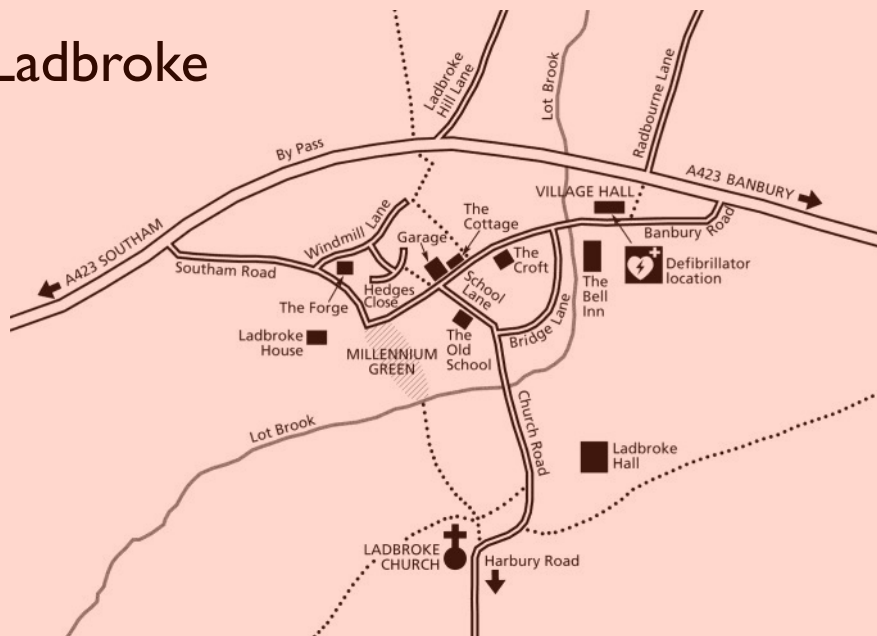


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## Editorial

New beginnings could be a theme this month. Many children will be starting Nursery, Primary or Secondary school for the first time with others returning to their familiar classes and friends. Older teenagers will be venturing further afield joining university courses. We wish them all well.

With Covid restrictions now lifted and the numbers allowed to gather back to normal, the Tom Hauley Room Saturday coffee mornings recommenced on 4<sup>th</sup> September, the first one being in aid of Myton Hospice. The next one on the 11<sup>th</sup> will be run by GASS so please do go along and support them. Many local organisations raise funds by hosting the coffee mornings and our diary lists who will be holding them each Saturday. The Rural Cinema run by Harbury WI members also makes a welcome return on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September - see article and advert.



(Left to right) - Ali Kurji, Chief Executive of the Heart of England Co-operative Society; Clive Miles, Society President; Kim Askew-Kelly, Harbury Store Manager and Steve Browne, General Manager - Food Division

Following its refurbishment, Harbury Co-op is welcoming customers through the doors of its new-look store following a refit costing in excess of £445,000. New, energy-efficient lighting, fixtures and fittings have been installed.

Customers also have the chance to support some local independent producers. During the Co-op's two-week closure, Harbury Village Stores & Post Office stepped up with longer opening hours and plentiful stock. Please do keep using both supermarkets; they need our backing to continue to serve the community.

We are sure that villagers in Harbury were delighted to hear that a local family have bought the Church Street paddock. They have no intention to develop it and plan to keep it as a green space. This is a relief to all of us who dreaded the thought of this lovely area in the



The team at The Co-operative in Harbury (left to right) - Katie Lees, Bill McGrath, Barrie Newton, Ben Riches, Kim Askew-Kelly.



centre of the village being built on. The family have already had the grass and weeds cut back and more tidying up is part of a long term plan. Congratulations and grateful thanks go to the Geddes family for obtaining the paddock and, in doing so, securing its future.

In Ladbroke, the Archaeology and Rock Detectives Days were successful and enjoyed by all. If you are interested in Gravestone Geology, on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30am or 2.00pm you can join a guided walk round Ladbroke churchyard led by a geologist, but you must book as spaces are limited. Ladbroke Church will be open during the Heritage Open Days too. Ladbroke Photography Club recommences on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September. If you are interested in joining, please contact Jackie at [ladbrokphotoclub@btinternet.com](mailto:ladbrokephotoclub@btinternet.com) - you will be very welcome.

The deadline and distribution dates for the next issue have been put back a week. Therefore, the cut-off date for articles for the October edition will be Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September at the usual time - 5.30pm. The magazine will be given to our distributors on 9<sup>th</sup> October.

Finally, our condolences go to the family of Rex Humphries.

## Harbury Diary

### SEPTEMBER

- |       |    |   |
|-------|----|---|
| Sat   | 4  | Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Myton Hospice  |
| Sun   | 5  | <b>TRINITY 15</b><br>Holy Communion, 9.00am<br>Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall  |
| Mon   | 6  | Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall<br>Martial Arts, 5.30pm, Village Hall<br>Yoga, 8.00 - 9.00pm, Village Hall   |
| Tue   | 7  | Meeting Point, 12.30pm, Crown Inn (bookings by 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept)<br>Heritage Centre open, 6.30 - 8.30pm, Harbury School<br>Harbury, Ladbroke & Ufton Parish Church 'Surgery' evening, 7.00pm, All Saints' Church, Harbury   |
| Wed   | 8  | Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park - Easenhall - Newbold Pacey (3.5 miles flat)<br>Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room<br>Slimming World, 5.30 & 7.00pm, Harbury Rugby Football Club - no booking required, Tel: Jodie 07771 930568<br>Deadline for entries for Village Show no later than 6.00pm today<br>Ballroom Dancing, 7.30pm, Village Hall |
| Thurs | 9  | Holy Communion Service, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room<br>Harbury WI, 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room - Jane Barnes, "Tales from a Dairy Farmer's Wife"   |
| Sat   | 11 | Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of GASS<br>Harbury Village Show, 2.00pm, Village Hall<br>Charity Quiz in aid of Cats Protection League, 7.15 for 8.00pm start, Village Club   |

**Sun 12 TRINITY 16**

Holy Communion with Children's Church, 10.30am

Messy Church, 3.00pm, Tom Hauley Room

Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall

Mon 13 Toddler Group opens for new term, 9.30 - 11.15am, Scout Hut

Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall

Martial Arts, 5.30pm, Village Hall

Yoga, 8.00 - 9.00pm, Village Hall

Tue 14 Harbury, Ladbroke & Ufton Parish Church 'Surgery' evening,

7.00pm, All Saints' Church, Harbury

Wed 15 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park -

Combrook - Compton Verney (4 miles)

Connections (Dementia) Café, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room

Slimming World, 5.30 & 7.00pm, Harbury Rugby Football Club

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Ballroom Dancing, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Thurs 16 Holy Communion Service, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room

Fri 17 Ben and Soph's Jazz, doors open 6.30pm, show 7.00pm,

Village Hall - 07515 275655

Sat 18 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Knitwits

Church Vision Day, 10.00am, St Nicholas Church, Radford Semele

Joint Beer Festival, 10.00am - 11.00pm Harbury Village Club

and the Crown Inn

Harbury Village Cinema presents, 'Love Sarah', doors open 6.15pm,

film starts 7.00pm, Village Hall

**Sun 19 TRINITY 17**

All Age Service with Holy Communion, 10.30am

Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall

Heritage Centre open, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Harbury School

Mon 20 Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall

Martial Arts, 5.30pm, Village Hall

Yoga, 8.00 - 9.00pm, Village Hall

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Tue 21 Harbury, Ladbroke & Ufton Parish Church 'Surgery' evening,

7.00pm, All Saints' Church, Harbury

Wed 22 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park -

Baddesley Clinton (4 miles flat)

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

Ballroom Dancing, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Thurs 23 Holy Communion Service, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room

Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Fri 24 Harbury WI Harvest Supper, 7.00 for 7.30pm, Village Hall

Sat 25 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Harbury Cemetery

Harbury Local Market: 10.00am - 12.30pm, Village Hall

Repair Café & Bicycle Repair Clinic, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Scout Hut

**Sun 26 TRINITY 18**


Holy Communion with Children's Church, 10.30am

- Sun 26 Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall  
Car Boot Sale, 9.30am, Village Club
- Mon 27 Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall  
Martial Arts, 5.30pm, Village Hall  
Yoga, 8.00 - 9.00pm, Village Hall
- Tue 28 Harbury, Ladbroke & Ufton Parish Church 'Surgery' evening,  
7.00pm, All Saints' Church, Harbury
- Wed 29 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park -  
Little Kineton (4 miles)  
Slimming World, 5.30 & 7.00pm, Harbury Rugby Football Club  
- no booking required Tel: Jodie 07771 930568  
Ballroom Dancing, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 30 Holy Communion Service, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room  
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## OCTOBER

- Fri 1 Boat Horse - music and verse, dance and puppetry event, 7.00pm,  
Village Hall
- Sat 2 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid  
of Meeting Point  
Harvest Supper, Time TBA, Village Hall
- Sun 3 **HARVEST FESTIVAL**
- Tue 5 Meeting Point, 12.30pm, Crown Inn (bookings by 1<sup>st</sup> Oct)  
Heritage Centre open, 7.00 - 9.00pm, Harbury School
- Wed 6 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park -  
Stratford Greenway (4 miles flat)  
Mothers Union Communion Service and Tea, 2.00pm, Tom Hauley  
Room - Talk by Rev Barbara Clutton -The Arthur Rank Christian  
Centre
- Sat 9 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid  
of Southam United Bowling club

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September	Wed	Fri	
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	15	17	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	22	24	Grey Bin
	29		Green & Blue Lid Bins
Oct		1	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	6	8	Grey Bin
	13	15	Green & Blue Lid Bins



## From the Rector

**Rev Andy Batchelor**

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This month, the three churches of Harbury, Ladbroke and Ufton will be joining together for a 'Vision Day' when we will be taking stock of where we are and what the future may hold. We will be looking at the **past**, the many blessings that we have experienced over the years, the things that are important to hold on to, as well as the things that may have come to a natural end. We will review our **present**, particularly what impact Covid has had on our church activities, and what new things it has brought about as, like many other churches, we have developed our online and social media presence. We will also look to the **future**, recognising the new opportunities we need to grasp hold of. In all of this we will be seeking God's guidance and inspiration as we work out what shape our mission and ministry to the three communities we serve will look like. York University recently published a study on the impact of Covid restrictions on churches and how their physical closure had affected the people in their parishes. The lead researcher observed: *"I think many people who don't normally go to church hadn't realised what churches meant to them until it was all taken away in a moment."* This greater appreciation for church is hopefully also linked to a heightened sense of our need for God. Sometimes, having the peripheral things of life stripped away helps us to see what is really important. In fact, sometimes having the important things stripped away too helps us to see what is essential. There is so much need around us at the moment. A need for community, for emotional, practical, and spiritual support, areas where our churches have always had much to offer. Our doors are open again, and together we pray that we can discover where God is leading us, and how we can share his love, hope, and peace with all in our communities.



## From the Churchwardens

**Liz & Michael**

A Vision Day for our parishes is being held on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September at St Nicholas Church in Radford Semele. It will begin at 10.00am. Please sign the list in church if you can come as we need to know the numbers for both catering and to arrange car shares, if necessary.

Services in church in September will follow the pattern of the last few months, i.e., first Sunday at 9.00am and all following Sundays at 10.30am. This will be reviewed following the Vision Day along with where and when we hold services in the winter months. As John Stringer has reported elsewhere in this magazine, although progress is being made, it is unlikely that heating will be installed this winter in church.

We are delighted, however, that Messy Church will start again on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm and we hope to welcome back old friends and greet new

ones too. All children must be accompanied by an adult and if you have any questions about Messy Church, please call Liz on 612421. Messy Church is as much a church service as Holy Communion - just a different way of sharing the love of God. We plan to hold future Messy Churches on the second Sunday of the month - 10<sup>th</sup> October, 14<sup>th</sup> November and 12<sup>th</sup> December. All sessions will begin in the Tom Hauley Room at 3pm.

Another planned revival is the Harvest Supper which we are holding in the Village Hall on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Make a note in your diary and more details will be available in the pewsheets and in church when we have planned it. Another event at the planning stage is the church Christmas Fair to be held on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

We were happy to host a group of pilgrims who stopped over in Harbury for lunch on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> August. You may have seen 11 people walk through the village midday with a banner about climate change. They represented a group, the Young Christian Climate Network, who were part of a relay walking from Truro at the end of the G7 and planning to arrive at the end of October in Glasgow for COP26. They have been meeting with MPs and other leaders along the route to explain their major concern of climate justice - that those suffering most from climate change are often those who have done the least to cause it and should not incur debt as they try to decarbonize their economies. There is more on their website [www.yccn.uk](http://www.yccn.uk)

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

### *Baptism*

15<sup>th</sup> August Vivienne Vials

### *Funeral*

17<sup>th</sup> August Rex Humphries (86 years)



## Heat, Light, Stone

### More steps forward

There has been good progress with the Faculty application for the Heat, Light & Stone project. Although we have not yet received approval to proceed from Coventry Diocese there do not appear to be any objections to our preferred solutions for:

- rewiring and new lighting in the church
- audio visual installations in the church and the Tom Hauley Room



- new heating and lighting in the Tom Hauley Room
- repairs to the stone and brickwork of the church building.

Getting agreement on the church heating is the stumbling block. The project team have taken advice from the Church Building Council and plan two hydrogen ready gas boilers which could, in the future, be adapted to hydrogen fuel. These would feed hot water to panels in the roof of the church - carefully placed to combine efficiency and aesthetics - which would radiate heat to the congregation. The effect would be a little like standing out in the sunshine - rapid, efficient and pleasant.

On 20<sup>th</sup> August members of the project team, along with Coventry Diocesan heating advisors, visited a Grade 1 listed church at Chalgrove in Oxfordshire - [www.chalgrovechurch.org](http://www.chalgrovechurch.org) which is promoted as a case study by the Church Building Council as an exemplar of successful radiant panel heating meeting the strict criteria of Historic England. According to the Chalgrove Parochial Church Council it is *“both effective and not out of keeping in a place of worship”*.

Our objective remains to select and install an up-to-date heating system which has:

- low running costs
- minimal maintenance over the next 30/40 years.
- minimal hot air circulation to reduce the spread of the Covid virus and its mutations which could be present long into the future.

And above all is low carbon as recommended by the Church Building Council.

It seems hard to believe that it's taking so long, and we can understand the frustration of generous donors in the village who are waiting for something to happen. We raised c£115K from the successful HLS appeal. Grant Applications are in preparation to present to Garfield Weston (£20K), HS2 (£75K) and Biffa (c£60K) which means we remain £30-40K short of our target (c£300K). These applications will not be considered by the awarding bodies until we receive Faculty approval. Further local fund-raising efforts are urgently required. The most recent also celebrated the Golden Wedding of a Harbury couple, and thanks to their hospitality and generosity, raised over £470.

All this means that we cannot expect heating in the church this Christmas. Using mobile heaters for a large funeral during the winter of 2020 proved ineffective, so this year we can expect to be cold. Christmas 2022 was the original target for a warm church; we are determined to keep to that.

The Tom Hauley Room heaters rattle on. They are well past their replacement date but they still work - noisily. Nevertheless, community activities, including Saturday morning coffee, will be starting soon. In due course, when approval is granted, they will be replaced with a heat pump and radiant panels.

There is another piece of good news. We have received planning approval for new double doors from the lobby of the Tom Hauley Room to the Memorial Garden behind the church. If you have visited the memorial garden, perhaps

to lay flowers, you will know that you have to walk around the entire church building. There is no disabled access. The new doors, at the far end of the lobby, will provide access for everyone. If you haven't yet visited the memorial garden, you really should; it's a hugely successful addition to the church.

The Diocesan Committee which we expect to approve our developments meets during September. We hope to report more positive progress in the October copy of Harbury and Ladbroke News.



## Mothers' Union

Gillian Hare

When you read this I hope many of you have enjoyed our first autumn meeting and Julie's talk. We have some interesting speakers lined up for the rest of the year and non-members are always welcome to join us. We meet in the Tom Hauley room, behind Church, at 2pm, for a simple service, usually communion, followed by a talk and, of course, tea!

On 4<sup>th</sup> October, Reverend Barbara Clutton will tell us about her work at the Arthur Rank Christian Centre, especially the Addington farmers' relief fund.

## Ladbroke News & Diary

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### SEPTEMBER

- Sun 5 TRINITY 15**  
Family Communion, 10.30am, followed by refreshments
- Tue 7** Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Wed 8** Ladbroke Parish Council, 7.45pm, Village Hall
- Sat 11** Ladbroke Church Heritage Open Days, 10.00am - 4.00pm
- Sun 12 TRINITY 16**  
Holy Communion, 9.00am  
Ladbroke Church Heritage Open Days, 2.00 - 4.00pm
- Thurs 16** Ladbroke Church Heritage Open Days, 2.00 - 4.00pm
- Fri 17** Ladbroke Church Heritage Open Days, 10.00am - 4.00pm
- Sat 18** Church Vision Day, 10.00am, Radford Semele
- Sun 19 TRINITY 17**  
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### OCTOBER

- Sun 3 HARVEST FESTIVAL**  
Family Communion, 10.30am followed by "bring & share" lunch
- Tue 5** Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall



## Ladbroke Church News

**Peter Rigby**

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

It is over two years since we have been able to have a “normal” Church service, with organ music and Vicar presiding at Communion from the altar table. First we had the interregnum, during which Covid arrived and then the scaffolding inside the Church. But at last we are ready for a new chapter. By the time this month’s edition is published, all the internal scaffolding should have been removed and we hope to have the organ back in action soon. Our Sunday services have now resumed without any Covid restrictions, although we are reserving an area for those who wish to continue to wear masks and to keep their social distance.

So what will be our “new normal”? On 18th September, together with Harbury and Ufton parishes, we shall be holding a Vision Day when we shall be discussing the way forward. If you have a view on how your Church should be serving God and our community, please come along if you are able, or make your views known to Rev Andy or one of the wardens.

### **Forthcoming services and events:**

Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10.30am	Family Communion
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> Sept	12.00 noon	Thanksgiving Service for the life of Jane Rutherford
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9.00am	Holy Communion
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10.00am - 4.00pm	Vision Day (at Radford Semele)
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9.00am	Holy Communion
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9.00am	Holy Communion
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	10.30am	Harvest Family Service followed by “bring & share” lunch.

In addition, activities associated with the Heritage Project are continuing, both in the Church and the village. Please see the separate Heritage Project article.

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

**Carol Lane**

Our Summer Outing was held on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> August when we shared lifts to make our own way to The Barn Antiques and Garden Centre in Upper Wardington.

The weather was a bit disappointing so we headed straight for the antiques centre and spent a very pleasant 30 minutes or so browsing all the exhibits. Not wishing to purchase anything, I mainly looked to see what was on display which we had in our cupboards at home - like small Minton dishes or tankards



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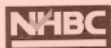
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- to see what they are worth! Not much in all cases! We then went through the garden centre and on to the cafe where we caught up with other WI members and enjoyed the excellent variety of cakes on offer. It is well worth a visit.

There may still be tickets available for the Richard Coles Lunch at Dunchurch Park Hotel on the 5<sup>th</sup> October at a cost of £45. Please contact Corunna House directly if you are interested.

There are also very many local initiatives on offer for the next couple of months so do look at the Warwickshire Federation website [www.warwickshirewi.org.uk](http://www.warwickshirewi.org.uk)

Our next meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> September will have taken place by the time this edition is distributed so the October meeting will be on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October in the Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.**

## **Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Draw for July 2021**

£50	Scott and Siobahn Roberson	£50	Rob Kendall
£25	Margaret Bosworth	£25	Linda Spence
£25	Sheena Healey	£10	Sarah Taylor
£10	Kevin and Kate Pickin	£10	Colin and Kay Constable

**Margaret Bosworth**

	<h2><b>Ladbroke Photography Club</b></h2>	<p><b>Jackie West</b></p>
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We are a small friendly club who meet to promote photography as a hobby by encouraging and enabling members to improve their skills as photographers through lectures, demonstrations, workshops, competitions etc.

After a long Covid pause, from Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September our regular monthly meetings return to Labroke Village Hall. Meetings are free this year; members and non-members are most welcome on the first Tuesday evening each month. At the September meeting we will be sharing our images of lockdown/ coming out of lockdown and Richard will show us his photos of flying objects - these may be planes or birds as he is fascinated by both - whichever they are bound to be great shots. For more information about the club, please contact [ladbrokephotoclub@btinternet.com](mailto:ladbrokephotoclub@btinternet.com)





## Ladbroke General Section



### Jane Rutherford Memorial Service



Jane's Memorial Service will be held on  
**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 12 noon,**  
 in All Saints' Church, Ladbroke.

Everyone is welcome to attend to help celebrate her life.

There will be a marquee erected in Farm Yard Field  
 for refreshments following the service.



**LADBROKE  
HERITAGE**

### Ladbroke Heritage

#### Repairs

Our beautiful new porch doors have been installed and they have been much admired.

The other main task in the last few weeks was the repair of the Great East Window by Holy Well Glass. Two panels needed a lot of attention so were taken to their studio in Wells where they were disassembled and re-leaded. It's all done very systematically. The first steps are to photograph the panel and take two rubbings so the exact position of the leads is known. One rubbing is used to lay out the individual pieces of glass as they are removed from the old lead, and again after each piece of glass is cleaned. The other rubbing is used as a template for the re-leading stage where the glass pieces are re-assembled with new lead comes. Once all are in position the joints are soldered and it is hand puttied to make the panel waterproof.



Most of the glass in these panels was sound but some border pieces had to be replaced as they were so broken. Great care is taken to colour match the base glass and the yellow colour, which is created by a silver stain that actually penetrates the glass. Reproducing the dark areas is a work of art too, involving hand painting a pigment onto the glass and then firing it in a kiln to fuse it onto the surface.

Meanwhile back at church, all of the old iron support bars were replaced with new bronze ones. The missing panels were replaced and the whole window had a very thorough clean to remove all the cobwebs, stone dust and general grime, including candle soot. Repairs to the handful of minor cracks in the

panels which did not go to the studio and new window guards completed the job. Do come and see our All Saints window in all its glory. Now the scaffolding has gone, the church is once again open (ie unlocked) between 10am and 4pm each day. During Heritage Open Days (10<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> September) there will be a special display inside about the repairs as well as two "Behind the Scaffolding" videos online. For more details go to [heritageopendays.org.uk](http://heritageopendays.org.uk) and search the events for Ladbroke.

The Great East Window was the last big repair we had to complete with the grant from The National Lottery Heritage and there is some contingency repair budget left. So rather than rest on our laurels and focus completely on the activity side of the project, we are planning to tackle a couple of the next priorities on a long list. As I said to someone recently, "Ladbroke Church building is over 700 years old and we have been changing or repairing it ever since!"

### Activities—August Successes



The last day of July brought our **Archaeology Day** and heavy showers! Getting dressed up in a high vis jacket and hard hat to find bones and "treasure" in the dig box was a real hit with the kids and they were also

keen to be diagnosed by the medieval medicine lady. Was that because they could sit next to her previous client, a skeleton? It was obviously his first visit to Ladbroke - he would have definitely recovered had he partaken of the refreshments, a superb choice of cakes baked by local people. A huge thanks to them and everyone else involved on the day, especially Archaeological Research Services and Fusion, working on behalf of HS2, who provided and manned some great activities. There was even a tiny medieval kiln, used to cast a special Ladbroke pilgrim's badge.

**Rock Detectives** held in the churchyard on 10<sup>th</sup> August was much enjoyed too as you can see. The activities we did that morning are part of our KS2 Rocks offer to primary schools. Feedback suggests we are on the right track: *"It was made fun with the games and hands-on activities. There was enough information to learn but done so it didn't feel like hard work. It was well received by my grandson and I also found it interesting!"* If you would like to find out more about this and other ways we can help primary schools go above and beyond the curriculum, please get in contact.



As I write the **photo competition** entries are coming in so more about that next month.

### Visit the Church

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During Heritage Open Days (10<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> September) there will be a special display inside about the repairs as well as two "Behind the Scaffolding" videos available **online**. One video is about stonework, ie the talk given in January. The other is a new one about the stained glass repairs. For more details go to [heritageopendays.org.uk](http://heritageopendays.org.uk) and search the events for Ladbroke. If you are coming in person, there will be someone there to greet you and tell you more (if you wish) on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> and in the afternoon only on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>. You can book guided tours too, details further on.

## Gravestone Geology

The wide range of rock types used for gravestones means that cemeteries can be geological treasure-troves. Come along to a guided walk on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September (10.30am **or** 2pm) in Ladbroke Churchyard with geologist and author Philip Powell and find out why. This is a free event but donations towards the heritage project gratefully received. Spaces are limited so you must book, contact Jackie on 01926 810331. We'll be in the churchyard standing on grass and uneven surfaces for about an hour so wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a waterproof if the weather is doubtful. Philip advises children will get bored, so Jackie has offered to run a shortened version of Rock Detectives for a few 7-12 year olds during the afternoon session if required and booked.

## Guided Tours and Talks

If you are looking to take family, friends and relatives out for a relaxing local activity, our trained guides are available to book for your personalised village tour. Call Nicky on 01926 815196 or email nicolalewis1958@gmail.com

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

Perhaps you belong to a club that is just restarting - we give tours to groups too, contact Nicky about these or if your group would like a talk - either in person or online we offer a range of topics: **Ladbroke Church**, **Ladbroke Village** and, from January 2022, **Alice and the Adventurer** all of which can be tailored to your group. To enquire about talks contact Jackie on 01926 810331

## Alice and the Adventurer

Who are they and what is their connection to Ladbroke? All will be revealed over the coming months. Carol Lane has written their story from Alice's perspective and the first instalment is in the next article. It will be brought to life at a special event in Ladbroke Village Hall on the evening of Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November, so put that date in your diary. More details and tickets sales will start in October.

## Find out more

Take a look at our dedicated website **[www.ladbrokeheritage.org.uk](http://www.ladbrokeheritage.org.uk)** which is full of interesting links and downloads. For snippets of information and photos check out ladbrokeheritage on Facebook or Instagram

## Administrative Support Wanted

As you can see there is a lot happening on various fronts. To help with back office tasks (not that we have an office) we are looking for some self-employed administrative help, on an as-needs basis, and can offer £15/hr to the person with the right skills and flexibility. For more information contact Jackie West on 01926 810331.

**Jackie West & Nicky Lewis**



## Alice and the Adventurer - Part 1

I was born in 1579 when Elizabeth 1<sup>st</sup> was on the throne and I was named Alice, after my paternal grandmother. Why should that matter to you, I can hear you asking? Well, I lived in Kenilworth Castle and owned a lot of the land in Ladbroke in the early 1600s. You can see proof of my devotion to Ladbroke in the silver Communion set I gave to the church. It will not be kept in the church, of course; it is far too valuable for that.

I didn't know I was privileged. My home had been an old Cistercian monastery before my grandfather changed it into a great country house, Stoneleigh Abbey. He had been Lord Mayor of London and he was proud of the fact that he had escorted Queen Elizabeth round London on the eve of her coronation in January 1559 after which he had been knighted. He had died before I was born but my grandmother, after whom I had been named, lived on for many years and continued the building of the estate with her younger son Thomas. He had married Kathryn Spencer, the youngest daughter of Sir John and Lady Kathryn of Althorp, and they are my parents.

I wasn't their first child. I had an older brother, John, and a sister, Kathryn, and after me there were two other little boys but they didn't last long. I was sad that I was always the baby of the family but my life was easy with a nanny and a governess who lived with us and taught Kathryn and me how to read and write, learn other languages and to sew and make music. There was plenty of time to explore the large grounds and we had a nursery with wooden toys including my favourite doll.

Kathryn and I always knew that we would get married and it didn't occur to us that there was any other way than marrying the men our father chose for us.

Kathryn, being about four years older, was first and she considered herself lucky when she was introduced to Robert Catesby as he was tall and handsome, a renowned horseman, good tempered, generous and generally popular with everybody. As our family had Protestant faith, if she was surprised that our father was proposing a liaison with a family whose Catholic leaning cost them heavily in fines, she accepted that he knew best. The Catesby family held lands in Ashby St Ledgers in Northamptonshire, as well as parts of Gloucestershire and Warwickshire, including Ladbroke. Our grandfather, a merchant, had been admitted to the Freedom of the Mercer's Company, which gave Robert and Kathryn the right to be married in the Mercer's Chapel in Cheapside in London in 1592. About a year after they were married, Robert's grandmother died and he inherited Chastleton in Oxfordshire. Kathryn was happy at the beginning of her marriage and they soon had a little boy whom they called Robert after his father and she persuaded Robert to allow him to be christened in the Anglican church at Chastleton which was surprising as he was a very devout and practising Catholic. However, their next little boy died and Kathryn joined him soon after when she was just 23 years. I was very saddened with this news.

More problems were to follow. Her husband Robert was imprisoned and fined for his Catholicism. In order to pay his fines he twice mortgaged Chastleton to

my father. This seemed to embitter him further and he even supported the Earl of Essex's failed rebellion against Queen Elizabeth; the fines he was subjected to this time forced him to sell Chastleton. After Queen Elizabeth died and King James I acceded to the throne, it was obvious that he was not going to tolerate Catholics either, which was when Robert became one of the main conspirators in the gunpowder plot to blow up the Houses of Parliament. After the barrels were discovered in the cellar, Robert and other conspirators fled to Holbeache House in Staffordshire where he was tracked down. Rather than allow himself to be caught he fought back to back with a co-conspirator and they both died from the same musket fire. I was told that the last thing he did was to seize an image of the Virgin Mary and clasp it as he died. I could almost be relieved that my sister had not lived to see this.

***Next Time - Hear about my own marriage***

**Carol Lane**



## **Report from District Councillor**

### **Blue Bins**

The middle days of August were dominated by problems following the catastrophic fire at the recycling centre at Ettington. Firstly, thanks are due to the fire fighters for getting the blaze under control without reports of loss of life or injury. Much of the material involved is very combustible.

In a short space of time council staff worked hard to find outlets to sort and recycle the waste enabling collections of dry recycling to recommence. Across the District only one collection was missed for most communities. There may be a disruption to the service in that times of collections may be later than normal - the trucks are having to travel further to be emptied.

A lot of work and planning has gone into finding a solution that ensures our materials are still recycled and the service may take a few weeks to fully catch up and return to complete normality whilst different sites need to be used.

The Council has apologised for the disruption the suspension of service has caused. There will be various knock-on effects for some time as a key strand of council services has been lost. Various investigations will need to be made in the course of time.

### **HS2 - A425 Open!**

I am pleased to report that after the many months of discussion involved, the road is now open past the polo ground. Bear in mind that other delayed maintenance work for surrounding roads will now restart so I afraid it won't be plain sailing in the area.

At a recent meeting I attended with the contractor for the southern section in Warwickshire, I sought reassurance that lessons will be learnt from the A425 experience for the future crossing of the Kineton Road south of Southam and

the A423 between Ladbroke and Southam. The contractor (EKFB) is intending to avoid road closure on both roads for more than a few days in 1-2 years' time, but their plans should be better known at the end of the year. However, the public footpath between Southam and Ladbroke will be closed shortly and no alternative walking route will be available for a considerable time.

The HS2 related archaeology investigations, some of which were covered by recent Ladbroke Heritage group events, has revealed the ancient activity here, including substantial Roman settlement.

## **Covid**

Although there had been some slight reduction in cases here and in Stratford district as a whole, numbers are now on the rise again. The seven day rate per 100,000 was 295.3 on 23<sup>rd</sup> August which is an increase of over 30% from the position at the same time in the preceding week. Across Warwickshire, the highest rates were in Rugby Borough at 438.3 on 23 August.

While there has been an increase in the under 60s, however, it is the increase in the over 60s which is more significant. Last week the 7 day rate per 100,000 in the over 60s was 63.6, whereas the latest figures now show this figure at 110.7, an increase of 74% over the week.

The current rate of vaccination of the Stratford District adult population now stands at 87.2% having had at least one dose, with the local milestone reached yesterday where we have 80% now being fully vaccinated.

I am pleased to see that the vast majority of people are continuing to wear masks in confined spaces such as shops - more evidence seems to be emerging that this is really beneficial in protecting both others and the wearer.

**Nigel Rock**  
**nigel.rock@stratford-dc.gov.uk**



## **Teams4U - Love in a Box Shoebox Appeal**

Once again Teams4U will be distributing Christmas gifts in shoeboxes to vulnerable children and families in Romania, Belarus, Bosnia, Moldova and Georgia.

As before, I will be coordinating our local contribution to this year's appeal.

There will be different ways to get involved but if you want to start gathering items to go into a shoebox, that would be great.

More details to follow in the next few weeks.

Further information can be found on the Teams4U website ([www.teams4u.com](http://www.teams4u.com)) or by contacting me - Sue Wright on 07768 333675 or [suewright21@googlemail.com](mailto:suewright21@googlemail.com).



Thank you in anticipation - these boxes really do make a huge difference to the children and families.

**Sue Wright**



## Harbury Society

Sue Turner

Exciting news! After all activities being put on hold for so long, the Harbury Society is very pleased to announce that, as from October, 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 Watgall.

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.



## Harbury Women's Institute

Mary Thompson

30 members attended our annual Garden Party on 5<sup>th</sup> August. After a number of lovely evenings, the weather changed and we were faced with heavy rain. Fortunately, some committee members, husbands and grandchildren had erected two marquees which kept everyone dry and reasonably warm. The committee had prepared lovely refreshments and a good time was had by all in spite of the weather. Members were so pleased to meet in person after such a long time. Our thanks to Gill and Geoff Thorpe for their hospitality (pictures on next page).



Were you in the vicinity of the Village Hall on the afternoon of 11<sup>th</sup> August? You may have been surprised to see a group of our “young ladies” playing a variety of outdoor games organised by Lin. From boules, Jenga, Smite, hoopla and throwing the bean bag, a fun afternoon was had by all. We were so pleased to be back in each others’ company after so many months at home. No overall winner this year - but a good time was had by all.

We are now looking forward to a busy September when hopefully things will return to being more normal.





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Ann is organising a Walking Quiz in Warwick on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September, followed by tea in the Brethren's Kitchen at the Lord Leycester Hospital. If you haven't booked a place let Ann know as soon as possible.

We are holding our first live meeting since March 2020 on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September. The meeting will be held in the Tom Hauley room at 7.45pm and the speaker will be Jane Barnes who will be describing "Tales from a Dairy Farmer's Wife." This is Jane's third attempt to visit us so we are hoping that it will be third time lucky! Jane will be talking about her life on a family farm in Somerby, Melton Mowbray, where they produce milk for Stilton cheese. Jane will be bringing some Stilton to sell but deals in cash only. Visitors and new members will be most welcome. Hand sanitiser will be available and members will be free to wear a mask if they feel happier.

The Rural Cinema run by Harbury WI members returns on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September. The film "Blithe Spirit" is based on Noel Coward's book starring Dan Stevens, Judi Dench, Emilia Fox and Michele Dotrice. We are grateful that the chemist has agreed to sell tickets again - £10 to include fish and chips and ten raffle tickets or £5 for film only and five raffle tickets. A bar is available so we ask that people attending don't bring their own drinks please. Doors open at 6.15pm and the film starts at 7pm. Numbers will be strictly limited so don't leave it too late to purchase them. Future cinema dates are 16<sup>th</sup> October, 13<sup>th</sup> November, 15<sup>th</sup> January, 12<sup>th</sup> February and 12<sup>th</sup> March - watch for posters on village notice boards.

Our annual Harvest Supper will be held on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September in the Village Hall - 7.00 for 7.30pm. This event is open to members, husbands / a partner. The speaker will be Duncan Nealon who will be talking about his experiences on the Marathon Des Sables when he ran across the Sahara - described as the "Toughest Footrace on Earth". More details will be given at the meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> September; if you haven't put your name down, please let Ann know as soon as possible.

### ***\*\*Change to Advertised Film***

*Just as the Harbury News went to press WI were informed that we could no longer show Blithe Spirit because a large broadcasting company has bought the film rights. This has never happened before and is very annoying because we know that people have already purchased tickets.*

*The film we are now going to show on 18<sup>th</sup> September is "Love Sarah". This is a feelgood film about a young woman who wishes to fulfil her dream of opening her own bakery in Notting Hill; to do this she enlists the help of an old friend and her grandma. The film stars Candice Brown, Shannon Tarbet and Celia Imrie.*

*Our apologies for this change but it was entirely beyond our control. If you already have tickets for Blithe Spirit and are happy to see Love Sarah instead just bring them to the hall as usual. If you don't want to see Love Sarah please return them to the chemist for a refund.*

**Mary Thompson**



## Harbury Heritage Centre

Bill Timson

It was quite an eventful August in the village but I would like to focus on two of the events that took place. **Firstly**, the refurbishment of the Co-op store in the High Street.

The first Co-op store opened in Rochdale in 1844. The Co-op membership was revolutionary for its day, allowing people from all walks of life to benefit from being a member. They didn't discriminate and anyone who could uphold the responsibilities could become a member. There has been a Co-op store in Harbury since Victorian times; 1863 to be precise. The photograph below shows High Street looking up to The Dog public house in the distance. The Wight School can be seen on the left and in the foreground is the Co-op. (approx. 1910).



The aim of the Co-op society was to treat the local people with respect and provide affordable food for all. The movement continued to spread across the UK and by 1900 the group had over 1,400 stores and thousands of members.

By 1939 Harbury Co-op employed 18 people, including Mr Honiwell the manager, Mr Knight the secretary and Mrs Holder the draper. The drapery/ haberdashery department was housed in what is now the pharmacy. Mr J Bloxham was the baker and Mr B Fell delivered the bread. The Co-op delivered to most outlying villages using three grey Ford vans from Soans Garage and a coal lorry.

Prices in 1939 (in old pounds, shillings and pence) included: bacon 9d per lb, beer 4d per pint, milk 2d per pint and a cottage loaf 4d. (12d old pence = 5p today).

In 1942 the London Co-operative Society opened its first self-service store, leading the way in this new kind of shopping.

Despite its successes the Co-op has been through a turbulent time during its history with increased competition from other retailers. However, a survey in 2006 reported that the British public had voted the Co-op as the most trusted retailer. In the same year, 6 million people joined the new membership scheme.

### Some Co-op facts:

- 4,500 stores
- Millions of members
- 15 different local societies
- New head office
- Oldest retailer in the UK

**Below:** during the refurbishment and the newly opened store.



As a commitment to supporting local village organisations the Co-op group made a generous donation to Harbury Heritage Group in support of the work we do preserving the village's archives. **Right** are members of the committee receiving the cheque.



The **second** event in August was our annual Treasure Hunt. This is specifically aimed at families with a view to having fun and learning more about the history of Harbury.

The weather was fine and the event was really well attended. Several families gained full marks and there were three 'Treasure Chests' of goodies (all of the contents kindly donated) as prizes. The photographs overleaf show families booking in and children trying the lucky dip for 'gold coins' and 'gold

bars'. The adults received a scroll with the answers and some more information about each of the clues. We raised £150 towards the running of the Heritage Centre. Many thanks to all those who supported the event.



The overall winners shown left, receiving their 'treasure chest' are the Bailey Family.

Our opening times for **September** are:

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>: 6.30 - 8.30pm and Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>: 2 - 4pm

Then from **October**:

First Tuesday: 5<sup>th</sup>: 7 - 9pm and third Sunday: 17<sup>th</sup>: 2 - 4pm



## Harbury Energy Initiative

**Bob Sherman**

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### Code Red - very inconvenient

Amid all the desperate headlines of disaster and death in Haiti and Afghanistan, of a still rampant Delta variant, of floods and fires, was one that may have lost its impact as a result. The International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) published a report recently announcing 'Code Red for humanity'. The fires in Siberia and California, the floods in Germany, the extreme temperatures in Canada, Italy and other parts of Europe, the

potential breakdown of the Atlantic Gulf Stream which brings us our gentle climate are all showing clearly that climate change is already happening and having dramatic and disastrous effects with far worse predicted. Even so, we are told that there is still hope that we can avoid the worst effects if we act now. Recovery requires corporate business, our national government and global forums (such as COP26) and local government to act decisively and direct investment away from fossil fuels and other damaging activity and into advanced technology and policy that will be beneficial and healing. It also requires all of us in community and individually to think how we live and the impact this is having on the planet. The IPCC report is clear that without that individual action not enough will change. Many years ago Al Gore wrote of 'An Inconvenient Truth', well chosen words, as it will be inconvenient to live within our global ecological and carbon limits but absolutely essential. We may have to do without things that we have always taken for granted, consume less, adjust our choices of purchases, holidays, eating habits. But we have to do it or we will have lost that hope. It's no longer about distant possibilities and future generations but about **now**.

### **Idling**

There are still a few 'No Idling' signs evident around the centre of the village. These were first erected in 2017 by HEI in association with the Parish Council. Idling engines pollute the air, waste fuel and release unnecessary amounts of carbon dioxide. The signs were widely ignored. At the request of the Parish Council we are going to have another go. We will be installing in due course a second batch of signs made of more robust material. We hope that the zeal of Harbury residents and visiting drivers in addressing climate change in their daily lives will ensure that you will support this move to clean the air. Because you all think it's a good idea, don't you?

### **Not granted**

I may be losing my touch. Both my recent bids, mentioned in the August issue, failed. That's not supposed to happen. Since I am responsible for one of the bids for the church Heat, Light and Stone project as well, let's hope I get it back.

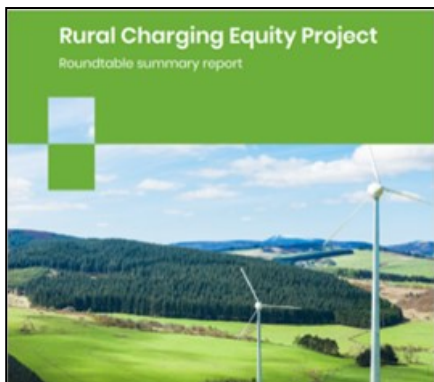
The first failed bid was to the County's Green Shoots Community Fund. We were trying for funding for a website to support the Low Carbon Warwickshire Network (LCWN). In spite of turning us down, the County Council are keen for the Network to succeed and want to work with us, so all is possibly not lost.

The second was on behalf of the Scouts to help them to kick start an e-bike share scheme. We were close but not close enough. In each case we were told that we had submitted a good bid, but...That 'but' is the difference between moving forward or not. There are other funds. I don't give up that readily when we spot a good idea.

The good news that keeps me smiling is that the LCWN will be restarting its live events programme this November at Church Lawford. These half day events have proved quite effective so far in generating new green initiatives in rural communities.



## Charging ahead

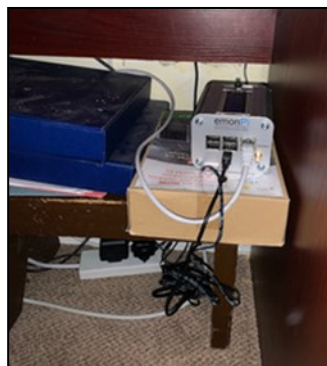


It is interesting that the government's Energy Saving Trust recently released their 'Rural Charging Equity Project' report, showing the dangers of rural communities being left behind in the transition to electric cars. Were we prescient in initiating the Harbury Future Energy (HFE) project in 2019? Much of what is covered in the report was in our thinking as we embarked on this ambitious project. HEI does try to be ahead of the curve in our thinking and planning and this has earned the village a good reputation.

It is already evident that there are more electric cars (and vans) about in and around Harbury. Nearly all of them will be owned by people with their own domestic charge points and off-road parking. But what about those who do not have such a convenience? I am lucky in having a friendly resident happy to share their charge point with me but that is hardly a perfect solution to the problem for others.

If you have yet to look at what is planned you can see it all at: [www.harburyfutureenergy.org.uk](http://www.harburyfutureenergy.org.uk)

Today I received my device for the Advent project. Those 50 or more of you that volunteered for it may have forgotten all about it. It took me about ten minutes to set it up, most of that was spent opening the package. The devices will be arriving soon, if they haven't already, and the project is now active.



	<h2>Harbury e-Wheels</h2>	<p><b>Bob Sherman</b></p>
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### How do you fancy being a village hero?

Harbury e-Wheels has a great reputation here in Harbury and the surrounding area but is also known nationally for its work. It has earned this reputation through the quality of its volunteers and we need another one.

Could you offer a few hours every so often to help Harbury e-Wheels? We are looking for another member of our coordinator team to help process requests for transport. It is definitely not a full time role. You would be on duty one week in six and in that week, even if you work full time, would be able to deal with requests easily during lunch breaks and evenings. You will need

moderate IT skills (email and Google Drive) but will get full support and initial familiarisation training.

If you would like to help us please contact Janny Freeman on 612002 or contact me through Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/harburyewheels>

## 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, cash only until next month, when we will publish an online link to pay by card.

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 & 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**  
(on behalf of e-Wheels)

	<h2>1<sup>st</sup> Harbury Scouts</h2>	<p><b>John Rea</b></p>
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Harbury Scouts have traditionally 'gone on camp' at the end of May. We had five days booked at a great coastal site in Pembrokeshire for May 2019. We didn't go. Instead, we rolled that over to May 2020. We didn't go on that one either. But (drum roll please) we have just returned from a four day camp locally, at our district campsite at Hatton - this the first actual face to face, in person real camping for more than 18 months!

Although ongoing Scout Association restrictions prevented us from crossing the border into Wales, it was still great to get out camping once again and to get back to some Scouting basics like sleeping under canvas and lighting camp fires. It seems we are one of the first troops in our area to venture out as lockdown eases and we were visited by our Commissioner for some photographs for the district Scouting magazine and Facebook page. All in all, we managed to have plenty of fun - one of our oldest Scouts Matthew takes up the story:



*"The 7<sup>th</sup> August was the start of the first camp anybody had been on in a while. We arrived at Hatton Scout campsite just after 10am with bags and bikes, ready to go. Straight away, we put up the tents, broke flag and had the obligatory troop photo. Inevitably, it didn't take long for someone to get a football out and have a kick-around. We had free time to around 4pm, when we wolfed some hot dogs down and set off on a short walk to Hatton Laser Combat. We had lots of fun there shooting each other and playing mini-games. We then set off back to the campsite where we had a bit more free time.*



*Later that evening, we had a fire and played some wide games in the forest next to the camp until about 11pm.*

*The next day, we woke up bright and early to set off into the forest where we practised our pioneering skills with ropes and poles, making swings and an aerial runway. Later on in the day, we cycled as a troop to Warwick Adventure Sports to go go-karting. Well done to Kallum for coming first. In the evening, we played some more wide games.*

*The third day was a hike. We made some packed lunches and set off around 11am. The hike was about seven miles long and along the way, we met a small dog who followed us for a bit and we got thoroughly stung by nettles. That night, we all sat around the campfire and the soon-to-be Year 7s came up with some scary stories to tell us all and John got very scared (I was only pretending, honest, John).*



*On the last day, we packed up, made some more packed lunches and played the “egg game”, a Harbury scout favourite. We then set off at about 1.30pm for our 12 mile bike ride home. Most of it was on canal towpaths through Hatton locks and then through Leamington and on to Whitnash. We then cycled up Golf Lane to the Fosse and had to cycle up past the Rugby club and up the hill. Only two scouts made it up without pushing. We then rode on through the village to the Hut, thus concluding the four days camping”.*



**LOCAL FOODBANK** - there is a facility in the village to donate non-perishable food to the Foodbank, which supplies the local area, including Harbury. Please bring donations to the Wight School (library) car park on Mondays between 11.30am and 12.30pm. One of the e-Wheels drivers will be there to receive your items. Alternatively, donations may be dropped off at the library foyer during its normal opening hours.  
Thank you.





# Harbury Wheelbarrow Race

Photos submitted by Heather Cl...





# arrow Race 2021

Arke, Tony Estick and Bill Timson





## Hereburgh Morris

Peter McDonald

Like many organisations, the pandemic has curtailed the activities of Harbury's Morris team – Hereburgh – but there are signs that things are starting to get back to normal. After the severest lockdown rules were relaxed, the team resumed weekly practices in the Village Hall and in various outdoor spaces, at all times keeping well apart while dancing. This resulted in the dancers having further to travel within the set (phew!) and the phenomenon of silent stick dances because we weren't close enough to clash our sticks.

Fortunately, not all of our public performances and social life had to be abandoned. A recent highlight in July was our annual 'Cyclobooze' (the clue's in the name) which saw the team pedalling between a number of local hostelrys, performing the odd dance here and there. More recently, the Merrie Lion at Fenny Compton made us very welcome for a pleasant evening's dancing and our calendar is starting to fill up for the Autumn.

During the summer holiday period, we returned to the School playground for our practices (thank you, Harbury School) and, from Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, we'll be resuming our weekly practices at 8pm in the School Hall. If you're tempted to have a go, or just curious to find out what we do, now is an excellent time to come and meet us. We'd love to welcome new members, men or women, young or old. You can find us on Facebook or look at our website [www.hereburghmorris.org.uk](http://www.hereburghmorris.org.uk).



## Harbury Rugby Football Club

Steve Kittendorf

After nearly 18 months dealing with Covid, what could possibly be thrown at us next? Well how about an illegal encampment of travellers! Late Wednesday afternoon 11<sup>th</sup> August, the entrance gates were removed and several caravans set up camp on the back field. The Police attended with four squad cars at 7.00pm but were unable to remove the travellers as they had settled on private land. Acting on advice from Pete Rollason, the Club engaged the services of certified bailiffs and a **Notice of Eviction** was served on Thursday afternoon requiring them to leave within 24 hours. On Friday morning, the bailiffs returned to site whereupon the travellers became aggressive and confrontational such that the Police were called. Because the travellers had entered the land as trespassers, used threatening behaviour and caused damage to Club property, a **Section 61 Notice** ordering them to leave the site by midnight Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> was served by the Police. The last of 13 caravans left the site by 6.00pm Sunday, the entrance gates were re-established and additional security placed.



Reviewing the site on Monday revealed that the shed had been broken into, the Clubhouse left untouched, the back field strewn with litter and excreta, all cleaned up by members. Apart from a limited amount of damage and vandalism, the Club have already incurred direct costs of £4,000. A review of Club security is currently being undertaken which will inevitably require additional resources to be found.

Moving on to other news.

Rugby training has continued on Tuesday and Thursday nights. Ladies Touch also train every Thursday from 7.00 to 8.30pm.

Cricket matches were suspended for two weeks thanks to the travellers!

An inaugural Rugby Touch tournament was held at the Club on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> with six teams ranging from U14s to senior players, girls and boys mixed on all teams. It was a competitive round of matches, with the Warwick Knights coming out as deserved winners. Children's entertainment was provided from Froggle Parties with balloon swords being a massive hit, literally! The bar was open, a pizza van provided much needed nourishment AND the weather was kind to us.



Thanks go to the organisers for a great family event, especially Claire from Ladies Touch and Chris Woodhams – Vice Chair M&Js. Anyone interested in trying touch rugby contact Claire for details on 07506 309821.

The 2021/22 season is upon us with the first training session on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September, starting at 10.00am, all the coaches are buzzing to get back out there. We have lots to offer:

- Boys' rugby U5s to U16s
- Girls' rugby U5s to U12s
- Girls' touch rugby U13s to U16s
- And for the parents, fresh filter coffee, bacon butties and a friendly atmosphere!

If interested, get in touch via email on [harburyrfcenquires@gmail.com](mailto:harburyrfcenquires@gmail.com), we look forward to hearing from you.

Full contact senior rugby kicks off with the first three matches at home starting on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> against Banbury 3s; followed by Biggleswade on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> in the first round of the Junior Vase. League fixtures start on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> against Kings Norton. All matches kick off at 3.00pm.

Keep Safe.



## Harbury Toddler Group

Lynne Barton

### Hello from everyone at Toddlers

We are looking forward to returning to Toddlers after the summer holidays.

There will be no requirement to pre-register so just pop along from **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 9.30am**. We say goodbye at **11.15am**.

It has proved a challenging year for everyone and in order to keep everyone safe we will still use our hand sanitisers and parents and volunteers are more than welcome to wear a mask. We will retain our good ventilation keeping both doors open.

Everyone welcome .....

### Summer Trip

We all had a lovely end of term trip to Hatton Country World, with a special tractor ride and our very own marquee for a picnic lunch. The weather was kind to us and a good time was had by everyone. We said 'goodbye' to some of our 'big school' children and



wish them well as they transition to their next phase of education. It's always an emotional time but we know they will have a great time.



### Summary

Thank you for your continued support and please do spread the word that we are back!

With much affection, stay safe and we look forward to seeing you all very soon.

Love from Lynne, Selina, Reg, Suzi and Judi x x



## Harbury Village Library & Biblio's Café

Rich Fowler

### Library



We have had further deliveries of books in the **Reading Well for Mental Health and Wellbeing** series. The programme helps people understand and manage their health and wellbeing using helpful reading. The books are chosen and recommended by health experts, in consultation with people living with the conditions covered and their relatives and carers. There are separate collections for Adults, Children, and Young Adults. The collection is prominently displayed in the library.

The Wild World Heroes **Summer Reading Challenge** is drawing to a close. While not as many children have participated as in a “normal” year, we have been very pleased with the take up. We are planning for ways to keep children engaged when they return to school.

Our **Moths to a Flame** Activity Afternoon was a great success and we sent 21 milk bottle moths off to be part of the installation of 20,000 moths at the COP26 Climate Change Conference in Glasgow in November 2021.

**Home Delivery** If you, or someone you know, can't get to the library we are still offering Home Delivery. Either select from our online catalogue, or, like some of our other borrowers, let us know which authors or genres you like and we'll put a collection together for you. Just phone us on 01926 258 776 or email us at [library@harburyvillagelibrary.org.uk](mailto:library@harburyvillagelibrary.org.uk)



**Events and Other Activities** Over the last 18 months we've been putting together a series of events and activities ready to launch in September 2021.

We think there's something here for everyone. Tickets will be on sale in the library and online.

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October, 7pm at the Village Hall: Boat Horse:** Tales of England's horse drawn canal boats in Music and Verse, Dance and Puppetry. Performed by Bonnet and Belt Theatre Company.

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30pm** in the Library in association with e-Wheels: **Travels with Tottle:** A feast of great photos

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November, 8pm** at the Village Hall in association with G.A.S.S.: **Bonfire Radicals in Concert:** Emerging from the Folk / World music scene, Bonfire Radicals provide a fusion of medieval melodies, jazz-tinged swing, folk-rock, klezmer and all points in between - and go from pyrotechnic folk-rock to delicate unaccompanied singing.

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30pm** in the Library in association with e-Wheels: **Murder Mystery:** We can't tell you any more because it's a .... mystery!

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30pm** at the Village Hall: **My Life and My times with George Orwell:** Richard Blair talks about his father, George Orwell

Our plans for 2022 already include mandolin, guitar and fiddling wizardry together with honey-dripping vocals; two ghost stories from Charles Dickens (spooky but with a comic twist); and a family show, mixing Kathak (Indian classical dance) and contemporary dance, live music and physical storytelling.

**Spanish Classes** will be starting again in the library in September. One class at 5.15 pm for beginners and intermediate speakers, and a Conversation Class for more advanced speakers at 6.30 pm. If you're interested in joining, please contact us at [spanish@harburyvillagelibrary.org.uk](mailto:spanish@harburyvillagelibrary.org.uk).

### **Biblio's Café**

Biblio's is looking for an **Intern** to work regular Saturday mornings from September. You would be trained in all aspects of barista work including customer service, food hygiene and use of cash and card payment systems. In addition to learning useful workplace skills, you would become an important member of the current volunteer team and provide a valuable service to the people of the village.

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Jill Baker at [jillbaker2015@outlook.com](mailto:jillbaker2015@outlook.com), or pop into the cafe on a Friday or Saturday morning.

### **HVL Opening Times**

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

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



## Harbury Village Club & Institute

Judy Morraill

What an amazing month August is turning out to be at our club. We are having our busiest month since we reopened in May. More footfall and now societies are coming back for meetings and we are looking forward to welcoming back the orchestra in September. Don't forget that the use of our room is free. Loving the Aliens held their band practice but, unfortunately, the date had to be changed from a Thursday to a Wednesday. The article for August had already been sent by the deadline date and it was all rearranged at the last minute, so sorry if you missed them. You will be able to see them at The Crown at the Beer Festival - more of that below.



I forgot to mention last month that we were awarded a grant of £500 by the Parish Council - a huge thank you for this. The lovely three-seater black leather settee and matching chair and stool are now in the old

TV room which is now a games room but can still be used for small meetings. The kind gentleman, Howel Merchant, who has now moved from Hillside to live in Hertfordshire nearer to his daughter, very kindly donated a matching two-seater settee and a super organ. The organ is now on the stage and anyone who can play is very welcome to use it. All the old furniture which was stacked on the stage has now gone and it makes the whole room look bigger. The new settee is along the wall at the back of the pool table and blends in well. We cannot thank him enough for his generosity

Now that we are back to bar service the bells have been removed from the tables. Your safety and well-being is of paramount importance to us and everything is sanitised daily and it all looks so lovely and clean and sparkling. Thanks to our cleaner Jo who ensures that it is all thoroughly cleaned daily. Our hard-working bar staff and Becky, our bar manager, make sure that everything runs like clockwork. The loyalty cards are being very well used too. Our two newest bar ladies have settled in very well and are coming up with some brilliant suggestions to attract more inside the club - anyone for a cocktail hour? Watch this space.

The huge TV in the concert room continues to attract many for the various sporting events. All enjoyed the Olympics, Rugby, Football and of course the Hundred which was a fantastic success. The women's final at Lords attracted 17,000 spectators and all were socially distanced. Women's cricket will now be much more appreciated and supported.



The events which took place in the first three weeks of August were so well supported and it was nice to see some new faces. The family Bingo was enjoyed by all ages, the Charity Quiz was another hit and I was able to



donate £160 to the Guide Dogs. The car boot too was enjoyed by so many villagers and to round it off Paddington 2 was enjoyed by those who came to watch it on the huge TV plus of course popcorn. The family and members' day on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> too was a huge success, something for all ages, as were our new areas, the games room inside the club and the family area outside with picnic tables, parasols and games which were used throughout the day. The food from John at the Crown was excellent. I had the roast beef and horseradish bap which was so tasty. It was our best day ever for takings too - thank you to all who came to support the day. We also had a party in the concert room recently; a case of all systems go.



I will be hosting another charity quiz on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September in aid of the Cats Protection League with another bumper raffle and I promise not to make the questions so hard!!! The room opens at 7.15pm and the quiz starts at 8.00pm, the cost will be £3 per entrant. Again, due to popular demand, there will be another car boot sale on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September. Sellers arrive at 9.00am and buyers from 9.30 onwards. Only £5 per pitch. The club will be open from 10.00am for the sale of teas, coffees, drinks and snacks. We also hope to show the film Bohemian Rhapsody in September. I loved and still do love Queen having seen them at the old Wembley stadium. Freddie Mercury was such a talent and Adam Lambert does a very good job so I am told. Watch our Facebook page for a definite date. On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September



(not Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> as I said in last article) we are co-hosting the Annual Beer Festival with our friends at The Crown, John and Amanda. Your chance to sample real ale etc from local breweries and much more. Loving the Aliens will be at The Crown with their David Bowie music. If you haven't seen them before please go and support them. We are liaising with John in two weeks when we will be putting the finishing touches to the schedule of events. Watch out for the Hereburgh Morris dancers too. It promises to be an amazing day. We are looking forward to seeing all our fantastic villagers and visitors from outside the village. There will be more events in October, more of that next month. We will be holding our very late AGM on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October; those whose email addresses we have will be advised plus posters around the village and Facebook. This is your chance to see how we have fared during these very challenging times.

I am still regularly watering the pots outside the club. They are looking superb and very colourful and will last well into October/November. I spent three hours last Thursday on the rockery weeding, deadheading and tidying. I am so pleased with the display, it is so colourful and cheers you up as you walk past. I also weeded the kerbs outside the club and cottage and swept up as there was only one car parked along there. Then I put the hose pipe along the top of the rockery and gave all the plants a watering. The heavy rainstorm

early last Sunday did not make much difference as the water just rolled down and didn't soak up. So I shall be doing more watering of the rockery this Friday the 27th as we are going to Cornwall the next day for a week.

The allotments are very productive too but the tomatoes have yet to ripen up. So many runner and French beans and of course courgettes. The freezer is well stocked up!! We are still busy at Upton and had a recent visit from Philip Mould of Fake or Fortune. He remembered me from his last visit, we had a super chat about the Reynolds painting and he said some very kind things to me. Please come and see us.

Have a lovely Bank Holiday and enjoy the sights and sounds around our wonderful village

Again, a huge thank you all involved with the magazine and delivery.

My very best wishes.



## Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery

Christine Dakin



It is generally agreed that gardening is good for you. You get some exercise and being outdoors is beneficial for your health. But it can also be a risky, sometimes dangerous occupation fraught with hazards such as cuts from secateurs, thorns from roses and other prickly plants and skin irritants from the sap of some

plants. There can be bee and wasp stings, so beware of accidentally digging up a wasp nest in the ground, they will chase you for quite a distance, that's assuming you can run. Some people will end up at A & E through accidents with chainsaws, hedge trimmers and other power tools. Please take care, don't use the lawn mower while wearing flip-flops, it might not be the wisest thing to do. Respect that chainsaw, it is a powerful machine. And pace yourself, rather than rushing a job. Lecture over.



Meanwhile.....it is the time of year to buy and plant bulbs.....if you want hyacinths for Christmas they need to be put into bowls of compost in a dark place for a few weeks.....prune rambling roses.....continue to deadhead other roses.....tomatoes should be abundant now, if you have a surplus make soup and freeze it.....pot up runners of strawberry plants.....take cuttings of any slightly tender plants to ensure you have more for next year including penstemmons, gaura, shrubby salvias.....sow hardy annuals for next year.

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## Nature Notes

John Hancock

Sharon and I were in the north of England visiting our respective brothers, so missed the deluge on the 21<sup>st</sup> August. Luckily, Harbury being on a hill, flooding was not a problem but the same volume of water dumped on Ladbroke may have been a different story. On our return, I took my usual walk down Mill Lane past the floral delights of Sean and Dawn's garden and on to the path which leads to the railway cutting. The rain had largely soaked away into the thirsty ground but had also brought out numerous tiny froglets which had no doubt been waiting for this moment to relocate and stock up on protein for the winter to come. At the site of Childyke Cottages, the path is overhung with plum trees. These golden yellow plums are Warwickshire Droopers and have a lovely flavour particularly when cooked. Sad to think that Harry Gardner, who is remembered here by a blue plaque, picked similar plums as a child before he went to fight and die for King and country in a war which, to us, seemed so unnecessary. Different times but have we really learned anything?



Other fruit passed on my walk included damson, crab apple, blackberry and sloe. A lot of people will have a favourite blackberry bush. I've been picking from mine and enjoying blackberry and apple with my breakfast cereal for a few weeks already. Looking down for trip hazards I spied a reddish growth attached to a wild rose. This is known as Robin's Pincushion. It's a gall caused by a tiny wasp which lays its eggs - up to sixty in number - in a leaf bud.



Walking up to the village via Dark Lane, I was drawn to a Ragwort flower. They are always worth inspecting at this time of the year. Sure enough, three plump larvae were chomping through the foliage. The distinctive orange and black caterpillars were those of the Cinnabar moth.

Driving north, the motorway passes Durham on a bend of the River Wear. The stunning Norman cathedral is built of sandstone on a prominent bluff. On this visit to the city, we walked round the University Botanic Gardens. This 25 acre site has a collection of plants from all over the world. It includes a North American Arboretum, a Himalayan Dell, a Japanese Garden and lots more. In a corner, Magnesian limestone has been brought in and used to exhibit the flora of this Permian era terrain. I was struck by a plant with broad leaves. It was about a metre tall. Although the flowers had morphed into seeds, it looked familiar. A gardener confirmed that it was a



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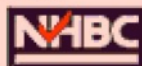
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## Harbury Village Library & Biblio's Café

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Broad-leafed Helleborine (*Epipactis helleborine*), one of our commoner wild orchids. Locally it can be found at Ryton Woods from mid-July to mid-August.

Like most Botanic Gardens, Durham is somewhere to visit at various times of the year. Locally we have Oxford and Birmingham. Each season will reveal a changing scene be it leaf burst, fruiting or the colour change of autumn.

Eileen Dronfield has been in touch to tell me of a sight to cheer us up in these difficult times. Five Peacock butterflies were soaking up the sun on her garden path adjacent to a Buddleia bush. Perhaps an Indian summer beckons.



## General Section

### Harbury Wheelbarrow Race

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August saw the return of Harbury Wheelbarrow Race and the Decorated Wheelbarrow Competition.



Pat Wharton won the adults' decorated wheelbarrow category with "Barrow and Fall" and Noah Jake won the children's category with his amazing Frozen castle wheelbarrow.

The race started at The Crown and a good crowd of supporters turned up to cheer on the

competitors. We had 25 teams sign up for the race with a fantastic array of fancy dress. Competitors raced from the Crown to the Shakespeare, the Rugby Club @ the Old New Inn, the Gamecock, the Club and ending up back at the Crown.

Rob Rollason and Adam Chalk won the men's race in a time of 10 mins flat. Alison Baldwin and Emma White won the ladies' race in a time of 18 minutes 34 secs. Abi Hunt and Radcliffe Getfield Jnr won the water race and the trophy for the fastest time





by a team with a combined age over 80 years was won by James Cragg and Richard Maz. Jan and John Freeman won the prize for the best fancy dress.



We would like to thank all of the pubs, the club and the rugby club for supporting the event and making it such a success. The money raised will be split between Harbury School PTA and Harbury Preschool. Thank you to Alice, Jane and Steve for helping with the marshalling on the day. And finally thank you to all of the competitors and supporters who made the event so enjoyable. We look forward to seeing everyone again next year back at the usual time in June 2022.

### Harbury Wheelbarrow Race Committee



### Relay to COP26

All Saints Church in Harbury was recently pleased to offer hospitality to a team of pilgrims who are raising awareness of climate change. The Young Christian Climate Network started their walk from the G7 when it finished in Truro in June and will arrive at the end of October in Glasgow for COP26. And it was a special day for the group as they reached their halfway point.

The pilgrims are on a very circuitous route and passed through the Midlands, from Banbury to Birmingham, in five 1-day stages. The walk is a relay with different people joining the group as it progresses from Truro to Glasgow, and local churches along the way are assisting with hospitality, from lunch to overnight accommodation.

As the YCCN website states: *"Our brothers and sisters in churches around the world are losing their livelihoods and homes, and we stand with them. Climate-vulnerable countries cannot access finance for adaptation and*



*climate-induced loss and damages without incurring further debt. COP26 is the time to change this. We must hold our government accountable to delivering and exceeding the promised \$100bn/year in climate finance”.*

Find out more about the walk at [www.yccn.uk](http://www.yccn.uk)

**Sarah Brooke-Taylor**



## **THR Saturday Coffee Mornings to Re-start in September**

Great news, the Saturday coffee mornings are re-starting in the Tom Hauley Room in September.

Myton Hospice kicked us off on 4<sup>th</sup> September at 10am and they were delighted to see both familiar faces and new. Coffee at just £1 and delicious cakes await you.

Please spread the word and drop in to support our lovely host groups.

**Sarah Brooke-Taylor**



## **Heritage Open Days, 10<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

Each September thousands of volunteers across the country invite you to experience local history, architecture and culture. All for free. Find an event taking place near you at [heritageopendays.org.uk](http://heritageopendays.org.uk)

Some are happening every day during the festival, others only on a specific date. In this area, as well as Ladbroke Church's online and in person events and guided tours in Southam, you can choose from at least 30 other things to do. There are gardens, churches, talks and tours including of Leamington Station, Warwick Courthouse, the Warwickshire Archives and the spectacular chapel at Princethorpe College.

**Jackie West**



## Wednesday Walks

It is starting to feel quite Autumnal now, with a shift in colour temperature and the corn harvest well underway. We have had some pleasant weather for walking and the going is firm, long may that last! We are going a bit further afield now and numbers are picking up nicely, whilst we welcome Gill Barber and Pam Furneal to the leaders' team. As always, anyone is welcome to join us; the programme is in the diary at the front of this magazine or ring Gillian on 614809.

**Gillian Hare**



## Harbury Village Show

We're nearly there! Harbury Village Show is on **Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> September** and hopefully you are just finalising your entries. To enter make sure you pick up a schedule from the supermarket, the Milkshed or the library, complete the form and enclose it with your entry fee in an envelope. Alternatively, you can download a schedule from our website - [harburyvillageshow.uk](http://harburyvillageshow.uk). These must then be dropped off at Fox Cottage, Chapel Street (next door to the Gamecock) or 49 Mill Street by **6pm on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> September**.

Although the show is in its traditional format, we are ensuring that it is also Covid safe. We are moving the teas outside to a marquee to give us more display space inside the hall. Similarly, tickets and the raffle will be in the new foyer again to free up space in the hall. There will be hand sanitiser and a request to wear masks when you are inside.

There are lots of different categories and hopefully there is something for everyone. Have you had a go at the limerick yet? Or give the cake recipe a go. How about entering a photo or painting or your knitting - all those things that you've had more time for this past year.

How about encouraging your children to have a go at the Young Persons' schedule too. There are lots of fun ideas and we like to catch them young and they will hopefully be exhibitors of the future!

As always, we appreciate all the effort everyone goes to to put things in the village show especially the growers! It all looks fabulous when there are lots of entries and perhaps we all need a little bit of fabulous in our lives at the moment!

Please come and see it on the day and enjoy a drink and some homemade cake too. Oh, and did I mention the increase in prize money?

Let's try and keep our village traditions going.

**Village Show Committee**

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## Repair Cafe Harbury

The next Repair Cafe will be on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September from 2pm to 4pm in the Scout Hut. There won't be a separate Bicycle Repair Clinic this month, so our bicycle repair volunteers will be there on 25<sup>th</sup> September to help you with your repair and maintenance issues.

We'll be particularly featuring Woodworking and Needleworking repair skills, so if you've got picture frames, chairs, or tool handles that need a bit of attention, or seams, darns, zips, buttons, or hooks and eyes you need help with, or a teddy bear's arm hanging by a thread, the Harbury Scout Hut between 2pm and 4pm is the place for you. We'll have mechanical and electrical repairers there as usual, plus our knife and tool sharpening service.

In addition we'll have:

- A **Kids Take-it-Apart** table, where, under supervision, children can take household items apart to see what's inside and how they work.
- The **Harbury Seed Share** collection, including the latest seeds harvested from our own gardens.
- The first chance to sign up to join the **Harbury Village Library of Things**.

**Rich Fowler**



## Harbury Senior Citizens Committee Update

Some of you have been asking if we will be having a Christmas party this year. We are sure that there will still be ifs, buts and maybe questions to be answered in the next few months regarding vaccine efficacy, gatherings in enclosed spaces and people's nervousness about going out as winter

draws in. Regardless, we have booked the Village Hall for your Christmas Dinner Party on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December** and we hope that it will take place as planned.

We are aware that many people have moved to the village who may be eligible to join our distribution list, subject to GDPR regulations. To be eligible you must live in Harbury or Deppers Bridge and be in receipt of a UK State Pension.

If you want to go on the distribution list, please contact Mike McBride on 01926 612421 or Julie Clarke on 01926 612066.

If we go ahead, then those of you on our distribution list will receive invitations in November. It will be a case of watch this space for updates.

Meanwhile, enjoy the rest of the Summer and Autumn mellowness as it arrives.

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

**Mike McBride**

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



## Rogue Traders and Scams Reported to Trading Standards by Warwickshire residents

### Bogus NHS Digital Covid Passport E-mails

Warwickshire residents are warned to beware of bogus Covid NHS emails. The emails - which carry the NHS logo - are being sent out asking for payment in return for a 'Coronavirus Digital Passport' to prove that someone has been vaccinated for Covid-19. A button takes users through to a fake NHS website, which asks for payment details.



### Ghost Broker Warning

Fraudsters, known as 'ghost brokers' are selling fake and invalid car insurance policies. Victims are lured in by offers of very cheap insurance premiums, often via social media. Victims are then sold bogus insurance policies:

- Fake policies using counterfeit documents
- Genuine policies set up using false details that lower the premium price
- Genuine policies that are then cancelled

Buying car insurance from a ghost broker could leave you uninsured!



### 'Spoofed' Meal Delivery Kits

Fraudsters are 'spoofing' popular meal delivery kit companies, Warwickshire Trading Standards are warning. Meal delivery subscribers awaiting their deliveries are receiving scam texts and emails purporting to be from the companies they buy from. These contain links to scam websites designed to steal personal and financial information and infect the consumer's computer with malware. The bogus communications may suggest that the company is running a prize draw to win free meal kits or may ask the recipient to rate their delivery by following a link. Avoid clicking on links in emails and texts, even if they seem genuine. Always type the genuine web address in to your browser or use your app to access your account.

### Bogus Doorstep Sellers

Warwickshire Trading Standards has received new reports of people selling household items such as cleaning products door to door and falsely claiming they are on a young offender programme in order to encourage a sale. The products may be overpriced and of poor quality. You can't tell a good trader from a bad one on the doorstep. Don't buy goods or services from unexpected doorstep sellers.

### Bogus Bank Fraud Squad

Warwickshire residents have reported losing thousands of pounds to criminals masquerading as 'fraud' investigators. The scam involves the victim receiving a phone call from someone claiming to be from their bank to say

that criminals have attempted to withdraw money from their account, usually in another country. The victim is then given a bogus phone number to call their bank's 'anti-fraud squad'. They tell the victim they have people watching the criminals and the Police are ready to catch them in the act. They ask the victim to transfer several thousand pounds from their own account into another one so that the fraudsters can be caught. The victim is promised that the money will be returned in hours. But once the money has gone it may not be recoverable.

Your bank will never contact you to ask you to move money in to another 'safe' account.



### **Mattress Sellers Warning**

Warwickshire residents have again reported being approached on the doorstep by people selling mattresses. The sellers sometimes claim that the mattresses were meant for new build homes but are now surplus to requirement and can be sold cheap.

Mattresses sold in the UK must be manufactured to comply with fire safety laws and be correctly labelled. But many cheap imports do not meet these requirements and may be a fire risk. Some of the mattresses sold door to door are cheap imports with bogus safety labelling stuck on to the product.

Do not buy goods or services from unexpected doorstep sellers.

### **Bogus Trading Standards Letter**


A phoney letter has been sent to Warwickshire residents containing Chartered Trading Standards Institute branding. The bogus letter informs the recipient that insurance scammers have been caught and that the recipient should fill in a "creditors debt form" as part of a scam compensation scheme. Filling out the form puts the finances of the respondent at risk. Do not respond to this letter, that has been sent by post and by email.

For more information visit: <https://www.tradingstandards.uk/news-policy/news-room/2021/postal-scam-using-fraudulent-ctsi-branding-targets-public>

### **Courier Fraud**

Warwickshire residents have reported being targeted by courier fraudsters. One elderly resident reported receiving a phone call from the 'Police Fraud Service'. The caller knew the resident's bank account number and told her the account had been compromised. She was then asked to wrap her bank cards in paper and plastic and that someone would collect them. The resident immediately put the phone down and contacted her bank who informed her it was a scam.

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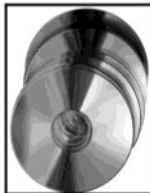
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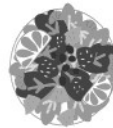


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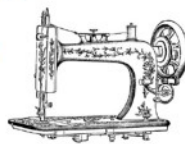
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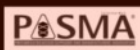
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