaviour problem. More pressure is needed to get the Police and/or Orbit Housing to do something about the antisocial behaviour.

## **Properties**

The Energy Project. Plans to reposition the site for the turbine on the playing field, away from the trees, were not opposed but it was noted that this would increase its visibility. There were issues about costs and VAT relating to the agreement of Fields in Trust to be considered.

**Cemetery** - There was, at present, no written policy on people reserving burial plots, and almost all of the plots had now been taken or reserved. Indeed they were down to their last row, the Clerk informed Cllrs and she had sold six reserved spaces since January. So there were just a few spaces left alongside the Park Lane back gardens.

The Clerk would write a policy on plot allocations which would prohibit plots being bought on speculation and also control the purchase of double plots. The Clerk had previously highlighted the results of testing existing memorials for safety and wanted a decision on whether the Council should employ someone to lay down those thought to be dangerous. It was not completely clear whether they had the authority to do this. As yet they had not had information about the cost of the proposed tree planting in the Cemetery which was scheduled for July.

The Winter Lights would be switched on at 4pm on 27<sup>th</sup> November. There would be market stalls, with food and drink, a light trail, lanterns for Children and possibly a Lantern Workshop. New lights would cost £2,832 and there could be other expenses for fixing them.

## Finance and General Purposes

Budget Report, Bank Reconciliation, note on Audit, Age Limitation on personal accident cover for Cllrs (Janet Thornley found herself left out - being over the age limit!). This also could affect volunteers working in the Cemetery.

## Reports and Questions

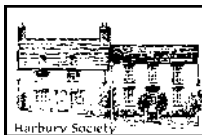
Cllr Thornley had contacted the Surgery about their long waiting times and she wanted the Councillors to note that the surgery does not necessarily do face to face meetings with patients.

Cllr Ekins had issues about the previous Bonfire where the tractor was only available until 3pm, after which cars were used - damaging the grass. He wanted the volunteers to use only suitable vehicles.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

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

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



## Harbury Society

**Sue Turner**

As from this month, October, Harbury Society meetings will once again be held in the Tom Hauley Room. In order to ensure the safety of members and visitors, seats will need to be reserved in advance on a first come, first served basis. Please contact Sue Turner, Membership Secretary, on 07917 055920 or email [sue@turners.co.uk](mailto:sue@turners.co.uk)



**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October - 7.30pm - AGM** (postponed from 2020).  
A talk by Gordon Robbins - 'The Honey Bee and Beekeeping - What's the Buzz?' The aim is to raise people's awareness of honey bees. The perfect opportunity to listen to a very topical talk whilst enjoying a glass of wine and some fine cheeses.

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November - 7.30pm** - A presentation by Linda Doyle - 'Medieval Deserted Villages Around Ladbroke'. A fascinating insight into the deserted medieval village sites of Radbourne, Hodnell with Wills Pastures, Ascote and Watergall.

We very much look forward to welcoming back members and visitors to these events both of which will be conforming to the Covid guidelines in force at that time.





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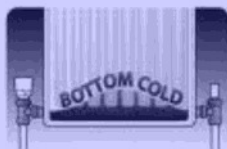
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## Harbury Women's Institute

Mary Thompson

Members of Harbury WI have been so pleased to resume more normal activities in September.

On 8<sup>th</sup> September eight members and two husbands enjoyed a walking quiz in Warwick organised by Ann. The sun shone and we discovered things in Warwick that none of us knew about. We enjoyed afternoon tea in the Brethren's kitchen at the Lord Leycester Hospital where the scones can be highly recommended.

Our meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> September started on a note of sadness when Ann rang a bell in memory of two longstanding members who had passed away since we last met - Kath Mancell and Dorothy Groves.

Jane Barnes came to talk to us, on her third attempt, about the farm she helps run in Somerby, Melton Mowbray. Jane came from a dairy farming family and met her husband, Mark, through Young Farmers. Jane was a very amusing speaker and remarked that on her first visit to the farm she met the cows before Mark's parents! She clearly loves her life and expressed concern that there were 76,000 dairy farms in the 1950s and now there are 8,000. She was so pleased to see the Milk Shed as she drove through Harbury.

Jane and Mark's son, Henry, is now leading the development of the farm. He attended a farming boarding school and then agricultural college where he experienced working on two very different farms. The original farm is in the village but they have now developed a new farm on the edge of the village where they have a new shed with a 1.3 acre roof. The farm has Ayrshires and Friesians and Jane described the process of the birth and weaning of calves. As well as helping with the calves, Jane deals with the finance and office work. She also gives talks and arranges guided talks on the farm. Jane is now looking forward to having a new farmhouse on the developing farm.

The milk is used by Long Cawston Dairy where they make award winning Stilton cheese - members were able to purchase some cheese. Jane was an excellent speaker and we enjoyed her visit.

We were so pleased to welcome a good audience to the cinema on 18<sup>th</sup> September, in spite of the late change of film. The next cinema in the Village Hall is on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October when the film is Nomadland. Tickets can be purchased at the chemist - numbers are again limited so don't leave it too late to buy them.

We held our Harvest Supper on 24<sup>th</sup> September when members and partners ate a delicious meal provided by members; well done to Lin who organised the catering. The speaker was Duncan Nealon who described his experience on the Marathon Des Sables which he completed in 2018. This is a race across the Sahara described as the "toughest footrace on earth". Duncan described the training which took over his life and was very dependent on the

patience of his wife Lucy and children Millie and Ted. He had to carry all his equipment and food (2,000 calories per day). He kept his pack weight to 8.5kg plus 1.5kg of water. Local residents may have seen Duncan running round Deppers Bridge and Harbury; he also spent hours on a tread mill at home surrounded by heaters. When they were on the Sahara they ran five marathons on Days 1, 2, 3 and 6 also 86.2km on Day 4 when it was 50C. Duncan showed us incredible photographs and videos of an event he was determined to finish. Duncan came 424<sup>th</sup> out of 977 starters. Duncan left us with the thought "run the mile you are in" - something we've all had to do over the last 18 months.



Duncan is running the London Marathon on 3<sup>rd</sup> October raising money for meningitis research; we were pleased to donate money towards this cause.

At our next meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> October we look forward to welcoming Harbury resident Joe Greenwell talking about his year as High Sheriff of Warwickshire. Visitors and new members are most welcome.



## Harbury Theatre Group

**Geoff Allen & Keith Hayes**

At long last we have a Pantomime in rehearsal. It's been a rocky road to get to this point, watching the news and waiting for our country's leaders to lift the restrictions, reading script after script to find a good quality one, not too complicated for a group as small as ours and one with enough people in it to accommodate all those who have shown interest.

We thought we had one but still we had problems, several people cast in major parts who then had to drop out, scouring the village to find replacements, a change of director because of illness. It has been tough, leaving some of us wondering why we are doing this. But here we are, six rehearsals in and still moving forward. It may still be on a knife edge but at least we are progressing.



The Pantomime we finally decided on is Aladdin by David Swan. (Oh yes it is) A good well written traditional panto full of all the flamboyant costumes, rubbish jokes, Panto caricatures, and silly "he's behind you" scenes expected by our audience and, I am glad to say, embraced with glee by the cast.

So let's make it work. Our Musical Director has already put in hours of work over the last few weeks and now it's time for the rest of the back stage team to step forward.

There are props to collect. Scenery to make and paint. A sedan chair, a bath on wheels, and a mobile chip shop to make (amongst other things). Costumes to find and make (including a duck costume). Countless sound effects to put together ready to be transmitted at the correct time, and special effects to be worked out and simplified to match our limited resources.

Putting on a Pantomime is not an easy task and is not for the faint-hearted but we have done it before and I am sure we can do it again.

So, what we will need next is an audience. Make a note on your calendars for **25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> November**. See you there.



## Harbury Twinning Association

Tony Thomas



After 18 long months we are up and running again or more correctly bouling. On Sunday afternoon on the 29<sup>th</sup> August, thanks to the hospitality and kindness of Celia Neil, who provided her drive, garage forecourt and beautiful garden for 23 members to enjoy a pleasant afternoon of Boules (Pétanque if you prefer to use its other name) followed by tea and cakes.

Ron Temple, who had arranged for Prosecco to be available at reception was introduced to the members at the start of the Boules Tournament as their future Chairman, that is providing they vote for him at the November AGM.

Andrew Patrick organised the Boules Tournament by splitting us up into six teams by drawing lots. Each team was given the name of a French singer and we each played one round against each of the other teams. The team which had scored the most points overall, Team Django, shown below was judged to be the winners and were presented with the Robin Barns Cup by Ron Temple who is on the left in the photograph.

Tea and a wonderful selection of cakes, brought by the members, followed cementing the end of a joyous afternoon.

On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September June and David Eaves invited us to their new home in Ridgley Way for a Twinning Association lunch. June and David have for a number of years kindly hosted our Fete des Rois parties in January, which of course we have not been able to hold since January 2020. 39 members



enjoyed a cold lunch and dessert, on a lovely warm afternoon, from the selection of foodstuffs brought by the members.

We plan to hold another French film evening in October. At the time of going to press we have yet to fix the date.

	<h2 style="margin: 0;">Harbury Heritage Centre</h2> <p style="text-align: right; margin: 0;"><b>Bill Timson</b></p>
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I mentioned in a previous article that Pirie Close was named after Julia Pirie who was born in Harbury and went on to have a career working for MI5. However, whilst her father Allan Grant Pirie lived in Harbury when Julia was born; it is her Uncle James Pirie who had the greater links with Harbury and whom Pirie Close is named after. My thanks to Celia Barrett and John Holden who did their research in greater detail than me!

In April 1993 Celia Barrett published the article below on Dr James Pirie in the Harbury & Ladbroke News.

### Why Pirie Close?

Dr Pirie lived at Ashton House, Harbury, and started practice here towards the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. He had a surgery twice daily, but mornings only on Saturday and Sunday. He made home visits every day come hail, rain or shine, mostly driven by his chauffeur George Savage. His greatest pleasure was the St. John's Ambulance Brigade, to which he devoted a great deal of his time, and in which he held the title County Surgeon. He had an ambulance dedicated to him, but this has long gone.



**Ashton House, Station Road, Harbury**  
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For a number of years, he ran a colony near Deppers Bridge for the treatment of Tuberculosis, where the patients could be kept in isolation. It consisted of a number of shelters, some revolving, a hospital building, recreation room, kitchen, bathroom, surgery linen room, nurses' room, doctors' room, secretaries' room, stores etc. He was well known in his profession for the success he achieved in this field, having had several papers published in the Medical Journal, and received letters from all over the world regarding the success of his research and treatment of Tuberculosis.

When holidaying in Scotland, the land of his birth, he was able to render some assistance to King George V at Fochabers Castle in Morayshire. Then



again later on during the King's last illness. He was decorated by the Duke of Gloucester at Holyrood Palace, Edinburgh, with the 'Order of St. John', for his work. After serving throughout the 1914-1918 war he dedicated his life to his patients. In his surgery hung this amusing little rhyme:

*"The stork is a bird with a great big bill,  
He brings his presents where he will.  
Then comes the doctor and when he's through,  
You may find he's got a big bill too."*



**Dr James Pirie**

Few people found the last line true in his case. Dr Pirie died at Harbury on 4<sup>th</sup> August 1947, and is buried in Ufton churchyard.

### **Celia Barrett**



**Dr James Pirie's grave in Ufton**

It is not clear when Dr Pirie came to Harbury but he is recorded as living in Ashton House in the 1901 Census. His brother Allan Grant Pirie moved to Ashton House in 1918 and his daughter Julia was born there the same year. Allan Pirie died from wounds suffered in WW1 on the 30<sup>th</sup> April 1923 and is also buried in Ufton Churchyard. On the 24<sup>th</sup> November 1923 his widow Elizabeth and the five year old Julia set sail for India and settled there.

Further details of Allan Grant Pirie are available on the Parish Council Website - WW1 Memorial Trail pages.

Julia Pirie lived in India until the outbreak of WW2 when she returned to England and joined the Auxiliary Territorial Service. She served in France and Germany after D-Day and on leaving the forces went to be personal assistant to the Duchess of Atholl. She was at some point approached by MI5 and asked to infiltrate the UK Communist party working as a typist, eventually becoming personal assistant to the party General Secretary. She retired from active operations in the 1990s but carried on giving lectures to MI5 trainees. Up to her death in 2008 Julia continued to receive a pension from the Communist Party. As far as we are aware she did not return to Harbury.

**John Holden**

**AGM:** The AGM of the Harbury Heritage Group takes place at **7.30pm on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October** at the Heritage Centre in the school grounds - entrance via Park Lane.

We are looking for **new** members to get involved and come and be custodians of the Harbury Archives. It is not a demanding task and you will learn a lot more about your village. Young or old you are most welcome.

**Call Bill Timson on 01926 713389 or email [group@harburyheritage.org.uk](mailto:group@harburyheritage.org.uk) if you would like to get involved; or come along to the AGM!**



**2022 Calendar:** Once again our wonderful group of local artists have agreed to give their time and expertise to paint local scenes that have been reproduced in a useful calendar. An ideal gift for friends and family as Christmas approaches. Last year we made a donation of **£500 to Myton Hospice** at a time when their fundraising was curtailed due to the pandemic. We hope to make a similar donation this year but we need to sell the calendars first! **The cost is once again £7.50.** If you would like to order one or more please read the 'flyer' in this edition of the Harbury and Ladbroke News. **The calendars will be available from the end of October.**

**Open Days in October:** We are open to visitors on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> 7pm until 9pm** and **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 2pm until 4pm.**



## Guides and Scouts Support

**G.A.S.S. Committee**



We are very happy to announce that after a very quiet year away, GASS (Guides and Scouts Support) in conjunction with All Saints Church will be returning to host the Harbury Bonfire & Fireworks celebration of Guy Fawkes Night on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November**. We hope you will join us and help to raise much needed funds for all our village uniformed groups.

In order to host the event safely this year, we will be running a one-way system at the gates serving hot drinks only, however, local street vendors will be serving hot food in the car park all evening and kindly donating a share of their profits to GASS.

- Gates open at 5.30pm, access will be via the Village Hall entrances **ONLY**.
- For safety reasons, members of the public are not permitted to enter from behind the bonfire and through the firework display area so the **gate to Ridgley way will be locked.**



- The bonfire will be lit at 6pm, fireworks display at 6.30pm. Arrive in plenty of time to buy your food and hot drinks and make your way across the field.
- Entrance will be £5.00 for adults, £3.00 for children (under 3 go free) at the Constance Drive gate.
- Fast track tickets may be bought in advance allowing priority access to buy hot drinks from the South Parade gate.
- Tickets will be on sale at Harbury Pharmacy and Harbury Village Library from early October until Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.
- On the night, there will be the opportunity to purchase mulled wine and hot chocolate from the hatch at the Village Hall and local food sellers will be situated in the car park.

**Save up your bonfire materials and let GASS collect them from your door!**

We will also be running our garden refuse/wood collection service, find all the details and application form overleaf (more forms available from the Harbury Library).

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

### Caught in waiting rooms

I think that I have mentioned before that developing a project of any complexity requires quite a lot of being in mental waiting rooms, waiting for legal permissions and consents, waiting for sign off, waiting for decisions. Tai Chi helps (or it might be Yoga for you). Fundraising is just one part of that but with the Harbury Future Energy EV charging station project we haven't even reached that stage yet. However, we have just ended one important and nervous wait with a long and relieved exhalation of breath. Thanks to the hard work of our Parish Clerk in completing the relevant detailed application form we now at long last have the consent of Fields in Trust to make the changes, subject, of course, to the next required permission - for Planning Consent. That will be another wait. These are important barriers to indiscriminate development, so we must respect them.

And another wait might soon be over as we wait for the Coventry Diocese decision on our plans for the church. As you will have read in reports by me and others in this magazine, it has required a high degree of faith to believe that we would ever get permission to bring modern low energy heating to our church. The Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) meet this month and there are signs that we might have won over key critics of our plan. HEI has played its part in these discussions although the vital technical information has come from industry experts working with the church Fabric Committee.

With DAC consent we can move on to the next phase, which is fund raising. More waiting!



## GASS fundraiser garden refuse and scrap wood collection service



All donations of garden rubbish and other wooden items, such as fence posts, pallets, shed panels, benches will be gratefully received and collected **from your door** by our team of volunteer bonfire builders.

- Complete and cut out the slip below or message your details on the GASS Facebook page @GASSHarbury
- Take your slip and a **generous** donation to Harbury Village Library or 5 Park Lane before Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November.
- Leave your pile of bonfire material within easy reach of the roadside by 9am on the morning of Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November.
- **No** metal, soft furnishings, rubber, glass, plastic/melamine coated chipboard etc.
- **Apply early to avoid disappointment!**

**Please do NOT deliver to the Village Hall car park or playing field yourselves as it may cause danger or obstruction and slow down our carefully planned operation.**

**Please do NOT leave any valuable wood near your bonfire wood OR label it clearly AND tell our wood collectors ON THIS BONFIRE SLIP.**

Call 07770 704056 with any queries or message @GASSHarbury on Facebook.

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### **GASS fundraiser garden refuse and scrap wood collection service slip**

*Thank you for your donation and for supporting our uniformed youth groups.*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TEL: \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE & APPROX VOLUME OF MATERIAL: \_\_\_\_\_

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I am a UK Taxpayer and I give permission for my details to be used to apply for Gift Aid

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## ***Harbury Energy Initiative continued from page 31.....***

### **Catching some rays**

Most of you will have seen the consultation document for the planned solar farm at Deppers Bridge. This has now gone forward to a planning application. Some time ago a couple of us had an opportunity to discuss the plans with the installation team. We were impressed by the degree of concern from the company to take an opportunity to improve habitats within the scheme area, allow footpaths, new hedging, wildflowers and bee hives. There are very few places from which the solar farm will be visible making this almost ideal. It is reasonable to be concerned about loss of agricultural land but this is not high grade land. In addition, unlike a housing development, solar installations can be removed. If we are to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels at the rate necessary to avoid serious consequences, we need this technology. I am hoping that Harbury and Deppers Bridge residents will be able to develop a longstanding and beneficial relationship with the owners of this installation.

There is another scheme, of which you may be aware, in development between the Southam/Leamington Road, the Fosse and Middle Road. This has not yet been submitted for planning. Again, two of us had an opportunity to speak online to the two companies developing this large installation. The scheme will not be without impact but we believe that it is a good (and vitally needed) project, once again focusing on environmental improvements and, as a requirement from the farmer owning the land, will allow livestock farming by raising the panels high enough for sheep to graze.

### **Catching attention**

The experience HEI has gained since 2010 in developing successful projects has not gone unnoticed. Very recently I was invited to speak in Birmingham at the David Middleton Sustainability Conference about the work of HEI and the various separate initiatives that have since emerged from it. Also on the programme was Jonathan Porritt, rather better known than me and more likely to be part of the reason for 200 delegates attending. This month I am running some workshops on community and sustainable transport as part of a two day conference for the Warwickshire Association of Local Councillors. Parallel workshops will be run by others, including by Jacky Lawrence, a fellow Steering Group member of the Low Carbon Warwickshire Network, which was founded by HEI and which quickly led to the formation of Napton Environmental Action Team, of which Jacky is also a founding member.

If you want to be part of this active HEI team, just ask. We aren't an exclusive group and everyone is welcome. It's our collective future; we would love you to help shape it with us. In Jonathan Porritt's view, based on conclusive science, we have about ten years to make radical changes to almost every aspect of our lives in order to avoid catastrophic and irreversible changes to the global climate. We can at least work on this locally together as a community.



## Harbury e-Wheels

**Bob Sherman**

✉ [harburyewheels@gmail.com](mailto:harburyewheels@gmail.com)  [www.harburyenergy.co.uk](http://www.harburyenergy.co.uk)

### Be part of it!

We are still looking for someone to join our volunteer coordinator team to enable e-Wheels to operate smoothly. Provided that you have moderate IT skills, a computer and don't have recurrent nightmares at the thought of typing information into a spreadsheet, you shouldn't find it difficult. We will show you what to do anyway. You would be volunteering once every six weeks for a week of 'duty', supported as much as you want to be until you feel confident.

Harbury e-Wheels is a highly valued volunteer service and the envy of other communities. We cannot run it without volunteers. Please do think about joining this very friendly and mutually supportive team. Talk to me, talk to Janny, talk to one of the other volunteers.

### Two events supporting e-Wheels (and the Recipe Book now online!)

**'Travels with Tottle' - A new specially curated instructive, amusing and educational trip around the World.**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm in the Harbury Village Library**

This event will showcase a selection of Hugh Tottle's best photographs (and a couple of videos) taking us on a short tour around the world. He will bring them to life with anecdotes behind the photos from his travels. Then (after a break for refreshments) he will produce five key photos for discussion on why they work, as well as pointers on composition and lighting.

**Tickets £7.50 each** (including a glass of wine or a soft drink). Available from Harbury Village Library **from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September** (early booking advised as capacity is limited) or online (plus small booking fee):

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/hvlbc/travels-with-tottle/2021-10-13/19:30/t-gqqmxa>

**'Murder at Raymondo's' - By popular demand another John Stringer brain teaser.**

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in the Harbury Village Library**

Set in a French restaurant in a county town, we will examine the credentials and alibis of Alphonse Dubonnet (the maître d'), Suzi Croissant (head chef), Wayne Twitcher (sous chef), Greg Quantock (barman) and Florence Black (wife of the owner), guided by Chief Inspector Peter Watson.

**Tickets £7.50 each** (including a glass of wine or a soft drink). Available from Harbury Village Library **from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October** (early booking advised as capacity is limited) or online (plus small booking fee):

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/hvlbc/e-zrmbmx>

### **Eating with e-Wheels now online!**



### **A Feast of a Book**

Now available to buy in the Harbury Village Library is a beautifully designed recipe book called 'Eating with e-Wheels'.

As it says on the cover, it is to help support and fund this local charity. Only £10 a copy from the Library or online: <https://hvlbc.sumup.link/category/community/eating-with-ewheels>

There are more than 50 imaginative recipes chosen as the favourites of e-Wheels supporters in five sections (Starters, Main Meat, Main Vegetarian,

Puddings, Cakes and Biscuits) illustrated with colourful photos.

Not only will you be supporting the charity but you will be ahead on your Christmas shopping - makes a great gift for the people you just do not know what to buy!

**Peter Walshe**

	<h2><b>Harbury Rugby Football Club</b></h2> <p><b>Steve Kittendorf</b></p>
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Following the aftermath of the illegal encampment, the Committee discussed the various options available needed to improve security at the Club's entrance. George and Ian Mann immediately placed large concrete free standing wall panels as a temporary measure to minimise vehicular access. The Committee subsequently agreed that a number of "pop up security bollards" be installed directly behind the existing gates. This work will be undertaken during October.

Rugby training has continued on Tuesday and Thursday nights. Ladies Touch also train every Thursday from 7.00pm to 8.30pm. Linno (Ben Linnet) and Neil Stevens have been running a bar after training with attendances growing each week and "last orders" getting called progressively later each week. Beer supplies have certainly increased dramatically throughout September.

A pre-season home match was played on September 11 against Banbury with Harbury running out winners 38-17. Several new players ran out for their first competitive match in a Harbury shirt. Whilst Hendry had got them turning

in an impressive performance it was not without collecting a few casualties due to the hard ground. A couple of beers afterwards in the Clubroom had an anesthetising effect on some of the bumps and bruises. The lads then moved on up to The Gamecock in the village where £550 was raised towards the recent cost of bailiffs.



The preliminary round of the Junior Vase was held the following week with Harbury hosting Biggleswade. Due to injuries and unavailability, a very different side took to the field and soon found themselves on the back foot with the visitor's winger running in a couple of tries. The second half continued in much the same vein and with ten minutes to go, Harbury ran out of steam and Biggleswade ran in three converted tries to win 3-38.

The first League match of the season was held against Kings Norton on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Despite not being able to field a consistent side, Harbury dominated most phases of play claiming a try bonus point win 29-0.

The Cricket season closed at the end of August with home sides Coventry Blues finishing top of Division 5 and Kenilworth 3<sup>rd</sup>s topping Division 6.

The shipping container was insulated and boarded out during September and work continues connecting up the electricity supply, fitting sockets and lights.

The Mini and Juniors have had a great first few weeks of the season that has seen Coventry RFC players taking over training and our U14s doing an awesome job in a Worcester Warriors Academy Development Day, so lots going on! We are now moving into our fixtures with the first few weeks seeing us face Alcester, Leamington, Shipston and Berkswell & Balsall, everyone is raring to go.

Our colts team, The Hawks, are working on forming a Barbarians team with some of the other local clubs having had two joint training sessions the last two weeks, hopefully building up to some future fixtures.

Any players keen to see what it is all about at Harbury RFC are welcome to come along and try it out, just contact Phil at [sheepy226@virginmedia.com](mailto:sheepy226@virginmedia.com)  
Keep Safe.



## Harbury Tennis Club

**Colin Mercer**

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

September's weather was a bonus after a disappointing August and the club's social sessions have been well attended. Plenty of non-members have used the online booking system, so the courts have been busy, a welcome contrast to 2020, and long may it continue!

All three teams playing in the Banbury Summer Leagues have completed their fixtures. The "A" team played their last Division 2 match against Brackley "A" needing four points to avoid relegation, with the visitors needing five points to be crowned champions.

***Tennis Club continues on page 41***



## Harbury Village Show - September 2021



Judging 10 x 3 egg Victoria Sandwich Cakes (It's a tough job, but somebody has to do it!)





# Harbury Vi Septeml

Photos taken by: Sheila B





# Village Show September 2021

Murtt and Gordon Robbins



# Harbury Village Show - September 2021



## ***Tennis Club Report continued from page 36.....***



It turned out to be a very tense evening for Helen, Emma, Jane, Josh, Ben and Adam and it wasn't settled until the final match. Ben and Josh were taken to a tie-break but finished strongly to win the crucial fourth point and avoid the drop in our first full season in Division 2! The 5-4 overall win for Brackley meant both teams went home happy. Special mention should be made of Ben and Adam who won all six of the matches they played

together. After the match we said farewell to Adam who joined the club as one of our first Junior members and is now moving to a club nearer his home.

The "B" team's winning run in Division 4 continued with Jane, Jeunine, Katy, Ed, Dan, and David defeating Deddington 7-2 in their penultimate match of the summer. That meant two points were needed in the final match against Banbury West End "D" to finish the season as runners-up. Clare, Jeunine, Katy, Ed, James and Maka duly obliged and despite losing a hard fought match by 4-5 the runners-up spot was secured!



The final summer weekend tennis was an away match at Towcestersians. With the occasional roar of motorbikes from the MotoGP at nearby Silverstone, Eira, Helen, Nigel, and Colin managed a comfortable 7-1 win. It puts us into second place with others below having matches to play, but four wins, one draw and three defeats is a satisfying outcome.

Overall, it was a really successful summer for the teams and very encouraging for the future that 27 people played at least one match, quite a few playing for the first time. For the winter season we have entered three teams in the floodlit league, another first, and one in the weekend format.

The Autumn coaching programme delivered by Coolsportz coaches, Lianne, Adam, and Scott, has started again and is going well. We're going into Harbury School again this term and Scott is delivering an LTA Youth Start course to year 4 pupils, fun starter sessions for children who have never played tennis before. For details of the coaching available please contact Lianne on 07919 104093 or [lianne@coolsportz.co.uk](mailto:lianne@coolsportz.co.uk)





## Harbury Toddler Group

Lynne Barton

### Hello from everyone at Toddlers.

We have had three sessions so far this term and have been pleased to welcome some new faces along with some familiar ones. The sessions run on Mondays from 9.30am to 11.15am and are open to anyone who feels like dropping in with their toddler for a play, coffee and a chat.

We have been lucky enough to have some amazing visitors join our sessions. Deb came along with her den building materials, the children enjoyed exploring and experimenting in the spaces. Deb brought her 'magic carpets' and finished the session taking the children on a 'ride' over the Harbury countryside!



Miss Lorraine from Love Ballet Company joined us for two sessions and engaged the children in lots of movement, dancing and singing.

A **huge** thank you goes to Rachel from Rhythm Time Mid Warwickshire who stepped in to help when we were particularly short of staff. She also did a brilliant session of songs, rhymes and chase the bubbles!

The incidence of Covid in the village is still having an impact and families and staff are all dealing with its effects. To keep everyone as safe as we can we continue to use hand sanitisers and antibacterial surface wipes. We keep both doors open to maximise ventilation and parents and volunteers can wear masks if they choose to.

## Summary

Thanks to all who have supported us this term, let your friends and families know we are back, we look forward to seeing you all.

Love from Lynne, Selina, Reg, Suzi and Judi



## Harbury Pre-School

Staff & Committee



**Picnic:** The end of the last academic year culminated in our traditional Teddy Bears' Picnic at Harbury Park,

with all the children and their parents/carers.

Although the weather was a bit too hot for our parachute games and planned fun run, a lovely time was still had by all. We found a shady spot to eat our lunches while the children enjoyed playing on the park equipment.



It was a lovely end to the year and we hope that our 2021 leavers are all settling well into their new schools.

**New Term:** We have welcomed seven new starters this Autumn term and they have already slotted in nicely with our returning children.

The first few weeks have been spent settling the children and introducing them to our Pre-School routines. Thanks to Tapestry, the parents were able to upload photos of what their children have been up to over the summer into their electronic learning journals. The children have been excited to see their photos on the iPad and they have provided an excellent talking point for us when the children are sharing their holiday news during circle times.

**Library:** Due to restrictions, our regular visits to the Library with the children were temporarily paused last year. We are particularly happy to have started to make a few impromptu visits with the children again.

The children walked beautifully with an adult and we sat quietly in the children's area to look at a few books of the children's choosing.

**Plants:** We weren't sure how our plants would fare over the summer but they seem to have thrived. We have returned to some huge cucumbers, multiple green tomatoes and a sprinkling of apples on the tree! The children always enjoy taking care of our plants and flowers; noticing when they are wilting and watering them with their watering cans.

We have quite a crop of cucumbers and tomatoes which the children have enjoyed for their daily snack.



## Forthcoming Events

### Speed Quiz: Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2021

All welcome. If you haven't been to a Speed Quiz before, they are a lot of fun. Come along, give it a try and support Harbury Pre-School at the same time!

### Harbury Pre-School AGM: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2021

All welcome at our AGM. We are a committee-led Pre-School and our members do a fantastic job at fundraising and supporting the Pre-School. We are hoping to recruit some new members from within the community. You do not need to be a current or past parent but if you have an interest and would like to get involved, we would love to hear from you.

*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.*



Despite a very challenging year for fundraising, in the last school year we managed to raise £8235 with the support of the village. In particular, thank you to the Harbury Market organisers who donated the profits, and allowed us to provide refreshments - we raised a whopping £1800 from the five markets we attended. A massive thank you to them, and to everyone who took any part in our events, including that delicious curry in March!

The money we raise goes directly to the children to enrich their learning environment. Since January, we have granted the school £1,500 to purchase iPads for use in classrooms, £250 for a renovation of the infant forest area and £718 for an interactive science day for the children.

The lottery has seen a huge success and we are now up to 167 numbers!! Those joining in helped to raise over £1900 last year, our biggest fundraiser. The prizes just keep getting more exciting, and our September roll over had a first prize of **£235!** We have increased the numbers allowed to four per household, so if you want to join or increase just let us know on [harburypta@gmail.com](mailto:harburypta@gmail.com)

### **Congratulations to our September rollover lottery winners!**

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> (139) | Carol Marsh   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> (81)  | Lucy Ewen   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> (153) | Vicky Woodhams, our chair of the PTA and a well deserved thank you! |

### **Look out for our next events:**

- If you're feeling well overdue a good laugh, please come along to our Comedy Night at the school Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October for an evening of award winning stand up comedy! Five comedians and a licensed bar should ensure everyone gets to relax and have a fun night. Please be reassured there will be social distancing in place and numbers are limited for safety so book your seats now at [www.comedyatwork.com/harbury](http://www.comedyatwork.com/harbury)
- We will be at the Saturday Christmas village market, please come along as it was such a cheery atmosphere last year.
- More delicious curries to your door in the New Year!

Thanks again for all of your support, from all of us on the PTA team.



## Harbury Village Library & Biblio's Café

Rich Fowler

### Library

**Events and Activities:** Our series of events and activities is now underway. Tickets are available from the library or online. Online tickets can be accessed using the QR Code right. Upcoming events are:



#### Travels with Tottle

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30pm in the Library - In association with eWheels. Tickets £7.50 to include glass of wine or soft drink.

#### Bonfire Radicals in Concert

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November 8pm at the Village Hall - in association with G.A.S.S. Tickets £12.50.

Tickets for the G.A.S.S. bonfire on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November will also be available from our online ticket office.

#### Murder at Raymondo's

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in the Library. In association with e-Wheels. Tickets £7.50 to include glass of wine or soft drink.

#### My Life and My times with George Orwell

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm at the Village Hall. Tickets £7.50.



**National Adoption Week** National Adoption Week runs from 18<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> October and we will be displaying information about adoption, provided by Adoption Central England.

There are many children who are waiting to be adopted and it is a Government priority to secure families for these children. Over the last three years many adoption services have joined together to form regional adoption agencies. Adoption Central England (ACE) is the regional adoption agency for Solihull, Coventry, Warwickshire, Worcestershire and Herefordshire.

If you, or anyone you know, would be interested in organising a meeting where ACE could share information about adoption more generally, this can be arranged by contacting [enquiries@aceadoption.com](mailto:enquiries@aceadoption.com). We would, of course, be more than happy to host such an event at Harbury Village Library.

**Arts for Dementia Warwickshire** Warwickshire County Council have commissioned Arts Uplift to deliver Arts for Dementia Warwickshire for the next few years. They will be delivering an exciting arts programme for people



living with dementia and their carers across Warwickshire. Their first few courses are in singing, reminiscence with museum objects and Storytelling with brilliant professional artists. The courses will be in person and online through Zoom. The library will be helping to let people know about the programme by posting information on social media and putting up posters and flyers in the library.

**Arts for  
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**Classic Book Group** will be meeting again, in the library, at 7.30pm on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October when we'll be discussing "Cold Comfort Farm" by Stella Gibbons. You're welcome to come and join us, or, if you'd like more information, please send an email to [BookGroup@harburyvillagelibrary.org.uk](mailto:BookGroup@harburyvillagelibrary.org.uk)



### **Biblio's Cafe**

Biblio's Cafe is open both inside and outside the building for hot and cold drinks, home made cakes, a range of scones and tea cakes. We look forward to welcoming you on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Why not arrange to meet friends in the Cafe?

Bookings are available, just email [bookingsbiblioscafe@outlook.com](mailto:bookingsbiblioscafe@outlook.com)

### **HVL Opening Times**

**Library** - Monday and Tuesday: 10am to 4pm, Wednesday – Friday: 9.15am – 4pm and Saturday: 10am to 12 noon.

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



## **Harbury Village Club & Institute**

**Judy Morral**

September almost over but another busy month at the club. Where to start! All the events were so well attended and my thanks to everyone who came and supported the charity quiz. I was able to let the Cats Protection League have a donation of £180.



The beer festival was a huge success and our friends from The Crown, John and Amanda, worked so hard to ensure that the day went like clockwork and the weather was good too. Great to see families enjoying the new outside area and the bouncy castles. Inside was packed and our new games room was put through its paces. We had our best day ever for takings and many thanks to the Hereburgh Morris Dancers and Mattie Cole for entertaining everyone during the afternoon. The food outlets, G Van and Salt and Pepper were busy and I have been told that food was delicious. We also gave out several new membership forms.

The parties that have been held in our concert room were enjoyed by all who came too. Lovely to see the orchestra back and in October the pool and darts will start a new season. Many local organisations are making use of our free to hire concert room. A huge thank you to our hard-working, friendly and helpful bar staff who make sure that the events run smoothly.



I will be again hosting another charity quiz evening on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October in aid of Cancer Research UK, plus a bumper raffle. My friends from Upton House kindly donated eight prizes for the last quiz night and will do so again - something for everyone. It will be

advertised on Facebook and posters are around the village. Prior to that a very important date for your diaries - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October when we will be holding our AGM from 7.00pm. Your chance to hear how we have fared over last 18 difficult months. Again, if we have your email details you will be advised and posters are spread around the various notice boards too.

On Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October we will be showing Bohemian Rhapsody on our huge TV screen in the lounge. It will start at 8.00pm and, as at all our functions, everyone is welcome. Can you believe it is 30 years since the great Freddie Mercury passed away? I can't wait to see the film. Then, on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October, there will be a children's disco from 7.30pm. Glitter ball and disco lights are ready and waiting. So you see, there is something for everyone to enjoy and we look forward to welcoming you all.



During November we plan to hold an indoor table top sale as the weather is becoming cooler and it makes sense to be inside. It will be on a Saturday as we do not want to clash with other car boots nearby. We have been asked if this could be a possibility so happy to oblige. When the date is finalised we will post it on Facebook and again on posters in the village. An ideal opportunity to clear out your unwanted items and hopefully earn some cash. Other events are in the pipeline so, as they say, "watch this space".

The evenings are really starting to draw in now and there is still much to be done in the garden and the allotments. It has been a strange year for some vegetables, the lettuces bolted, lots of seeds failed to germinate but there was a glut of courgettes and runner beans. The Victoria plums were better than ever this year and there were lots of herbs and tomatoes. The apples and pears on the trees in the garden rotted and fell off but the ones at the allotments didn't?! Hopefully the sweetcorn will be ready this weekend and there will also be peppers and chillies. Our outside grapevine at home has been very slow to ripen and the grapes are still quite hard; fingers crossed we can harvest them soon for wine-making. The last three years' yield has been fantastic and the red wine "Chateau Harris" has been excellent.

I am still watering the very colourful pots at the club. They will last a few more weeks. The rockery is looking amazing at the moment. The very tall orange sunflowers and the crocosmias at the top in front of the fence are putting on a

show. The dahlias, verbenas and star of the veld are so colourful too and are spreading their blooms. I dead head and weed about every 10 days or so and this will prolong their season. It started off as a small project but it has literally grown and grown - excuse the pun. It is so rewarding when passers-by stop to admire it. I have also weeded the kerb edges now all along from the end of the Club Cottage to the end of Crown Street where it bends to the right.

Still busy at Upton House; we seem to be getting lots more visitors as people are venturing out more. It is so nice to be able to share the remarkable collection of paintings, porcelain and furniture with our visitors. Nice as well to be able to share the history of the remarkable Bearsted family. We are all so proud of their achievements. Most people remark on the fact that the house still feels like a family home.



We are hoping that another series of Father Brown will go ahead soon as many scenes over the last few years have been filmed at Upton. Mark Williams who plays Farther Brown is an absolute gentleman. The inglenook which is situated in the Picture Room was set up as a cocktail bar in one of episodes in the last series. Very convincing it was but sadly we didn't get any tastings! The library which has the limed oak balcony was used by an orchestra and the Main Hall in a very early episode was used for a boxing match!!

Murders have taken place in the orchard too. Do come and see us and we would love to share our wonderful House with you.

Our Cornwall holiday was four weeks ago. It was fantastic - went to Lost Gardens of Heligan. It is many years since we were last there and it has matured and developed into a superb showcase of exotic planting. I have some wonderful photos of a great week away.

Now we can savour the colours and delights of Autumn here in Warwickshire. Hope you will enjoy this season.

My very best wishes.



## **Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery**

**Christine Dakin**

Swathes of our countryside are being concreted over for HS2 and more and more housing estates and other building projects. Think of some of the vast warehouses which are being built everywhere. Plastic 'turf' is being used increasingly frequently. Those of us who can create habitats for wildlife in our gardens and allotments have a very important role to play to help to offset the damage done by developers. Where possible try to be slightly less neat and tidy when gardening. Leave some wilder spaces for insects and small mammals to hide. Maybe have a small pond or bog garden to encourage frogs and toads which, in turn, will help control slugs. If you can replace fencing with hedging then you will be providing nesting places for birds. I think

there are fewer moths than there used to be. Insect 'splat' on windscreens seems to be a thing of the past.



In the meantime.....rather than 'put the garden to bed for the winter' (cutting everything down, vigorously tidying up), try leaving some stems and autumn leaves for wildlife to have a place to shelter or hibernate for the winter.

Consider having a wildflower border next year, it can attract a wide range of creatures and you will have pretty flowers too. Win, win.

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

**John Hancock**

Llangollen, Corwen, Betwys-y-Coed. Those familiar small towns along the A5, on the line of Thomas Telford's road to Holyhead and the boat to Ireland. Leaving England's motorway network and crossing Offa's Dyke slows everyone down. The road goes through Capel Curig past the cloud shrouded flanks of Tryfan before few miles beside Llyn Ogwen and the descent through slate country around Bethesda. Then come glimpses of the sea and the Britannia bridge across the Menai Strait shared by road and rail. Sharon and I were travelling to Anglesey (Ynys Mon in Welsh), to spend a few days with friends near Pentraeth on Red Wharf Bay and soak up some autumn sunshine. Many times, in younger days, we had come to the mountains of Snowdonia often as hitch hikers when that pursuit seemed a natural way to get about. Now, those 'blue remembered hills' were a backdrop rather than a goal.

We explored the National Nature Reserve of Newborough Warren planted in 1947 with drought resistant Corsican Pines to stabilise the



sand dunes. A search revealed Wild Pansies which flower from April to November in grassy and bare places and in particular amongst sand dunes. Red squirrels make their home here pushed to the edges by the Greys. We saw several ravens including a youngster. The pines provide a perfect roosting site for these gregarious birds. Some of you may have seen the area on the BBC programme 'Winterwatch' which featured hundreds of ravens performing their aerial acrobatics.

During the winter, non-breeding immature birds form temporary night-time roosts. Having arrived from all parts of the compass (Ireland being only an hour's flight away for instance) the roost becomes an information centre on the location of food sources such as carcasses.

We were struck by the amount of Large-flowered Evening Primrose (*Oenothera glazoviana*), a tall biennial with poppy-like yellow flowers. Introduced from North America in the 17<sup>th</sup> century, it is now a naturalised plant on waste ground and particularly on sandy soil. It is a member of the Willowherb family. Their seeds are the source of evening primrose oil which is widely used in complimentary medicine as a source of gamma linoleic acid. Flowers open in the evening and close during the day thus attracting night-flying moths.



Our aim had been to reach Llandwyn Island which is really a rocky peninsula subject to the tides. We had not done our homework so getting to the ruined church and the lighthouse required waist high wading. Consequently, we watched younger folk make the crossing and looked at the buildings from afar.

Large areas of our coastline, particularly in the south-west were saved from development when the National Trust launched Enterprise Neptune and raised funds to buy extensive areas for the nation in the 1960s. the freedom to roam along large tracts of our coast, enjoy unimpeded views and take in lungfuls of clean air had to be fought for and still requires vigilance.

I can thoroughly recommend Ladbroke's Village Trail leaflet. It includes a map, superb photographs and information on the history of the village. It is available from Harbury Library.

Recently, we have had some much-needed rain. Crops have been gathered in and the land has been ploughed. Leaves are falling apace as Autumn advances.





## General Section



### Harbury Village Show

2021 Harbury Village Show – what a great day! Thank you to everyone who entered because it is all of you that make the show a success. The exhibits came in thick and fast on show morning and the hall was soon full of lovely produce. As always, the judges praised all the exhibits being impressed with the quality and quantity a village like ours can produce. The new foyer at the Village Hall worked a treat and we were able to display our lovely raffle hampers. Many thanks must go to Shane's Starfruits who donated a great fruit hamper (catch them in Shakespeare car park on Tuesday mornings) and to the people at Sweet Surprise Bouquet who donated the great sweet hamper.

The raffle winners were:-

Doug Freeman (fruit hamper)

Dan Scrase (wine hamper)

Rod (no surname) (gardener's hamper)

Heidi (no surname) (Sweet Surprise Bouquet)

We were thrilled that so many people came to the show in the afternoon. The sunshine helped and also meant that teas outside worked well. Congratulations to all the cup winners and hope everyone enjoyed the increase in prize money. Below is a list of all the prize-winners.

Many thanks again to everyone who entered and came along on the day. We hope you all enjoyed it and see you next year – 10<sup>th</sup> September 2022!

**Village Show Committee**

### Harbury Village Show Winners 2021

Farley Cup - <i>Most points in vegetable section</i>	Patrick Clarke
Grey Cup - <i>Novice class</i>	Julie Bradford
All Saints Cup - <i>Most points in fruit section</i>	Chris Hill
Reg Harris Cup - <i>Best exhibit in Fruit section</i>	Heather Clarke
Courier Cup - <i>Most points in flower section</i>	Dawn Teverson
Rosamond Schofield Salver - <i>Best exhibit in Flower section</i>	Dawn Teverson
Finch Challenge Cup - <i>Allotment holders' tray</i>	Patrick Clarke





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goods either as takeaway items, which can be  
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table inside the cafe, depending on current  
Government regulations.

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



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Brunton Challenge Cup - <i>Flower arranging</i>	Gillian Hare
Daniel Challenge Trophy - <i>Most points in Food section</i>	Doreen Bloxham
Horticultural Society Trophy - <i>Craft including art</i>	Janny Freeman
Rigden Cup - <i>Photography</i>	Gael Conway
Barns Cup - <i>Best performance by an exhibitor winning no other cups</i>	Margaret McDonald
WI Trophy - <i>Member with the most points</i>	Maureen Handle
Top Tray (£10 prize)	Maureen Handle
Top Vase (£10 prize)	Dawn Teverson
Harold Wilkins Cup - <i>Most points in show</i>	Patrick Clarke
Allotment Holders Challenge trophy <i>Best Kept allotment</i>	Kevin & Helen McMahon
<b>Young People's Classes</b>	
John Smith Cup <i>Age 7 and under – fruit, veg flowers</i>	Annabelle Bayley
Buck Trophy <i>Age 8 to 12 – fruit, veg flowers</i>	Paysan Glynn
Jean Dunn Cup <i>Age 7 and under</i>	Eric Rooney
Fred Lines Cup <i>Age 8 to 12</i>	Paysan Glynn
Janice Siddle Trophy - <i>Best exhibit in children's section not winning another cup</i>	Megan Lewis

### **November Edition - Harbury & Ladbroke News**

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**Articles to:** Harbury Pharmacy, High Street or e-mail to  
articles@hlnews.co.uk by 5.30pm, Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October



## Wednesday Walks

Haven't we had some lovely Indian summer weather to enjoy the post-harvest countryside and some good walks? Let's hope we have a bit more. In fact, one Wednesday was so hot that we shelved the plan to go to Easenhall and strolled gently to Ufton, glad of the shade in the nature reserve.

On 13<sup>th</sup> October we are planning our first pub lunch since lockdown, at the Falcon near Warmington. As they are really busy, we have needed to book, so please ring Gillian (614809) asap to see if there is still room. This follows a four mile walk from nearby Shotteswell.

**Gillian Hare**

## Harbury Local Market

We are back and the market has been excellently attended by a great range of producers as well as visitors who come back time and time again with new faces every market.

**September** brought us fund raising for Harbury Senior Citizens, raising £515 (tables and raffle) and Southam Lions raising £160 (teas/coffees and fabulous bacon sandwiches).

We have our Halloween Special Market on **30<sup>th</sup> October** - pumpkins will be available along with lots of spooky treats and then the Christmas Santa Market on **11<sup>th</sup> December** - Santa has been asked to make a special visit – yippee!

Harbury Local Market will be held on the last Saturday of every month bar January and December 2022 and we look forward to more fundraising for local groups and charities.

We are pleased that Harbury Parish Council support the market along with the producers and all our wonderful visitors.

Like and follow Harbury Local Market on Facebook for all the events, offers and details!!!!

Thank you.



**Ann & Mike (from Senior Citizens Committee)  
with Jane & Karena (from the HLM Team)**

**The HLM Team - Jane, Steve, Mandy & Karena**

## Harbury Knitwits



Harbury Knitwits held their fundraising Coffee Morning on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September. We enjoyed a good turnout and raised £165, after expenses, to buy lots of new wool.

We knit baby clothes for The Special Care Baby Unit at Warwick Hospital, hats and scarves for The Mission to Seafarers and more recently we have sent items to help the Afghan Refugees. We also support the Christmas Shoebox appeal for orphans.

Many thanks to all those who came and supported us, particularly to those who helped on the day, without whom none of this would be possible.

**Barbara Thistlethwaite**



## Repair Cafe Harbury

It was a beautiful sunny day for the Repair Cafe on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September. Repair items included two radios, a metronome, folding chairs, a child's bicycle, a pair of trousers, a leotard, and a classic Peugeot racing bike. We also sharpened scissors, carving knives, and garden shears.

The next Repair Cafe is on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October from 2pm to 4pm in Harbury Scout Hut.

If you've got any questions, or would like to volunteer as a repairer, please send an email to [repaircafeharbury@gmail.com](mailto:repaircafeharbury@gmail.com)

**Rich Fowler**



## Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2021 – 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year

To quote Jenny Sheriff, Head of Community Fundraising for the Royal British Legion: *"The Poppy Appeal was delivered very differently last year but it was delivered!"*

This year, the Legion is hopeful of running a near normal appeal and in Harbury, Upton and Chesterton we hope to be placing poppy boxes in as many of the shops, pubs and other outlets as possible.

There will be ample opportunity to buy your poppy or pin from various places in the villages and support the essential work of the Royal British Legion. If you are not able to get to one of the shops or pubs in the village or if you are looking for something a bit different to show your support for the Legion, a wide range of products are also available online. Visit <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/ways-to-give/shop/poppy-shop> for more information.

This year is the Legion's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year. On Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 1921, a small group of ex-Servicemen and representatives from four organisations, The National Association of Discharged Sailors and Soldiers, The British

National Federation of Discharged and Demobilized Sailors and Soldiers, The Comrades of The Great War and The Officers' Association walked to the Cenotaph, in London's Whitehall. As Big Ben struck nine, the four men representing the organisations laid a wreath with the badges of the four organisations that would officially unite to form the British Legion.

The following day the constitution was presented to and agreed by 700 delegates at the Unity Conference in London. The then Prince of Wales was also invited to become the British Legion's first Patron, whilst Earl Haig was appointed as the British Legion's first President and Sir Frederick Lister the National Chairman.

The British Legion was founded by and for Armed Forces personnel and as a demonstration of its attitude towards its members the constitution was proposed by a soldier and seconded by a General - there would be no distinction between rank, religion or political affiliation.

Today, RBL is the country's largest Armed Forces charity with 235,000 members, 110,000 volunteers and a network of partners giving support to former military personal and their families. RBL either directly or indirectly, through its partner charities, runs programmes of rehabilitation and adaptation to civilian life, provides dementia care homes and gives advice on housing and legal issues. It provides support for carers, help for independent living for ex-serving personal and much more.



The RBL still needs your help in 2021 as it recovers from the challenges of fundraising during the pandemic.

We are confident that Harbury, Upton and Chesterton will be able to support the Legion as generously as in the past and we will be working hard to make this year's appeal a success.

**Gill Holden & Nicola Thompson**



## Seasonal Lights

We will be making the seasonal light display in the village even bigger and better this year. If you would like to purchase a 50cm globe (£38) that matches the theme to hang outside your own house please contact Cllr Sam Allen ([cllrallen@harbury-pc.gov.uk](mailto:cllrallen@harbury-pc.gov.uk)) before 22<sup>nd</sup> October for details.

**Prof. Tim Lockley, MBE**  
**Chairman, Harbury Parish Council**



## From your District Councillor

Good day everyone!

I hope that I find you in good spirits and life is settling back into some normality.

Despite all the restrictions on meetings etc imposed by Covid I want to share with you that I am still involved in many pieces of work around Harbury - matters include Orbit, Highways, Road closures and HS2 to name a few. The most enjoyable bit for me is supporting residents with difficulties and most recently an elderly gentleman with issues around heating and hot water.

I am one of the Councillors in the group known as the Gang of Six. We work together with MP Jeremy Wright dealing with HS2. I know it has been a difficult time for many with the disruption caused, and continuing to be caused, by the HS2 work, but can I say collectively and individually we have made significant improvements by challenging HS2. It may not feel like much from your experience I know, but I can assure you it could have been worse! Traffic levels on roads around the village are now getting back to normal with the reopening of the Southam to Leamington Road and hopefully now things will settle down.

2015! No, it's not a typing error. I am now very hopeful of fulfilling one of my campaign promises from 2015, that traffic lights will be put in at Harbury Lane/Fosse junction to make it safer for all. In recent months there appears to have been a significant increase in traffic travelling down the Fosse despite the working from home at JLR. I have been able to do this as I obtained the money through the S106 house build currently underway in Upper Lighthorne Parish, previously known as Lighthorne Heath. The legal process and triggers from house building numbers, make it slow progress, but we are getting there and then I will be chasing Warwickshire County Council to commence work. So, watch this space for a date!

Speaking of roads can I remind everyone that the gated road at Chesterton will be closed soon, again slow progress due to the S106 process, but it is progressing. I know walkers and cyclists have an interest in this, you will still be able to use the road it will only be closed to mechanical vehicles.

Thank you for reading and speak soon I hope!

**Jacqui Harris**  
[jacqui.harris@stratford-dc.gov.uk](mailto:jacqui.harris@stratford-dc.gov.uk)

## Butt Lane/Bush Heath Road - Road Safety Campaign Update

**Do you live in or close to Butt Lane or Bush Heath Road, Harbury?**

Do you use this route to walk your children to school or access the village, or perhaps you are a local walker, equestrian, motorist or cyclist?

We would be so grateful for your support NOW.

A group of residents is leading a campaign to:

- Reduce the speed limit along this route (and the section of the B4452 within the village boundary) to 30 mph; and
- Install traffic calming measures to reduce risk, noise and ultimately increase safety for all road users.

On 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021, a number of residents met on the Green at Queens Close to discuss the road safety and traffic issue which has become increasingly concerning over the last couple of years. The current speed limit in Butt Lane and the sections of Bush Heath Road and the B4452 that are within the village boundary is set at 40 mph, and this is rarely now respected by the increasing volume of traffic.

There have been a number of 'near misses' for road users and many of them now feel very fearful about using the route because safety is being compromised by speeding traffic and the volume of HGV traffic. Equestrians based at the livery yards in the area now avoid using the route and there have been many more (than usual) animal fatalities (i.e. pet cats).

This issue has been exacerbated by many local diversions caused by the increasing number of road works in surrounding villages and HS2 road closures etc. The route has become a throughfare for commuter traffic to JLR/AML and what used to be a sleepy country lane used mainly by villagers to gain access to Harbury village centre, and the surrounding countryside is now effectively a fast ring road. The current road signage is simply not persuading drivers to slow down from the 60mph national speed limit allowed on the section of Bush Heath Road outside the village boundary to the current 40mph limit.

In addition, a planning consent (approved by Warwickshire County Council and Stratford District Council and, unfortunately, not opposed or commented upon by Harbury Parish Council) for a development at Bishops Bowl Lakes, which remains in place until 2023, has greatly increased the number of HGVs using the route. Before planning consent was granted, there was no consultation in relation to the planning application with the residents or users of this route and now there is a daily stream of HGVs delivering inert material to Bishops Bowl to infill certain of the lakes to improve or facilitate their use as a fishery. These HGVs, running at rates which can exceed 100 vehicle movements per day, often start using the route from 7am each day and continue throughout the day, sadly causing pollution and noise and represent a danger to pedestrians and other road users.

Residents have expressed concern that, with the increasing number of developments going on across the County and the ongoing Bishops Bowl Lakes project, this volume of traffic will only increase as HS2 and other developments gather pace.

There has also been feedback from equestrians, walkers and cyclists who have all experienced 'near misses' where the speed of traffic or indeed the type of dense traffic use is making the route very hazardous for them. With existing T-junctions onto the route and no walkway for cyclists/walkers or



horse riders, the risk of safety-related incidents occurring has greatly increased. It is just a matter of time before accidents happen.

This issue has been on the radar for some time but sadly no action to help address it has yet been taken. Until now, we hope. A number of residents attended the June Harbury Parish Council Meeting to express their concern and ask for support. In addition, residents' meetings were held with the Road Safety Liaison Officer from Warwickshire County Council and the local Police have been contacted.

In August an online meeting was held, attended by some of the residents and it was agreed that we needed to galvanise support for this important issue for Harbury as a whole as well as for the residents who reside close to the route. As a group we are passionate about reducing the risk for all users of the route and we do not believe it should take a serious accident to happen before any action is taken. From research we know that other villages such as Bishops Itchington, Deppers Bridge and Gaydon have all been successful in achieving traffic calming measures to help reduce the risk of accidents for users. We believe it is only fair that Harbury is also given the same priority and support.

So what can you do to get involved:

1. To get updates and be informed of meetings, please send your email address to the Harbury Residents Group email [bushheath2021@gmail.com](mailto:bushheath2021@gmail.com) so that you can be added to the contact database.
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#### **Next steps are:**

- a. Lobbying the Parish Council to ask for funding of a feasibility study of the route to be undertaken by Warwickshire County Council in order to obtain a clear understanding of the various traffic calming solutions available for the route;
- b. Determining how the options might be funded;
- c. Making connections with and obtaining the support of Warwickshire Police (via Southam Safer Neighbourhood Team); and
- d. Investigating the feasibility of setting up a Volunteer Community Speed Watch Group along the route.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to welcoming anyone who is passionate about making Harbury a safer place.

**Sonia Todd**  
**On behalf of Harbury Residents Group**



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## Southam Has a New Market!

**A new indoor market with the theme 'Shop Local' will take place in Southam on the third Saturday of the month.** The first market will be on 20<sup>th</sup> November and the venue is the Grange Hall on Coventry Road. It is being organised by volunteers from Southam First, with Southam WI providing the refreshments.

Although Southam is an ancient market town, and was awarded its market charter nearly 800 years ago, its weekly Tuesday market ceased in early 2020 and there are currently no plans to revive it. However, inspired by the popularity of indoor markets in nearby villages, Southam First's volunteers are arranging for a new monthly indoor market to take place on Saturdays from 10am to 12.30pm.

The organisers hope to attract visitors from both Southam and the surrounding villages, and aim to provide a wide range of goods for sale, including food and drink, home and garden wares, gifts, crafts and clothes, emphasising local producers and retailers. Alongside the stalls, the market will also be a showcase for Southam's shops and services, with space for them to display their publicity material.

There has been a very enthusiastic response to the idea of a Saturday market. The volunteers believe that the experience of lockdown helped people to rediscover the importance of community and supporting local producers. They are confident that the market will be very popular. Holding the market on a Saturday morning will ensure that those who are not available on weekdays will also be able to go.

The dates for the first four markets are: 20<sup>th</sup> November, 18<sup>th</sup> December, 19<sup>th</sup> February and 19<sup>th</sup> March. (There will be no market in January 2022 because the Hall has a prior booking.) If the market proves to be popular with both stallholders and customers, then it will continue indefinitely on the third Saturday of every month.

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**Pam McConnell**



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**Becci Young**  
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

### Dear Editors

#### *Thank you from the Oliver Family*

As a family, we would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who came to Dad's funeral on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September. Special thanks go to Goodwin and Sons Funeral Directors for their kind and respectful organisation of the proceedings and to Susie Evetts and her team for the stunning floral arrangements. They made our wishes come to life with flowers.

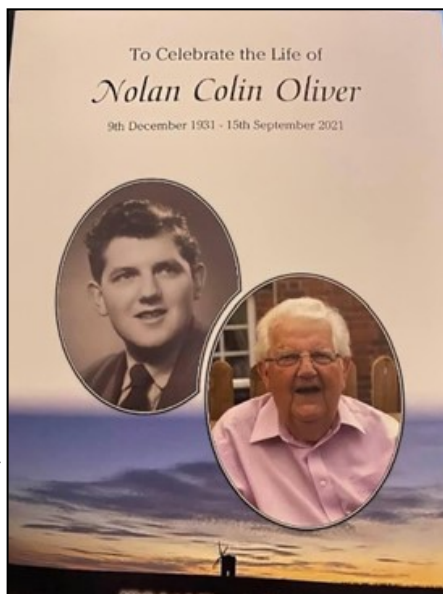
The service was planned as a celebration of his life and I hope we achieved that. Music was an important part of Dad's life, as was his family and both played a big part in the service. My brother Steve and Dad's three grandchildren Annie, Kyleigh and Jamie really did him proud with the Eulogy, memories and poems.

Thank you also to anyone who took the time to send letters, cards or online messages. Everyone had only lovely words to say about Dad and what he has meant to them and to the village over the years. We all found these a great comfort, but especially Mum.

Our lives changed for ever when he passed away on 15<sup>th</sup> September, but we have so many wonderful memories to keep with us.

With kind regards

**Clare Cowley (nee Oliver)**



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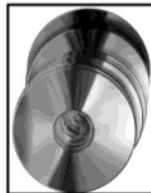
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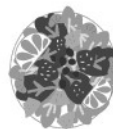


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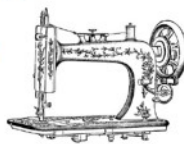
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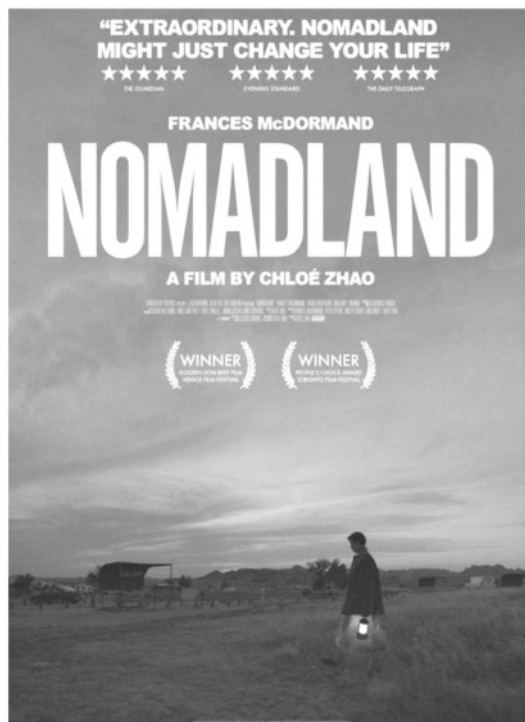
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