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EDITORIAL

A round up of local news

Well done to the Guides & Scouts Support (GASS) for hosting another fabulous bonfire and fireworks evening - (photo by Glen Crees). There was a tremendous turnout for the event and it was enjoyed by all. GASS will also be organising their usual Christmas postal service for sending your Harbury village Christmas cards. Drop your cards in at the village library with a generous donation and they will do the rest! More details in their article.

Another event which was a spectacular sight was the 'Night of our Light' evening at both village churches. Our photo shows Harbury church yard lit up, there are more photos in the Ladbroke Church article. Thanks must go to Dayle Adams and the teams at both churches for their hard work in making this happen.



Both churches will be holding their usual Christmas services during the festive period. You will receive a card through your door with a schedule of these events.



In the run up to Christmas, you will receive a warm welcome at Harbury Village Library. You can sit and read the newspaper or select a few library books for reading over the holiday period. The library will be open up until the 23rd December and reopen on 3rd January. Biblio's Café will close on Saturday 17th December until Wednesday 4th January.

After twelve years of writing the HEI articles Bob Sherman has handed the mantle over to David Bristow, thank you Bob for all of your contributions.

Please note there are changes affecting both villages to the recycling and refuse collection days in the week following Christmas.

Due to the Christmas and New Year holidays, the articles deadline for the January 2023 edition of the magazine will be on Monday 19th December. Copies will not be available from the printers until Monday 9th January and these will be distributed as soon as possible after this date.

We extend our condolences to the family of Valerie Winifred Boiles and Howell Merchant.

Finally, we wish all our readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



HARBURY DIARY

For local events

Events listed in the Tom Hauley Room will be subject to cancellation or a change of venue if the new heating installation is not finished.

DECEMBER

- Sat 3 Harbury Church Christmas Fayre, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Village Hall
Family Bingo, 7.30pm, Village Club
- Sun 4 **ADVENT 2**
Holy Communion, 9.00am, Church
Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall
- Mon 5 Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall
Southam Lions Club & Santa visit Harbury from 5.30pm
Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall
- Tue 6 Bumps and Bundles, 10.30 - 12.00 noon, Scout Hut
Southam Lions Club & Santa visit Harbury from 5.30pm
Harbury Heritage Centre open, 7.00 - 9.00pm, Harbury School -
(Park Lane entrance)
- Wed 7 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car park - Snitterfield
(4 miles, some hills)
Mothers' Union Service, 2.00pm, followed by
"A Christmas Discussion" Farley Room, Village Hall
Spellbound Dance Classes, 5.00 - 5.30 & 5.30 - 6.15pm, Village Hall
Ballroom Dancing, beginners 7.15 - 8.45, Joint 8.15 - 8.45pm,
Improvers 8.15 - 9.45pm, Village Hall
Hereburgh Morris Practice session, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall
- Thurs 8 Holy Communion, 10.00am, Church
Harbury WI, 7.30 for 7.45pm, Village Library TBC - John Butterworth
"A famous Christmas Guest"
- Fri 9 Ben and Soph's Jazz, tickets - 07515 275655, 7.00pm, Village Hall
- Sat 10 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of
Muscular Sclerosis
Senior Citizens Christmas Party, 5.30 for 6.00pm start, Village Hall
Christmas Quiz, 7.30pm, Village Club
- Sun 11 **ADVENT 3**
Holy Communion, 10.30am, Church
Christingle Service, 4.00pm, Church
Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall
Icon Youth Club, 7.00 - 8.30pm

- Mon 12 Toddler Group Christmas Party, 9.30 - 11.15am, Tom Hauley Room
Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall
Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall
- Tue 13 Bumps and Bundles Christmas Party, 10.30 - 12.00 noon,
Tom Hauley Room (TBC)
- Wed 14 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car park -
Frankton (3.5 miles) pre booked meal
Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
Spellbound Dance Classes, 5.00 - 5.30 & 5.30 - 6.15pm, Village Hall
Ball Room Dancing Christmas Party, 7.30 - 10.00am, both classes,
Village Hall
Hereburgh Morris Practice session, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall
- Thurs 15 Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
- Fri 16 Last posting date for GASS Postal Service
Bingo + Snowball, 8.00pm, Village Club
- Sat 17 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of PCC
Milk Shed Christmas Celebration, 2.00 - 4.00pm, at the Milk Shed, Mill St.
- Sun 18 ADVENT 4**
Holy Communion, 8.00am, Church
All Age Service, 10.30am, Church
Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall
Harbury Heritage Centre open, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Harbury School -
(Park Lane entrance)
- Mon 19 ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY PHARMACY,
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Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall
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- Wed 21 No Wednesday Walk
Connections (Dementia) Café, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
- Thurs 22 Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
- Fri 23 Christmas Party with Warwickshire Arts, Time TBA, Village Club
- Sat 24 CHRISTMAS EVE**
No Coffee Morning
Carol Service by candlelight, 5.00pm, Church
Midnight Mass by candlelight, 11.15pm, Church
- Sun 25 CHRISTMAS DAY**
Holy Communion. 10.30am, Church
- Wed 28 No Wednesday Walk
- Sat 31 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of
The Children's Society

JANUARY

- Sun 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY**
Holy Communion, 9.00am, Tom Hauley Room
- Tue 3 Harbury Heritage Centre open, 7.00 - 9.00pm, Harbury School - (Park Lane entrance)
- Wed 4 Mothers' Union New Year's Party, 2.30pm, Tom Hauley Room
Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car park - Flecknoe (4 miles)
Spellbound Dance Classes, 5.00 - 5.30 & 5.30 - 6.15pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 5 Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
Harbury Folk Club, 8.00pm, Village Club
- Sat 7 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Mothers' Union, Harbury
- Sun 8 EPIPHANY**
Holy Communion, 10.30am, Tom Hauley Room
- Wed 11 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car park - Grandborough (3 miles flat - no stiles)
Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room

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Refuse Collection Rota

Week Commencing Monday	Thursday Collection - Harbury Friday Collection - Deppers Bridge	Friday & Wednesday Collections - Ladbroke
5 Dec	F	F - R - G
12 Dec	F - R - G	F
19 Dec	F - W	F - R - W - G
26 Dec	Friday 30th F - R	Saturday 31st F
2 Jan	F	F - R
9 Jan	F - R - W - G	F - W

F = Food caddy - R = Recycling (blue bin) W = Waste (black bin) G = Garden (green bin)
Wednesday Collection - Parts of Ladbroke - Thursday Collection - Harbury
Friday Collection - Deppers Bridge and Parts of Ladbroke

As I write this article we are not far away from the start of Advent, the season of preparation for the celebration of Christmas. The past two years were blighted by the COVID restrictions, and now that the pandemic has faded away, perhaps we allowed ourselves to hope that this Christmas would finally allow us to celebrate together in a way we haven't been able to for some time.

However, this year one crisis seems to have been replaced by another, as we have all been affected by the soaring cost of living, with food and energy costs spiralling. So many people will be worried about how to make ends meet this winter. But perhaps this Christmas, if we are able to, we could make a real difference to others in our community who will be finding this year particularly difficult.

I heard today that the Mothers' Union are setting up a Christmas delivery of hampers to struggling families, and the people of our churches have been generously supporting a fund to help meet particular needs in our community. The foodbank continues to do a fantastic job despite the huge increase in demand and cost of providing their food packages, and this year warm spaces are being set up to help people who can't afford the heating bills at home.

In Mark's gospel Jesus summarises the most important commandments as 'Love God and love others as ourselves'. So as we make our preparations for the Christmas celebrations, welcoming once again the arrival of the Christ-child, perhaps we can also look for opportunities to bless others and rediscover the joy of love in action. Do join us at any of our services this Christmas and as a poet once wrote, long ago, 'somehow, not only for Christmas but all the long year through, may the joy you give to others be the joy that comes back to you'.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funeral

4th November Valerie Winifred Boiles (76 years)

21st November Howell Merchant (88 years)



FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

Liz & Michael

The new heating system is being installed in both Church and the Tom Hauley Room as we reported last month but to a slightly different timetable. The start date was delayed until Monday 21st November and the work, in the Tom Hauley Room, is due for completion within 2 weeks. We hope Saturday coffee mornings will start as soon as possible after the heating is commissioned. (And we work out how to put it on!).

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However, the work of installing the heating in church will not begin until Monday 9th January with completion 17th March 2023.

So, we can celebrate Christmas in church. The **Christingle** on Sunday 11th December at 4pm will be in church. The **Village Carol Service** will now be in church, candle-lit, beginning at 5pm and not lasting more than 45 minutes as it will be getting a little chilly within those stone walls by then. All other services will either be in church or moved into the Tom Hauley Room if too cold. After Christmas all services will be in the Tom Hauley Room until mid-March 2023.



Remembrance Sunday - 13th November

Christmas cards from church will be delivered to all houses in Harbury & Ladbroke and the card will have dates and times of Christmas services included.

Our Christmas Fayre is probably over by the time you read this but, in anticipation, thank you to all who supported it and ran stalls and games.

We, the Churchwardens and all the PCC at Harbury Church wish you a blessed and happy Christmas.



MOTHERS' UNION

Gillian Hare

Our November meeting was well supported, with a brief AGM at which, thankfully, Chris agreed to continue as our Branch Leader. In the past year we have supported the literacy campaign, the women leading the way project and bought gifts for the children of prisoners. We had a display at the Festival of Hope and welcomed three new members. And will run the toiletries stall at the Christmas Fair.

We then enjoyed a light hearted quiz on hymns, and signed 80th birthday cards for Jo and Joy.

Next year's subs - our contribution to the wider work of MU - are due and Jo will be happy to receive £32 by cash, cheque or transfer.

On 7th December we'll meet again in the Farley room of the Village Hall. Rev Ann will lead a non communion service and then we will share memories of Christmases gone by. No doubt a mix of nostalgia, laughter and maybe the occasional disaster.

We look forward to our New Year party at 2.30 on 4th January. There will be the usual fun and games as well as a lovely tea. If all the building work goes to plan, we should be back in the Tom Hauley room by then; if not all members will be contacted. If possible, please bring a bran tub gift for under £2 as well as any friend who might enjoy it.

Again, all being well, we shall be running the Saturday coffee morning on 7th January.

Your committee wish you all a safe and peaceful Christmas.



LADBROKE NEWS & DIARY

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

DECEMBER

Sun 4 ADVENT 2

Family Communion followed by refreshments, 10.30am

Tues 6 Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Wed 7 Table Tennis, 7.30pm Village Hall

Sun 11 ADVENT 3

Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am

Wed 14 Table Tennis, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Thurs 15 Carol Singing around Ladbroke, starting at 6.30pm at Ladbroke Hall
Mulled Wine and Yuletide Bites, 7.30pm, Ladbroke Village Hall

Sun 18 ADVENT 4

Holy Communion (BCP) 9.00am

Wed 21 Village Carol Service, 6.30pm, Ladbroke Church
Table Tennis, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Sat 24 CHRISTMAS EVE

Crib Service, 3pm

Sun 25 CHRISTMAS DAY

Family Communion, 10.30am

Wed 28 Table Tennis, 7.30pm, Village Hall (to be confirmed)

JANUARY 2023

Sun 1 NEW YEARS DAY

Family Communion followed by refreshments, 10.30am

Wed 4 Table Tennis, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Thurs 5 WI, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Sun 8 CHRISTMAS 2

Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am

Tues 10 Photography Club Meal, details to be confirmed

Wed 11 Parish Council, 7.45pm Village Hall





LADBROKE CHURCH NEWS

Peter Rigby

www.ladbrokechurch.org.uk

During November we held two special events, both of which were well attended by over 60 villagers:

On Thursday 3rd (just after All Saints' Day) we held "Night of our Light". At 5pm we lit 300 tea lights around the churchyard, what a magical sight! We had time to reflect and remember those we have loved and lost. It was an evening when we could come together, to gather our thoughts and memories, a special quiet time. At 7pm, Rev. Bob led us in prayer and the Churchwardens read out 150 names of those we wish to remember but see no more. This was not a church service in the true sense of the word, but every bit as special to those who came together to simply remember. Thank you to all those that made the evening such a success, for those who donated the jam jars and lit the tea lights, then placed them around the churchyard, and a special thank you to Dayle Adams who gave us the idea and provided the tea lights. This was the first time we have held this sort of event in Ladbroke - hopefully we can make it a regular one.



Our Act of Remembrance on Sunday 13th was well attended and well received. Rev. Andy led a dignified and respectful service, and our special thanks go to Alan Peachey who so ably played the bugle. We would also like to thank Bill Bosworth and Choir for singing an anthem, and Kate Pickin, our organist/pianist. After the loss of our much loved Monarch, our Act of Remembrance seemed all the more poignant this year.

By the time this edition is published, Christmas will be fast upon us. Please come and join us at any of the following special Christmas events:

Thursday 15th December	6.30 - 8.00pm	Carol Singing around the Village <i>(starting at Ladbroke Hall, finishing at the Village Hall for mulled wine and mince pies)</i>
Wednesday 21st December	6.30pm	Village Carol Service
Christmas Eve	3.00pm	Crib Service
Christmas Day	10.30am	Family Communion

And also our regular services on the other Sundays through December.

Happy Christmas!

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LADBROKE PARISH COUNCIL

Jackie West - H&L News Correspondent

Official minutes can be viewed on the noticeboard by The Bell Inn and the parish council's website - www.ladbroke-pc.gov.uk

There's less to report this time as the meeting on 8th November 2022 was less than a month since the previous one.

WCC: Cllr Kettle spoke about the visit he and our SDC councillor had made with HS2 along the haul road alongside the route between Kineton Road and the Oxford Canal and his surprise at quantity of new equipment not yet in use. Piling was progressing at the A423 bridge location between Ladbroke & Southam and there was to be night time surveying on the Kineton Road. The A425 bypass is being developed. Since last month, several potential locations on the verge had been found for narrow traffic calming "gateways".

SDC: Cllr Rock asked if there has been any recent problems with bin collections or loss of water as in other parts of his ward, but Ladbroke seemed to have been spared these. Discussions continue about the South Warwickshire Local Plan - should new housing be new settlements or built on the edge of existing towns and villages? We have local elections next May, after boundary changes that put Ladbroke with Harbury. The tiny civil parishes of Chapel Ascote, Radbourne, Hodnell & Wills Pastures will remain in the revised Napton & Fenny Compton ward.

Planning: The application for a house at Brock Farm Stud would now be discussed at SDC's Planning Committee meeting on 7th December. Cllrs discussed the retrospective application from Folly Field Farm to WCC to continue spreading "inert material" on the land and would send a response.

Next meeting - 11th January



ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING

Jackie West - H&L News Correspondent

There were 22 villagers at the meeting on 26th October. That's almost 10% of the population, pretty good going. Derek Batty who is chairman of the Parish Council welcomed everyone and told us that it's a statutory requirement to hold an annual village meeting, so although this one was the first since 2019, we were following a more-than-century-old Ladbroke tradition. Ladbroke's formal and informal groups each had a slot and shared information about what they have done and are planning. The summaries below skip over much of the detail of past activities as these have been reported previously in this magazine.

Ladbroke Parish Council (Derek Batty)

We have five Parish Councillors, all volunteers, who are elected for a four-year term. The parish council is a corporate body which makes collective decisions and employs

a parish clerk. The role of the councillors is to represent the interests of local people, identifying concerns and projects and endeavouring to solve things locally. Over the past few years they have been involved with Flooding and Drainage, Highways and Footpaths, Planning Applications, HS2 and have been consulted on various proposals from SDC and WCC. Residents are encouraged to consider standing as parish councillors in the next election in May 2023. A strong parish council is especially important during the construction phase of HS2. If we do not get enough councillors to form Ladbroke Parish Council, SDC will appoint just someone to make decisions on our behalf.

Ladbroke Village Hall and Millennium Green (Alan Lord and Gray Lewis)

The two charities have the same trustees and a great hands-on team, called Ladbroke Matters, which would welcome others joining them.

Since the last meeting, the Village Hall have used a community grant from HS2 for the new entrance, accessible toilet, modified kitchen and renovated floor. After covid the hall welcomed back previous users and some new ones and in the last few months there have been a monthly-ish coffee mornings in aid of various charities. It costs about £5000/year to run the Village Hall and a further £2000/year for the Millennium Green, before any improvements. The hall finances remain healthy thanks to a high level of bookings, the Millennium Draw, a generous donation from the Bonfire Night proceeds and events such as the rugby breakfasts and film nights; grants from the parish council and Alibone trust had helped fund the stage curtains and lights.

The Millennium Green is maintained with commercial grass cutting, and volunteer working parties and scything of the wildflower area in summer. A long term plan for the play area is needed since it is now over 20 years old and showing its age. Grants are needed for this as Village Hall funds cannot be transferred to the Millennium Green.

Ladbroke Church (Sue Moore & Peter Rigby)

Since the last village meeting the church has welcomed a new vicar and there has been the covid pandemic. That shut the doors to the public for two thirds of the time between March 2020 and May 2021 but major repairs to the building could proceed. The All Saints for All Generations project has cost over £400,000 to date and been made possible by all those in our community who gave generously to the appeal, the National Lottery Heritage Fund and Jackie without whose management and drive it simply would not have happened. The project is now in the activity phase focussed on heritage education and community engagement supported by a team of villagers, some regular churchgoers, others not. "Thank you all".

It's important not to lose sight that the main reason for the church being here is to provide a place where those of faith can worship together. We welcome those of all background and denominations and it has been a particular joy to welcome our Ukrainian refugee family who are from an Orthodox tradition. We currently average about 25 at our service and special services can be three times this number. More are always welcome.

Ladbroke Heritage (Jackie West)

We started fundraising for church repairs in 2015 but soon discovered we would need external support and that the National Lottery Heritage Fund wouldn't give money just

to prop up old buildings. To be considered you also had to bring benefits to a broad spectrum of people by educating and engaging them with your heritage. So the project expanded to “Repairs to Ladbroke Church and sharing our heritage” and Ladbroke Heritage is the banner under which that sharing happens. Most local people will have seen the logo, looked at the website, ladbrokeheritage.org.uk and the new map on the noticeboard, and hopefully they have copies of our free leaflets and taken part in some of our events. As we regularly give talks, we now have a digital projector, so if anyone needs to borrow one have a word with Jackie.

We’ve been very frugal with spending on the activity side and at the last review the Lottery monitors said they would like us to use a little more of that part of the budget, especially on things that leave a legacy. One idea is to have a big event in the late spring or summer of 2023 - if we do this, we may be able to buy a large pop-up gazebo for that event and future church/village use. When the project ends we intend to keep the various leaflets and documents in print and some of the activities are expected to continue indefinitely: talks tours, school sessions and, provided the volunteers and participants keep coming, the Heritage and Friendship group too.

None of the long list of things achieved would have been possible without so many people volunteering to help with tasks large and small. “I must give huge thanks to Nicky Lewis but also to everyone else - at the last count it was 76 others. Together the 78 of us have, in the last 2.5 years, given more than 500 days of our time! Quite rightly, the Lottery are very impressed that such a small village (and our friends and contacts) are so committed and generous with our time. I am too, thank you.”

Ladbroke Photography Club (Kip Warr)

The club is small, friendly and welcomes visitors and guests to its meetings which are usually on the first Tuesday of each month. Members try to improve their photography but are not too serious - mobile phone pictures are welcome and in competitions we just vote for the pictures we like. A selection of those entered are put up on the board in the Village Hall for users to enjoy.

Ladbroke and Deppers Bridge WI (Dianne Surgey)

Members were very pleased to get together again after the pandemic lockdowns for warm friendship and a varied programme and recently held our 50th birthday party. There are currently 22 members, as ever, more are welcome to join us.

Choir (Bill Bosworth)

The choir is a High Days and Holidays choir that sings at Christmas, Easter, Harvest, Remembrance. They occasionally sing at other events, such as weddings, for a fee which helps to offset expenses such as music or soloists. The people come from Ladbroke, Harbury and some other places across the county, rehearsing on a few Tuesday evenings before each event. The choir are always looking for new people, so if you enjoy singing do get in touch.

The Bell Ringers

The Bell ringers would welcome experienced ringers or people wanting to learn joining them. Ringers come in all shapes and sizes - you don’t need to be particularly big or strong if you have (or learn) the right technique. Laura Taylor co-ordinates the ringers so get in touch through church if you are interested.

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Alibone Trust (Mike Todman)

A trust concerning land given by Widow Alibone hundreds of years ago. Ladbroke Church gets 50% of the income. The non-ecclesiastical trustees consider grant applications for the remainder.

Other regular activities in the village

Table Tennis will restart, meeting up to play on Wednesday evenings when the village hall is not booked from anything else. New participants are welcome and can borrow a bat on the night.

The Art Class is expected to restart in January.

Ailish is planning to introduce a second weekly **Pilates** class, as the first is full.



LADBROKE & DEPPERS BRIDGE WI

Dianne Surgey

Our speaker was Penny Varley who told us about how she became interested in pottery and went on to set up her own business as a studio potter. Originally a civil servant, she joined a pottery evening class, initially for one evening, then two and finally three evenings as she became more and more absorbed in the process. After three years she set up her own studio and started making pots to sell. As the pottery was taking up more and more of their home, Penny and her husband decided that they needed to move house. They now live in Tysoe where Penny launched her business in 2005, having taken the scary decision to give up her full time job in the civil service.



Penny gets all her clay from Stoke on Trent and likes to support UK production. She passed round different types of clay, explaining how they are used to make various pots with some able to withstand higher temperature in the kiln, making them suitable for use outside. We learned about the process of applying different glazes and the inspiration that Penny takes from nature, sometimes imprinting ferns, poppy heads and bark into the clay to achieve interesting textures. Each item is unique but she does make her jugs in the same way using her own special trademark. Penny demonstrated



how to make a small pot using simple tools and told us about courses that she runs in her studio. She can be found at a number of craft fairs and sells her work at Banbury museum shop. Penny can be contacted on pennyvarleyceramics@hotmail.com.

In the business meeting we once again sent our best wishes to Joan for a speedy recovery. Members were thanked for all

their hard work in making the 50th birthday party such a success. Plans are well ahead for our Christmas lunch at Draycote Water and we look forward to meeting again for the traditional Group Carol Service in Napton on Thursday 1st December at 7.30pm. Tickets at £4 include mulled wine and mince pies. Please let Dianne know if you are going and lifts can be arranged. The WWI Christmas quiz on capital cities is available at £1 and future events can be found on the usual website. The Oxford Christmas market on 1st December 22 is proving popular (it is hoped to return in time for the carol service). Another Federation highlight is Jeremy from the BBC programme, 'Airport', giving a talk in Nuneaton on 25th January 23. Information was received from the Leamington & Warwick Musical Society about their production, "Our House" in March next year. We may arrange for a group to go. A date for the diary is Monday 15th May when we will have our Group meeting next year. Members were reminded that we can, at last, go back to our regular Thursday evenings in 2023 and will meet again on 5th January 2023. Dianne concluded with a couple of humorous items.



LADBROKE MATTERS

David Wright

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



On **Thursday 15th December** in partnership with All Saints Church, Ladbroke we invite you come and **sing carols** around the village starting at **6.30pm at Ladbroke Hall**. Afterwards join us in the village hall at around 7.30pm for mulled wine, mince pies and Yuletide celebrations. All are welcome at either or both these events. Carollers please bring a torch - music and words will be provided.



A reminder that our table tennis sessions have resumed every Wednesday evening in the village hall starting at 7.30pm. This is a fun opportunity to exercise and keep fit. Equipment is provided.



March next year sees the 100th anniversary of the opening of our village hall. We are planning a centenary celebration in the hall on **Saturday March 25th** next year. Put this date in your diary now as this event promises to be something special. More details will be available soon.



We have something for everyone planned for next year including another film night, a boules tournament, and a quiz night. Watch this space!



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To book your special celebration in our village hall, or if you wish to hold regular classes or meetings, contact Debs (07779 225105 or email debs.dptv@gmail.com). The rates are still £15 per hour with a generous 20% discount for Ladbroke residents.



We wish all our friends and supporters a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. We hope to see you all again in 2023.

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

LADBROKE VILLAGE HALL MILLENNIUM DRAW FOR OCTOBER 2022

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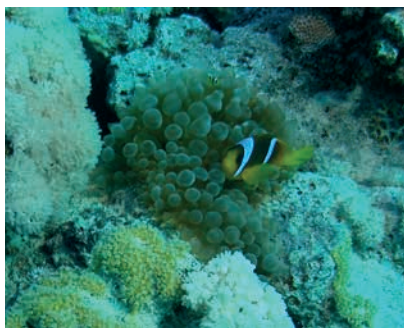
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LADBROKE PHOTOGRAPHY

Kip Warr

Andy and Helen Hay are diving instructors who have swum in many exotic seas. At our November meeting we were taken to the Inner Hebrides, then to the Middle East and finally to the West Indies. The cold, green, cloudy sea around the Isle of Mull and the warm, blue, clear waters of the Red Sea and Caribbean have one particular thing in common: wrecked ships and the creatures that colonise them. In addition, the warm seas have living coral reefs in which the corals hide their tentacles during the day but blossom into bright colours at night when they are less susceptible to predators. They are a photographer's paradise but can be hazardous to the diver with venomous sea anemones and jellyfish. The wrecks, meanwhile, have a fascination of their own, especially off the coast of Gaza where one went down with motorcycles, trucks, guns and even trains on board; reminders of the devastation of war. Andy brought along his camera in its watertight housing (in need of repair after being damaged when a large wave nearly capsized their boat). The large lens looks like a



Parrot Fish and sea anemone – Andy Hay



Diving on a Red Sea Wreck – Andy Hay

mirror from the front, so fish see themselves reflected in it and act aggressively. His next diving trip? Swimming with sharks.

At our December meeting Steve will lead a workshop on stacking (for focus and other characteristics), then we shall meet up at the White Hart in Ufton for our annual winter meal. In February we are looking to the Lewises' visit to Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan. Visitors, guests and new members are all welcome to our meetings which are usually in Ladbroke Village Hall on the first Tuesday of the month. For more information please contact Ladbroke.photoclub@btinternet.com



LADBROKE GENERAL NEWS



TEAMS4U - LOVE IN A BOX SHOEBOX APPEAL

Sue Wright

We had a fantastic response to this year's appeal, and thanks to everyone's valuable contributions I was able to take 42 completed boxes plus funds for their transportation (which we were able to Gift Aid) to our area collection point in Stretton on Dunsmore. We had a lovely afternoon with some of the other volunteers there and have picked up some more tips for next year!!

Our boxes have already been sent to the regional centre in Evesham. From Evesham the boxes will be loaded onto lorries and taken direct to children in Bosnia, Belarus, Ukraine, Georgia, Romania and Moldova using local contacts.

Thank you so much to everyone for being part of this initiative which is such a blessing to the children and families who receive the boxes. A special thanks to the Harbury Knitwits whose knitted items were once again a wonderful addition.

I hope we can do it all again next year.

Many thanks.



LADBROKE HERITAGE

Jackie West & Nicky Lewis

Repairs

It's now over twelve months since the stonemasons work reached practical completion, so the architect, head of Boden & Ward and Jackie looked over the work with a fine toothcomb to see if there was anything to resolve before we paid the final 2.5% of the contract sum. There were just a few minor items which, bar a tiny bit of limewash on the east end, were completed in mid November.

We also had a ground investigation on the south side of the building. There is a crack in the west wall of the south aisle so a test pit was dug there and two reference ones

at other places. I say pit as that what the structural engineer called it, but it was small hole, hand dug using a narrow, trenching spade to begin, then a double spade grabber device and finally an augur about 3 inches across. The formal report is awaited but, not surprisingly for parts of the building that are 600 years old, the footings only go down about half a metre below ground



level. As local gardeners know when you dig deep the soil has a lot of clay; in the test pits at church they reached rock below this at a depth of about 1.5 - 1.8m.

Activities

Our most recent **Heritage and Friendship Group** meeting was on the theme of music. A big thank you to David Wright who put together theme tunes and typical pieces from radio and TV programmes of yesteryear, together with interesting facts about these and the composers/artists involved. Older readers may know that Geoff Timms used to play in a band but it was news to me and lovely to see pictures of him and sax in action too.

St Margaret's Junior School in Whitnash took us up on the offer of a **Rocks and Fossils** lesson, well three lessons back-to-back to be precise, as they have 90 pupils in Year 3. They were smart kids - in both appearance and recall of what they had already learnt about the subject. Feedback was that the activities were fun, they learnt a lot and the teachers will tell others about it. We do hope they will. Our Lottery target is to engage at least another 60 pupils and we think our offer of coming to their school or a visit to Ladbroke church with free coach transport, is too good to miss.

We are giving another **Talk** and a short **Guided Tour** this side of Christmas but now seems to be the season when clubs are sorting out their 2023 programme and we have a number of bookings to share our lovely stained glass, the story of Alice and the Adventurer and provide guided tours of Ladbroke and its church to people living across Warwickshire and beyond. At a time of belt tightening on many fronts, its an open secret that we are extremely good value - providing an entertaining talk at "no fixed charge, just a donation to Ladbroke Church of the amount you usually give your speakers". Tours by our expert volunteer guides can be with or without refreshments and again we agree a donation rather than a fixed charge.

For more information contact Jackie on ladbrokechurch89@btinternet.com for talks and Nicky on 814715 for tours.

With Christmas nearly here, are you looking for a **token gift or stocking filler**? We have several booklets that fit the bill, and they are easy to post. There's one on stained glass (£5), two on geology and the Alice and the Adventurer novella (£2 each). The Ladbroke Treasure Trail will keep families or teenagers busy solving clues around the village for an hour or so; this costs £5 and is available from Harbury Library, the Southam Heritage Centre but buy it direct from us and, while stocks last, you'll get a free bag of chocolate money too.

If you have visitors over Christmas, do encourage them to take a stroll past the phone box to see the Local Record Breakers display.



Looking ahead to 2023, we are pleased to announce that William Hudd will be returning with another Guitar Concert, probably in March, more details next month.

Finally, we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



LADBROKE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Nigel Rock

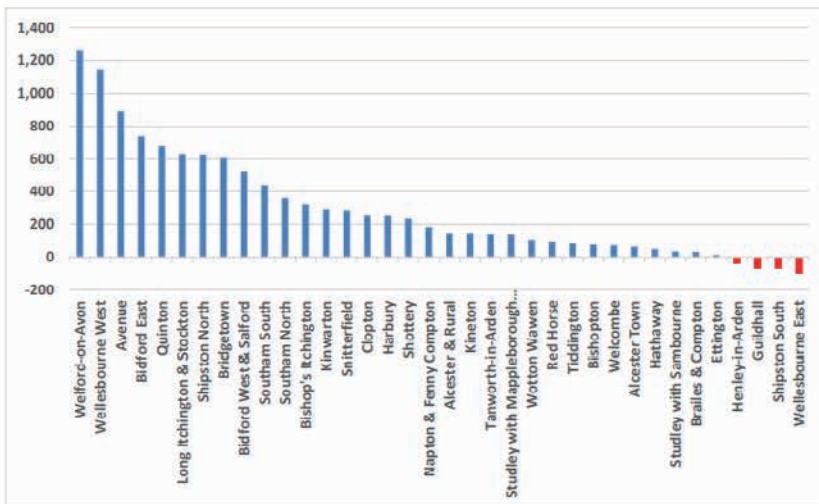
Bin Collections

Whilst the problems seem to get less as we go on, we still seem to get the same areas affected. The response I had back was that 'Biffa have had driver changes and as they establish a more stable work force, problems will reduce'. That doesn't really explain why some villages, roads and houses keep having problems. It has been said that the app does not allow you to report missed bins after more than 2 days, and with Friday collections that might be an issue. I am now told it counts working days so that should be ok at the beginning of the following week. Do continue to report missed bins on the web site form or email 123collections@stratford-dc.gov.uk or phone 01789 260123.

State of the District

The State of the District is an annual report which tells you a lot about where we live with things like average age (48 years - higher than most areas), house prices and lots more. This year it was debated at the formal meeting on 17th October and is available on line if you search for the Stratford District Council full reports pack for that date (page 27 onwards). However some highlights:

Population growth The chart by council ward looks like this:





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Harbury Village Library & Biblio's Café

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Locally, you can draw your own conclusions by adding up the figures for the wards around Southam (North and South) Bishops and Long Itchington and Harbury as well as our own ward, Napton and Fenny Compton. They are all in the top part of the graph, although as will be seen, areas in and around Stratford have had big increases (Welford, Avenue, Bidford, Quinton and Bridgetown). This sort of population growth, without corresponding infrastructure improvements, is a concern.



Reported crime is generally lower in rural areas and higher in towns. See chart. Fortunately we are well down the chart, but of course if you are the victim that is of little comfort.

Home heating and energy poverty is clearly an issue at present (and has been in this area for some time). At the Council, I spoke a word of warning about how the energy price caps are reported in the media and in this report. This can give the wrong impression that your total bill will be capped, whereas in fact it is cost per kWh Unit that is capped. In this area that is between 32p and 35p per unit for electricity and between 9.8p and 10.6p for gas. (It depends how you pay.) The proportion of houses without central heating can be an indicator of adequately heated homes and our area does not score well on that measure with 3-4% of homes not having central heating (although some areas are worse and some better than that).

Local Influence Many residents will recognise the rather poor situation in that only 31% agree that they can influence decisions that affect their local area. In my speech I pointed this out and I continue to suggest to the council - and colleagues - that they do not place enough weight on local considerations in planning decisions for instance.

Elections and Candidates

Next May there will be elections for Stratford District Council. On 7 November the Council held an information meeting for anyone thinking of standing for election and becoming a councillor. The presentation was politically neutral but some current councillors (and their partners) explained their own experiences. This event was held at Stratford (of course) and I gather was not well attended by anyone from this side of the District. Changes to the electoral arrangements mean there are further opportunities to be a councillor because of the increased number of seats. The existing Napton and Fenny Compton Ward will be merged with Bishops Itchington and have two District councillors instead of one as now, to jointly represent this larger area. However Ladbroke will be 'moved' into Harbury Ward. Southam has an extra Ward. If elected, councillors get an £6.4k pa plus travel expenses and I would be happy to discuss the details of the work involved if you are interested.

The boundary changes have also produced some inconvenience for residents living just to the south of Ladbroke outside the village in Chapel Ascote and Hodnell. Their polling station will now be at Fenny Compton rather than Ladbroke village hall. I resisted this change but was out voted.

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HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Alison Biddle

Autumn 2022

Welcome to our latest round-up of parish council news.

Planning & Development

The planning application for a solar farm on **land off Middle Road** has been refused by Stratford on Avon District Council. We understand that the developer intends to appeal.

Harbury Lane/ Fosse Way/ Chesterton Road Junction

Work to bring about the long awaited improvements at this notorious accident blackspot is now underway behind the scenes. The utility companies are expected to be on site by late November /early December to divert essential services prior to the commencement of the construction works which are scheduled for February 2023.

The topography of the site has been challenging for the design engineers with retaining walls to be installed along the boundaries of the site to support the new layout of the junction. The road will be widened to alleviate congestion and traffic lights will be installed.

The work is expected to be completed in summer 2023 but there will be disruption in the meantime. It is not intended that there will be any road closures other than right at the end of the construction period when overnight closures will be required while the new tarmac is being laid, but temporary traffic lights will be in place from day 1 of contractors being on site. These will be manually controlled during working hours but they will be switched to an intelligent automatic mode, based on traffic flows, outside working hours.

Allotments - Well-being Project

A meeting was held in Harbury Library on 16th November for anyone interested in being involved in this community project. The council has provided some raised beds at the allotment to make access easier and we encourage anyone who would benefit from spending time outdoors and would like to try growing their own fruit and veg to get in touch. Everyone is welcome. Please contact the parish council office for more information on 01926 614646.

Swift Nesting Boxes

We are pleased to be supporting an idea put forward by Amanda Randall to provide more nesting opportunities for swifts. Can Harbury become a Swift Village? Please see Amanda's articles elsewhere in Harbury & Ladbroke News which provide more details. If you think you have a suitable property and would like to help, please get in touch.

Christmas & Winter Lights

We will be switching on the lights again this year from 26th November 2022 to 23rd January 2023. We are indebted to all those villagers who are willing to host the lights, especially those who provide electrical power, and all the people who help to put them up and take them down again. We literally couldn't do it without you! We know people

are very concerned about rising energy prices but we have consulted with, and have the support of, everyone who is hosting and the lights, which are all energy efficient LEDS, will be up for a shorter period this year.

Chapel Street Memorial Garden

Some of you may have noticed that we have been doing some work to tidy up the little memorial garden opposite The Gamecock. It's not finished yet but is already looking very much tidier thanks to some very hard work by 'The Garden Angel'!

Councillor News

Cllr Andy Rutherford decided to step down from the parish council at the beginning of November after several years in the role. We are sorry to see him go and would like to thank him for his contribution over the last few years. We wish him well for the future and especially in his ongoing role as chairman of the village hall committee. This means we currently have a vacancy for a councillor. If you are interested, please contact the parish council office for more information. There will be more opportunities in May 2023 when all council seats will be up for re-election.

Grants

Don't forget that the parish council runs a community grants scheme. If your club or organisation needs some new equipment or funds for a special project, we might be able to help. You can download an application form from our website or contact the parish clerk for more information. It's a very short form and very easy to complete!

Budget

We've all heard a lot about budgets recently! Well, now it's the turn of the parish council. We begin preparing our budget for the next financial year in December and it will be finalised by the end of January. If there is something you would like the council to spend more or less money on, or have an idea for a new project, now is the time to contact us. We are always open to suggestions and we welcome input from residents. Please contact the parish council office or talk to one of our councillors.

Contacting the Parish Council

The office is usually open between 10.00am and 12 noon Monday to Thursday. Tel 01926 614646 or clerk@harbury-pc.gov.uk Casual callers are welcome, but if you are making a special trip, please phone first to make sure the parish clerk is available to see you, just in case she has another appointment, or has had to go out somewhere.



HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Linda Ridgley - H&L News Correspondent

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

October 2022 Meeting Report

Members of the public present suggested that the car park at the playing fields should be extended. They complained that when there was not enough space, cars were being parked on Constance Drive - sometimes on both sides of the road. There

were also suggestions that there should be more lighting for the playing fields and complaints that cars leaving the car park were exiting on the right-hand side, because of the Crocodile teeth.

Paul Quinney said that people would have to park at some distance from the Field on Bonfire Night.

Chairman, Tim Lockley explained that the Energy Group would create more space at the car park as part of the plan for EV charging. He would speak to the Sports Clubs about where else they could park. There would be uproar if, as suggested, the trees were taken down to make more space for parking as the area was designated as a “Field in Trust”.

Library

This has been registered as a Warm Welcome Hub, with Tea and Toast available from 7.30am until 8.35am.

Village Hall

This is now busy and attendances are “up”. The best event had been the “Cultural Afternoon” where the Children sang and danced.

Stratford Councillor Jackie Harris said the Eco Build project on Bush Heath Lane had been withdrawn and resubmitted. The Upper Lighthorne development would not have a Secondary School or a Surgery under current plans. There was deep concern our facilities would then be overwhelmed, and the chairman was in contact with other PCs about ensuring the new settlement had a surgery.

Environment

Andy Rutherford listed the trees to be planted and how they would be looked after. He suggested various areas for planting including: The Pound, Dovehouse Lane, Crown Street, Middle Road, Temple End and the “Mound”. There was urgent tree work to be done in the Cemetery and more planting needed there. The chairman reported that work was beginning to bring “a full fibre network” to the village.

Samples of Swift Boxes had been obtained, weather-proof ones were considered best. There was a £800 budget to support the project.

Lindsey Howard from Deppers Bridge announced that they will, by Spring, have the equipment and Police Training to target speeding vehicles.

Properties

The work on the Bonfire was in hand and only one tractor would be used on the field, but a Fork-lift was needed to stack the material on the fire. Work was needed on the crazy paving at the Chapel Street memorial. The Manor Orchard play area wall had been fenced off for safety. The Wellbeing Project at the Allotments was being promoted. The Flagpole at the Village Hall was to be cleaned and the trees pruned.

Climate Change

Julie Balch said their Sustainability Forum (covering Sustainability, Heating, Insulation, and Glazing) was on Facebook and there would be a paper version.

General Purposes

A donation of £100 was made to the Poppy Appeal. The Chairman would lay a wreath at the Church on 13th November. The Christmas Lights would go up on 26th November and volunteers and a cherry picker would be needed.

Current Parish Council members contactable via the Parish Office are:

Tim Lockley (Chairman), Keith Thompson (Vice-Chair), Samantha Allen, Julie Balch, Jess Dominick, Steve Ekins, Alan Knowles, Alex Potter, Janet Thornley



HARBURY SOCIETY

Sue Turner

The November meeting of the Harbury Society became an exercise in crisis management. Firstly, we were informed that our usual venue, the Tom Hauley Room, wasn't going to be available due to it being refurbished so we breathed a huge sigh of relief when the Harbury Heritage Group kindly offered their room and facilities to us. Then on the day prior to our meeting the speaker, Stuart Pierson from Wessex Archaeology, who was going to speak about the excavations at Coleshill Hall, called to say he had contracted Covid. Again the Heritage Group came to our rescue when Chairman Bill Timson agreed to give his talk about 'Harbury in the Second World War'. We were aware that this talk had recently been well-received by two groups of pupils from Harbury School, so it was felt it would be an excellent alternative.

On the evening, Bill appeared immaculately attired as Sergeant Timson and impressed the audience by despatching a fly that had invaded the projection screen using his swagger stick with military precision.

Bill then showed photos of the war memorial in Crown Street and focused on one particular name - R. Ceney. Raymond Ceney lived at Temple End and a photo was shown of him and another of him with his sweetheart, Elsie, who he married in April 1939.

He explained that Guardsman Raymond Ceney had already served eight years in the Coldstream Guards prior to the war starting. Raymond was sent to France with the British Expeditionary Force, in an attempt to counter the invasion by the German Army, but was forced to retreat to Dunkirk. Raymond was sent, with five other soldiers, to set up a defensive position to protect the soldiers on Dunkirk Beach. All six were killed by enemy air attack on 24th May 1940 and they are buried in the communal cemetery at Leers in Northern France. Raymond was one of very few soldiers to be awarded a Dunkirk Medal for defending the town against the Germans.

At the time Elsie was expecting a child, who was named Tony when he was born. Tony grew up in Harbury, without ever knowing his father, becoming a postman, driving instructor, gardener and general handyman around the village.

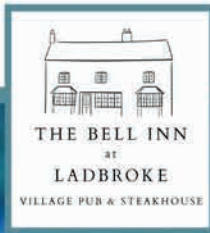


The village of Harbury was considered a safe environment to send evacuee children from cities at risk of German bombing. In June 1940, 102 children arrived by train from Dagenham in Essex and together with their teachers, they walked from the station into the village carrying small suitcases, paper parcels, carrier bags and gas masks. After assembling in the school a billeting officer allocated them a family to live with. Records show that by November there were 186 children at the school with only 84 being Harbury children. Sergeant Timson then selected an unsuspecting 'child' from the audience and dressed him in a cap and waistcoat together with a gas mask case, suitcase, ID card, carrier bag and cuddly toy to illustrate the point.



A photo of the Co-op taken during the war was displayed and it was explained how food items were rationed. Rationing continued after the war until July 1954 with meat being the last item to be de-rationed. Everyone had a ration book which was shown and it was compulsory for identity cards to be carried. The manager at the Co-op during the war was Mr. Honiwell who, after working throughout the day at the shop, then fulfilled further duties with the Home Guard. He would have had a rifle and been trained to use it.

Some Harbury residents recalled their wartime experiences, like Elsie Coney who described how Temple House was damaged but narrowly avoided being destroyed after a German bomber jettisoned its bombs on the way back after a raid. Sheen farm at Temple End also had barns destroyed and possibly lost livestock as well. As a youngster Pete Sheasby remembers the heavy German bombers flying overhead and the sky being lit up over Coventry during the Blitz. He also remembers cheekily asking American soldiers if they had 'got any gum chum' as they marched down the Marton Road. Max Wilkins was born in Harbury and lived in Farm Street in one of the stone cottages which now form 'Stonewalls'. He recalls that 'there were no street lights and blackouts on all the houses, so nights were very dark and also that footpaths in the village were improved by Italian Prisoners of War'.



A warm hearted and very Merry Christmas to you all from The Bell Inn at Ladbroke! We just wanted to say thank you so much for all your continued support since we early this year!

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CHARITY QUIZ

Join us on 8th December to help raise funds for the Alzheimer Foundation. Starts at 7.30pm. Quiz entry, including a half time Chilli Con Carne, is £10.00 per person (£2 of this will be going towards charity)

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Saturday 17th December, Father Christmas will be stopping by at the Bell Inn from 3pm until 4pm to hear your Christmas wishes! No booking required.

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VE Day was celebrated by a bonfire on the green between Binswood End and Farm Street.

We were shown photos of the ten Harbury men killed during the Second World War whose names are commemorated on the war memorial in Crown Street. They are Tommy Biddle, Geoffrey and Henry Boynton, Raymond Ceney, Dennis Dale, Ernest Field, Rex Gurden, John Hodges, Richard Morris and George Tanner.

Questions were then answered by Bill and some further memories were shared by members of the audience after which Bill was warmly thanked by Ed Wilson, Chairman of the Harbury Society, for a very entertaining evening.

Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 17th January: Harbury Society social meeting. Details TBC.

Tuesday 21st February: 'Hedgehogs' - a presentation by Philippa Arnold of the Warwickshire Wildlife Trusts. Meeting in the Tom Hauley Room. Doors open 7.30pm. All welcome - free to Harbury Society members - guests £1.

As the Harbury Society doesn't meet in December, the committee would like to take this opportunity of wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy & Healthy New Year.

If you would like further information about the Harbury Society or would like to become a member, please contact Sue Turner, Secretary, on 07917 055920 or email sue@turners.co.uk.



Harbury WI held their AGM on 10th November. Treasurer Gill, Secretary Pam and President Ann all reported on a successful year closer to normal after all the upheaval caused by Covid. We have enjoyed some good speakers on a variety of subjects and happy social events. Although we have sadly lost a few members, we have been pleased to welcome some new ones and Ann reported that our membership has risen to 47.

Ann was re-elected as president; sadly no one new came forward to be committee members but the present committee were all willing to stand again. - Chris, Gill, Lin, Mary, Pam, Pat and Sue.

Chris provided a picture quiz of 20 famous houses which was easily won by a team made up of Maureen, Hilary and Gill.

The film "Where The Crawdads Sing" which was shown at the Rural Cinema on 19th November proved to be very popular and was sold out. We won't be running the cinema in December but have dates for Spring 2023 - 14th January, 18th February and 18th March. Watch the Harbury News and village notice boards for details of films.

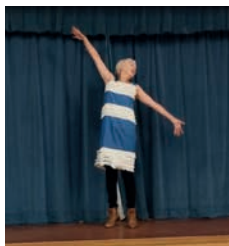
Our Christmas meeting will be held on 8th December when John Butterworth will talk

about a hotel with a famous Christmas guest. We shall be having some Christmas fare and members are invited to bring gifts for a bran tub - value £5 to £6. In view of the heating work in the Tom Hauley Room, we anticipate that the meeting will be held in the library. The venue will be confirmed to members by e mail or phone.



HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

Nikki Holt



“And that’s a wrap”…….Thank you for supporting our local theatre group. *The Affairs at Medlers Top* has been performed and hopefully you all enjoyed watching it as much as we enjoyed performing it. We originally intended to perform this play back in May 2020 but unfortunately life had other plans. It has been so great that we have finally put on this show using a fantastically well-written witty script. We had an absolute ball rehearsing this show and worked really hard to pull it all together from directing to acting to costumes to front of house to the the stage crew! So “what next” I hear you cry? We will be discussing ideas for our May production over the coming months and could we be hearing “he’s behind you” this time next year”? Watch this space…….

Also look out for our fundraiser performances for the Heat, Light & Stone project in 2023.

As I write this we have started to rehearse in our costumes and it really brings the characters to life as you can see from the photos. If this makes you think “ooh I would like to be a part of that” then we love to welcome new people in any capacity so please email harburytheatregroup@gmail.com for dates of our monthly meeting. We look forward to seeing you!



FOLK CLUB

Stephen & Maureen Darby, Sue Crum

With a combination of Bonfire Night and Remembrance Day approaching, the theme for the evening was “Remember, Remember” and it certainly was an evening to remember.

Steve introduced the evening to a large audience and explained that to accommodate the number of performers being able to be enjoyed by all, there would only be two halves instead of the usual three, and also asked the 15 performers to keep introductions short and sweet so the evening’s finale could be around 10.30pm.

Sue and Maureen commenced the evening’s entertainment by opening with “Punch and Judy Man” followed by “The Deserter”, a song off a 1970 Fairport Convention Album. This was only the second time they had sung together at Folk Club. They

were well received again and we hope they will continue as a duo. Rik was up next with a recital about age related cognitive impairment "Now Where's my Wallet". Many in the audience could relate to it. He then sang a Don Mclean number about a young man remembering better times. Debbie recited two emotional poems. The first was "Someone's Child" about a baby being abandoned 30 years ago and then "Inner Light". Richard played the guitar and sang a Graham Miles song "We Lived Over Yonder" followed by "The Red Velvet Steering Wheel Cover" by Jeremy Taylor which made us all laugh. Peter McDonald performed Alan Richardson's "The Friend" about two men meeting in a bar, talking to each other, thinking they knew each other when they didn't, but in essence the story was about realising "a stranger is a friend you've never met". He then sang Huw Williams' "The Days Before". The Harvesters first number involved Sue with shaky eggs as they sang "But it's Alright Now", a lovely, pacey song. Sue then switched to banjo and Ian on the guitar as they sang "Keep on the Sunny Side of Life". Des was definitely following the theme with "Bonfire Night" and then sang Simon and Garfunkel's "Old Friends". Keith Donnelly closed the first half and was asked if he would do three numbers as the evening was ahead of schedule. He was "shocked" at being asked to play in the first half, an unusual occurrence. He opened with "Unforgettable" a 1-word song, then did a three chord song "Got to Learn to Live Without You" and, after having to retune his guitar with Pete Bones' tuner, closed the half with "The Parting Glass".

The second half was opened by the Folk Club Choir who sang a sad and emotional song "Home Lads Home" a song about named horses who gave their lives during WW1. This was followed by a new song for them by Steve Knightley, "All Hallows' Eve". The Club Choir was very good! Dave was next with "Have You Seen Mr Jones" and the Kinks number "Thank You for the Days," which the audience joined in with. Martin explained how he had learnt a technique for remembering words and then went on to sing a song of the potted history of the first half of the 20th century, which contained major moments including names and years they happened during each decade. Quite remarkable, his technique obviously works! He had us all singing enthusiastically with "It's a Long Way to Tipperary". Pete and Liz sang "Come to Flanders" followed by Lancashire lass Kathleen Ferrier's "Lancashire Hills" which was made famous by Fairport Convention. Frank Allen sang about the Gresford mining disaster of 1934, when 266 men died following an underground explosion, and then "Never Wed an Old Man". Don sang and played the guitar for "Garden of the Dead" about Don Juan who liked to walk around graveyards and then we all joined him as he sang Elton John's "Crocodile Rock". The evening was closed by the Somerville Gents, firstly with Steve Knightley's celebration of human resilience in the NHS with "You'll Get By" and then a glorious rendition of Cosmotheke's "The Night Began to Fall".

Steve thanked all the performers for their help in making the evening such a success as the audience all remained until the final song.

The raffle raised a generous £85 which will be donated to TOFS, a charity that supports the families of children born with deformed or no Oesophagus, so they are unable to swallow. It also provides support for children into adulthood and education and information to consultants, doctors and nurses about the condition.

Next month's Folk Club will be run by Peter McDonald when the theme will be "Tis the Season to be Jolly".



Wishing all residents and businesses a **Merry Christmas**

As I am living away from home until early 2023. I would like to wish all my Harbury friends a merry Christmas and a very healthy and happy new year.

Pam Parton

Michael and Gillian Hare wish their friends a peaceful and blessed Christmas.

Our very best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy 2023.
Jackie & Simon West

Moira Rollason and family would like to wish all our friends in the village, a happy and peaceful Christmas and hope we all have the courage and ability to face up to and overcome the challenges likely to come our way in 2023.

Alan and Pauline Hayes would like to wish our friends and neighbours a Merry Christmas and a healthy New Year. We are donating to Myton Hospice instead of cards.

Andrew and Jenny wish all our friends in Harbury, a great Christmas and a peaceful 2023. In place of cards, we're sending a contribution to the Trussel Trust.

Wishing all my friends in Harbury and Ladbroke, a peaceful and happy Christmas, and a good and healthy New Year. So many happy memories of you all.

Pam Brown

David and Barbara Thistlethwaite would like to wish all their friends in Harbury a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful and healthy New Year.





We wish all our friends in Ladbroke and Harbury a very Happy Christmas and New Year. We will be making a donation to charity in lieu of cards.

Nicky and Gray Lewis

We wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you for your continuing support.
From The Milk Shed Team 🎄 🐮 🎄

I wish my friends a very happy Christmas and in lieu of cards I will be donating food items to the Food Bank.

Anne Megeney

***Sue and Alan Lord** send warmest seasons greetings to all friends and neighbours in Ladbroke and Harbury.*

***Gill and Geoff Thorpe** wish all their friends a very Happy Christmas.*

***Gordon and Ros Baldwin** send our greetings and best wishes for a very Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year to all our Village neighbours and friends. We particularly wish to thank all who have given us such love and support during Gordon's recent illness.*

Happy Christmas and a very happy and healthy 2023 to all my friends in Harbury. I shall put a donation into the Scout box instead of sending cards.

Izzy Grimes

***Stan, Chris and family** wish everyone in Harbury a very happy Christmas and healthy New Year. We have made a donation to the Air Ambulance Service.*

Happy Christmas to my friends in the village and best wishes for the New Year.

Pauline Baldwin





HARBURY HERITAGE CENTRE

Bill Timson

Every December since at least 1971 a small but very caring and dedicated group of people the 'Senior Citizens Committee' arrange a Christmas Party for our advanced years villagers. 'The Harbury Senior Citizens Benefit Association' as it was first known was formed initially to take seniors out on a day trip (many of whom had never been out of Warwickshire).



A committee was formed and fund raising began. The first chairman was Mr B Fell, in 1973 he was succeeded by Tim Percival. The committee was largely made up of representatives from the local pubs and clubs. A large bottle or sweet jar was placed in each hostelry for regulars to throw in their loose change to raise funds. Other fund raising came through a darts and dominoes league, spot the ball and draw tickets. Prizes were donated by local businesses and trades people and included 20

gallons of petrol, 1 cwt of coal and two cockerels amongst others. At the end of 1971 there was enough money in the account to hold a Christmas party; and so the idea was born. It became traditional for a local celebrity to 'empty the bottle'; Eddie Grundy of The Archers fame and local Coventry City footballers Terry Yorath and Barry Powell also starred.

The first venue for the party was the Primary School where Mr Oliver, Brenda Thomas and others cooked a full turkey dinner for 145 guests. The entertainment for the evening was all provided by local people such as Mr Morris playing the piano and telling jokes, Clive Watts and the Harbury Singers. Tony Ceney was the MC for the evening! The doctor was informed of the party (not sure why?) and the PTA provided transport for the guests.



It was such a success that the committee decided it should become an annual event.

By December 1981, the venue had switched to the Village Hall. Di Lawler arranged for the cooking of the food and again over 130 guests were present. Beryl Sheasby with the 'Harbury Street Players' provided the entertainment together with an organ, which was borrowed from the Dog Inn, played by Keith Burford.

Tim Percival continued as chairman for nearly 20 years until his untimely death in autumn 1992. Tony Ceney took the helm, Tony served on the committee for 30 years as did Margaret Taylor who was secretary and later treasurer.

In 2001 photographs of the party were now appearing in colour in the Harbury and Ladbroke News. Marie Wallington and Chris Finch had joined the committee with



Margaret and Tony plus many other willing volunteers ensuring everyone had a good time. Appalachian Step Dance was performed as well as music from 'The Harvesters'. Mavis Young, as she did for many years, played the keyboard as the guests joined in the singing of Christmas songs and carols.

Mike McBride joined in 2005 and soon became chairman where he has remained since. On 10th

December 100 plus seniors will sit down to a slap up Christmas meal in the village hall and be suitably entertained, a tradition that started well over 50 years ago in Harbury. All free of charge.

My thanks go to Tony Ceney and Mike McBride for providing most of the information in this article. I have much more about the Harbury Senior Citizens Group if anyone is interested.



Other News

It's not too late to buy your 2023 Harbury Scenes Calendar. Only £7.50. Profits to Myton Hospice.

We have a new web site - take a look - www.harburyheritage.org.uk

We are looking for someone to keep our catalogue updated - full training given, contact 'group@harburyheritage.org.uk'. A small but important role in preserving Harbury's Heritage.

Harbury Heritage gave a presentation to Years 3 and 4 of the primary school at the Heritage Centre just before Remembrance Day entitled 'Harbury in World War 2'. See photos below:



Next Open Days - Tuesday 6th December 7-9pm, Sunday 18th December 2-4pm and Tuesday 3rd January 2023 7-9pm.

From the Harbury Heritage Group Committee
'We wish everyone a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas'.



HARBURY ENERGY INITIATIVE

Bob Sherman

Tel: 07511 679312

A miniCOP in Leamington

The day before national leaders met in Egypt for COP27 and began their tortured negotiations to agree (or try to avoid) implementing the decisions made at COP26, Warwick District Council held a MiniCOP27 in Leamington Town Hall. At this I spoke on behalf of HEI and the Low Carbon Warwickshire Network (LCWN) with a bit of Harbury e-Wheels thrown in for good measure.

The event was well attended and lively with contributions from quite a few community groups working on energy and environmental issues, some, such as Warwickshire Climate Alliance, focusing on policy, others on practical activity. These included two 'Energy Champions', one of which was an LCWN member, the Grapevine Environment Action Team. This 'child of COP' event required no tedious negotiation or wrangling over wording, no clandestine meetings in back rooms. There was a clear desire from all present for positive action on energy, the environment and climate change with the emphasis on rural communities.

Warwick District Council and Stratford District Council are working together on a Local Community Engagement plan and this event was the first of a planned rollout to rural parishes, details of which are still in development. LCWN hopes to collaborate on this.

Low Carbon Warwickshire Network

This is the kind of positive action that communities can deliver and which LCWN, which was invented here in Harbury, hopes to support and encourage across the county.

And our idea seems to be working. We now have 28 groups and 122 individuals signed up after having had our first steering group meeting as recently as 13th January 2020. Ten of these individuals, including our first 'green poet', signed up at the MiniCOP event. We already have a programme in planning for next year with the first community event at Brailes on 28th January and the next to be in March at Wroxton. These events may be in very local venues but are open to all; if you are interested in attending let me know. The focus is always on 'what can we do either individually or in our communities?'. The Steering Group supports the communities in deciding what they want to do rather than impose anything from the centre.

LCWN is now looking at what communities might be able to do for their schools. This may turn into a much bigger project and careful planning is needed. Fortunately we have been able to develop some excellent contacts and will be looking to build partnership working across several disciplines. We are in the very early stages of this set of ideas, so it's too early to get excited.

Parish Council Climate Working Party

Also in the very early stages here in Harbury is an idea in development by the Parish Council Climate Working Party of a means of communicating and sharing ideas on energy efficiency, environmental issues and on answering questions from Harbury people on related topics, a kind of Climate Forum. The Working Party includes representatives

of a number of relevant village organisations, such as Harbury Environmental Group, The Repair Cafe and HEI alongside a delegated group of Councillors. It will be into the new year before there is further news on this.

Ted's Tech: Every Weir should have one!

A Belgian firm has developed a hydro turbine that works well with only a 1.5m drop, compact in size and very efficient, working 24/7, not intermittently like wind and solar power. On their web site examples are shown powering schools and communities in remote areas, far away from mains grid electricity.

A bit closer to home, Warwickshire has a number of weirs that would be suitable, one right by the Jephson Gardens in Leamington Spa. At the Gardens end of the foot bridge over the weir is an existing stone built chamber, inside which is a very old and seized up water ram pump which many years ago used to pump water up to a small reservoir on top of the hills above Newbold Comyn.

This chamber would be ideal to house a vertical hydro turbine to supply electricity to the Jephson Glasshouse that houses plants from warmer climates and is heated entirely by very expensive gas. The electricity could be used to power a heat pump taking heat from the water in the river Leam. The swirling waters entering a vortex turbine installed at this site would also make a very interesting attraction for passers by both young and old.

To view examples of these vortex turbines installed, search: Turbulent vortex turbines.



HARBURY RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Steven Kittendorf

Harbury 15 Bedworth 18

Harbury couldn't have asked for a better start with Joe Hunt scything through the Bedworth defensive line to score his second of the season; Jay Morgan adding the extras. Shortly after, Bedworth's openside flanker was yellow carded having adjudged to have deliberately knocked the ball on. The opposition robustly confronted the referee regarding his decision after which he declared the match abandoned. Further discussions by all parties convinced the referee that the match must continue. The match resumed, both sides scored a try leaving the score 12-5 at half time. The second half was a disjointed affair, but Bedworth rallied well to score a penalty at the death to take the win.

Birmingham & Solihull 32 Harbury 21

The home side unbeaten in the league; this match against a side recently playing in National One suggested this was going to be a tough encounter and so it appeared to be the case as after 30 minutes they went 17-0 up. However, Harbury's resolve was undiminished and by half time they had pulled the score back to 17-21. To their credit, the home side sorted out their defence keeping out the visitors attacks to their try line, then breaking out to retake the lead and wrap the game up.

Harbury 48 Birmingham Exiles 12

Vice Presidents, friends and guests attended a pre-match lunch before the afternoon's games with the 2nd XV taking on a strong side from Manor Park. On the 1st team pitch, Harbury came out of the blocks quickly with some big forward carries followed by smart wing play rattling up three early tries. Exiles fought back with two tries of their own; 19-12 at half time. The pack gave the backs an outstanding platform to work with running in three more tries to seal the game.

*****HARBURY TRY OF THE MONTH***** was awarded to U15s player Benji Braine during their match away to Broadstreet.

Minis and Juniors

Despite Sunday rains cancelling some training sessions we have had some great fixtures across all age groups and training is going really well mid-week for our junior age groups.

The highlights have been the U15s win over Broadstreet away, with several of the senior players making the journey over to support the lads. We have had several junior cup fixtures and although the results haven't gone our way, it has been great to see the support on the touchlines cheering the lads on. In our minis we have had fixtures against Claverdon, Old Laurentians and Shipston, all resulting in some brilliant rugby and a lot of smiles on muddy faces!

Looking forward we are excited about our Christmas party where I am sure egg rugby will once again be the highlight! We offer rugby for U5s up to U16s, so if you have a child who is interested, drop us a message on harburyrfc.enquiries@gmail.com or give Chris, the Chair, a call on 07834 972999.



HARBURY TENNIS CLUB

Colin Mercer

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

15 volunteers gave the clubhouse its annual coat of paint and the garden a good pruning at the end of October. Special mention to junior members Alex (2), Lucas (3) and Livi (5) who were amazing at picking up leaves!

The winter season is now underway with Harbury fielding four teams in the Banbury League. Three are in the floodlit format and the busiest has been the "C" team playing in Division 4, captained by Nigel Eaton, having played three matches. They started with a trip to Middleton Cheney "B" and Nigel with Jane Minchin, Hannah Benjamin and David Bristow came away with a

4-4 draw. This was followed by 2 home matches, the first against Hook Norton "D" where Katy Wiltshire and Maka Kandola joined Nigel and Hannah and ran out 8-0 winners. Hook Norton's "C" team were the next visitors and they also went home





after a 0-8 defeat! The Harbury four for this win were Wendy and Andy Lewin, Katy Wiltshire, and James Edge.

The “B” team, captained by Olly Wiltshire, started its Division 3 campaign with an away match against Kings Sutton “B”. For this one the team was Jane Minchin, Jeunine Crabtree, Ash Chand and Rick May. The match was played in a swirling wind and the home team managed a 5-3 win.

The “A” team is in Division 2 and captained by Josh Marshall. Charlbury were the first visitors and Josh, Helen Cooper, Emma Brangwin and Ben Fish were too strong for the Oxfordshire team to start with an excellent 6-2 win.

The weekend season started on a lovely autumnal afternoon for Eira Owen, Lucy Ewen, Joe Robson and David Bristow. Local rivals Warwick made the short journey to Harbury and some closely contested sets ended in a 4=4 draw.

The coaching programme delivered by Coolsportz is up and running with sessions on Mondays and Fridays for all age groups. There are still spaces on the Monday session for Rusty/Beginners so if you’re interested, please contact Lianne Candappa on 07919104093 or lianne@coolsportz.co.uk



GUIDES AND SCOUTS SUPPORT

Eleanor Skidmore

Bonfire and Fireworks Night

A huge thank you to everyone who made the bonfire and fireworks night another special night out this year! Due to the popularity of this event and growing size of the village, we put extra plans in place to manage the traffic and minimise disruption, advertising the lack of parking available at the event and stationing eight stewards on South Parade, to direct cars elsewhere. Job well done, Harbury 1st Explorers!

To everyone who gave generously to have their wood collected and the wonderful community members with suitable vehicles and trailers collecting it - a massive and heartfelt thanks. The bonfire was a spectacular sight and the display of fireworks had everyone “ooo-ing” and “ah-ing”.





Special thanks to Dougie who drove the tractor this year, working non-stop to ferry trailer loads across the field, George Clarke from the Milk Shed at Trice's farm for the straw bales and the digger from the farm at Ufton for coming to push up the bonfire material. The football club kindly arranged mostly away-matches on the day of the bonfire building and also met us early on bonfire day to stake out the least destructive path for the tractor.

The generosity of several individuals and organisations who support the event is fundamental to its success: Harbury library and chemist who sold bonfire tickets leading up to the day, Rich Fowler and the PTA who helped us operate online sales, David Turner who provided the ticket stationery and printing, the Parish Council and the Village Hall for allowing us to use the playing field and the amenities, Tesco who donated free Cornish pasties for the hardworking bonfire builders, the Street Chef and The Shakespeare Pub for keeping everyone well fed and watered on the night and who also gave GASS a generous donation with a percentage of their profits, St Johns Ambulance volunteers and everyone who gave up their Sundays to litter pick, rake ashes and remove debris from the field.

We are always looking for ways to improve the event, and document lessons learned each year for this purpose. If you'd like to make some suggestions and/or join the planning group for next year, please email us at g.a.s.s.harbury@hotmail.com

Remembrance



It was brilliant to see another great turn-out at the remembrance parade this year with members of the Guiding and Scouting sections representing the village uniformed groups and Rory, our very own Explorer, performing the Last Post on the bugle. It was perfect and very moving.

Photos kindly supplied by Adrian Giblin

Christmas Post

The GASS Christmas Post service will begin on **Monday 28th November** and run until **Friday 16th December**.

The Harbury Village Library have been kind enough to host our special post boxes again this year. There will be one inside the library, available during opening hours but also our very popular 24hr accessible service which will be installed on the outside of the library door.

You just need to post your cards through the letterbox and make your donation either online (preferred) or with cash **in an envelope** (please **do not post** loose cash through the door). Online donations can be made via GASS 40-42-15 01159917 Ref: XMASPOST please give generously!



The Scouts, Guides and Explorers will be sorting the post and our network of Volunteers will be making three delivery rounds in December with the final cards arriving at their destinations in time for Christmas. Note: Christmas cards must have a **full street address in Harbury** or our volunteer elves will not be able to deliver your post.

Have a very Merry Christmas and happy New Year from everyone at GASS.



HARBURY TODDLER GROUP

Lynne Barton

Hello from everyone at Toddlers

We are all having a wonderful time, meeting lots of new parents and grandparents with their little ones under five, it seems the word about our Toddler Group is spreading and our numbers have reached pre pandemic level once again.

We thank you all for your fabulous support.

We are absolutely delighted to share the news that we have secured a grant of over £1,000 which helps secure our financial future for at least a year and helps provide our special treats, summer trips, Christmas Party, guest visitors. Our parental contribution of £1.50 pence for one child and 50p for an additional child over nine months of age has remained the same for a decade, but it doesn't cover our running costs so the grant is especially welcome.



So what have we been up to?

Celebrating Halloween and isn't this the cutest, happiest photo? What a messy time we had.



Hosting puppet shows for each other, art and craft, reading, singing, dancing and sharing toys are all part of the rich tapestry which makes up the Toddler morning between 9.30am and to 11.15am every Monday during Term Time.

Christmas Greetings

We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful, healthy and joyous 2023.

Our Group's Christmas Party and indeed the end of term will be held on Monday 12th December at All Saints in the Tom Hauley Room and I know Father Christmas is coming all the way from the North Pole for a special visit as we have all been so good !

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



HARBURY PRE-SCHOOL

Staff and Committee



Diwali:We have been continuing learning about Diwali, the Indian Festival of Light. The children have learnt all about Diya lamps and have made their very own out of clay. Once dry, they will be decorating them using bright-coloured paints.

Dancing is a favourite so we have been doing lots of dancing whilst waving flags to Indian music.




Autumn:The weather is getting cooler, the trees have been turning and there are conkers on the ground which means we are well into Autumn!


The children have decorated a bag each to take home and have been asked to return the bag full of Autumn treasures that they have found out and about on their travels. The bags only went out a few days ago and we have already had a fantastic array of goodies - berries, twigs, acorns, pine cones, conkers, feathers, and leaves in a variety of colours and sizes.



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Refreshments in aid of the NSPCC

We have been reading the story 'Leaf Man' to inspire our imaginations and the children have used their finds to create their very own creative Autumn collages.

The main room itself is looking very Autumnal thanks to our role play woodland area. Here you will find some woodland creatures and animals that hibernate; binoculars and magnifying glasses to explore objects in more detail; some 'leaves', blankets and hats to keep ourselves warm and a picnic blanket with play food. All provided so the children can wrap up warm together and enjoy a picnic in the woods with their friends and the woodland animals.

We have also been using our listening centre to listen to animal sounds on a CD and match the sounds to their corresponding picture. The children have loved this and I have been impressed by their ability to name the sounds of dolphins, whales, sealions, woodpeckers and grass hoppers to name a few!

Looking forward: Christmas is almost upon us and by the time you read this, we will be busy rehearsing for our Christmas Songtime. We will also be looking forward to our Christmas Party and eagerly awaiting a visit from the big man himself!

If you would like further information, or to register a child for Harbury Pre-School, please e-mail harburypreschool2@gmail.com, text 07907 598461 or look at the www.harburypre-school.org. You can also find us on Facebook.



HARBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Lucy Bosley - Headteacher



To love, learn and grow together.

"Let us not love with words and speech but with action and in truth" 1 John 3:18

As a school we are really busy getting ready for Christmas. There is definitely a buzz in the air and the sounds of nativities in full flow...

In November, we celebrated Black History Month and each class contributed to a whole school display. We have made sure that we have a wide range of books which celebrate diversity and differences. Following on from this, we also all stood together to stand up to bullying. We made sure Anti-Bullying week was a key focus across our school... you



may have noticed children and adults wearing odd socks to symbolise that we are all unique and valued.

A highlight of this term was our act of Remembrance. Year 3 led a fantastic worship teaching us all about WW2. They wrote their own poem, which is below.

Sounds of the Blitz

A sound poem by Year 3

Nothingness and silence

All was quiet, all was well

Nothing to make a sound

Sleeping and snoring

No people to see, no sounds to hear.

Suddenly sirens were shouting

People go around to find shelter

Moaning Minnie started to moan

Moaning Minnie got out of control!

Whining and wailing – carrying on.

The clicking of lights going...off.

Footsteps tapping and loud.

Everything goes black

An awful roar

*A whistling sound of bombs dropping
from a plane*



Moaning planes Sirens screeching

*The bombs dropping sound like shattering
glass*

*Fires crackling loudly Screeching planes,
roaring bombs*

*Crackling and crumbling Bombs dropping
made a whistling sound.*

Fire engine bells ringing

The last siren shout

*People trotting home It finally stopped It
took hours*

*Then the All Clear siren rang
It's finally peaceful again.*

Alongside this, we all met on the playground to stand for two minutes of silence. We were fortunate to have Mr Stoneman play Last Post for us and the Reveille. I wonder if any of you heard the playing...? The children were really reflective during this special moment and as we remembered that conflicts are still happening around the world. Recently, we have welcomed a family from Ukraine into our school which made this moment even more poignant.

A huge thank you to all the Open the Book volunteers, who come into school each month. Let me explain what Open the Book is... (OtB) offers primary school children an opportunity to hear key Bible stories told by a team of Christians from local churches. They present the stories during acts of collective worship. The children here at Harbury really look forward to these worship sessions and the bible is really brought to life.



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We wish you all a very happy Christmas from all of us at Harbury CE Primary School.

Christmas Opening

Library

Recognising that some people may want somewhere warm to go in the run up to Christmas, we have decided that the library will be open for the following hours in the week before Christmas:

Monday 19th - 10am to 4.30pm	Tuesday 20th - 10am to 4.30pm
Wednesday 21st - 10am to 4.30pm	Thursday 22nd - 10am to 4.30pm
Friday 23rd - 10am to 12 noon	We will reopen on Tuesday 3rd January 2023.

Biblio's

We will be closing the Cafe, for the Christmas break, from the end of service on Saturday 17th December until Wednesday 4th January 2023.

Christmas Craft Materials

We've now added a selection of Christmas Craft Materials to our craft boxes. These are available for anyone to use all day on Monday and Tuesday, and in the afternoon on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.



Board Game Fridays

Every Friday from 2pm to 4pm we'll have a selection of board games available for people to play with friends. Tea, coffee and biscuits will also be available.

A Winter's Tale

Thanks to all the writers who entered into the spirit of our Seasonal Story Competition. We very much enjoyed and were thoroughly impressed by the varied and original narratives and poetry. You drew us into your representations of winter. Some pieces were entrancingly festive, drawing on a wealth of Yuletide customs while others had more than an edge of irony - and all showed evidence of real feeling, thoughtful construction and evocative language choices. Anyone who heard Harbury Theatre Group reading chosen extracts in the Library on 26th November will surely want to join us in applauding the authors: Gill Barber (story), Evelyne Chalk (poem), Michael Luntley (poem), Rory McGurk (poem), Catherine Smith (story) and Hannah Stanley (story).

Regular Opening Times

Library - Monday and Tuesday - 10am to 4.30pm;
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday - 9.15am to 4.30pm; Saturday - 10am to 12 noon.

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

Bookings can be made via the following email: bookingsbiblioscafe@outlook.com



HARBURY CLUB & INSTITUTE

Club Committee

Season's greetings 🎄

Dates for December:

3rd Family Bingo, 7.30pm

10th Christmas quiz, 7.30pm

16th Bingo + snowball, 8.00pm

23rd Club Christmas party live music with Warwickshire Arts.

The village club celebrates 103 years this December. The premises were gifted to the village by Mrs Helen Osbourne who lived in Harbury Hall. 18 trustees were appointed and included quarrymen, bricklayers, stockmen, pensioners, market gardeners, farmers, local doctor and a Lt Colonel. In later years the club became a membership club with a members committee elected by ballot each year.

In past years the club has always provided facilities for members and residents free of charge for celebrations, parties, children's events and for local groups, which have mainly been held in our large concert room. The club also provides access to snooker, pool, darts, dominoes and crib leagues.

However, the club has experienced financial difficulties during the pandemic and the recent energy increases. The committee have worked diligently over the past year to provide events at the club which has attracted younger members. There is now a small fee for bookings in the concert room to cover the overheads increase.

Our yearly membership is nominal and all members are entitled to a 10% discount on all drinks. The club provides competitive prices and caters for community events, particularly groups who organise funding events. Hopefully our profile will improve in the community and continue to provide excellent facilities in the future.

There is a suggestion box in the foyer if you wish to air your views and ideas but please leave your details so that we can contact you.

To get in touch with the club e-mail Harburyvillageclub@gmail.com or ring 01926 612498 / 07861 872415 and leave a message.



GARDEN JOTTINGS

Christine Dakin from Bridge Nursery

I have had some casualties as a result of the heatwave earlier this year. I expect some of you have too. One large spreading conifer had so much dead in it and was unlikely to recover so Sarah has removed it (roots and all) and it has given me quite a large new area to plant up. Also there were a few places where plants were clearly not doing well so they have been removed, the ground dug over and lots of compost added

ready for new plants. Hopefully there will be more alterations before the weather gets more wintery. The new plants will get their roots settled in and won't need any watering. I'm thinking (optimistically as ever) that all will look wonderful next year.

For those of you who rush around looking for suitable presents for your loved ones at this time of year here are a few ideas for your gardening friends and relations.

- A gardening calendar or diary
- Plant labels and an HB pencil
- String/twine
- Seeds and gardening gloves (look at Just gloves online)
- Pots/containers/planters/window boxes
- Books
- Plants
- Tools, but avoid cheap ones, they don't last



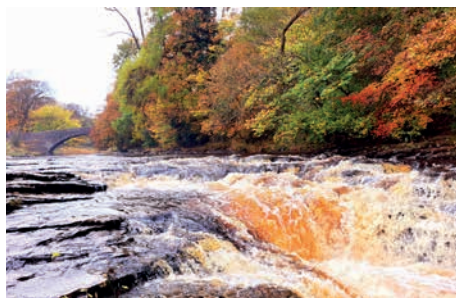
Bridge Nursery, Tomlow Road, Napton
www.bridge-nursery.co.uk



NATURE NOTES

Martin & Amanda Randall

We spent a few days at the end of October in the Malham area of the Yorkshire Dales. The weather was mostly fine though there had been a lot of recent rain, which made the many waterfalls quite spectacular. Our first stop was a visit to Stainforth Force just below a packhorse bridge on the river Ribble. This is one of the best places in England to watch migrating Salmon leaping up the series of stepped waterfalls and October is a great time to watch them.



Stainforth Force

These salmon spend up to four years maturing and growing in the Irish Sea. Adults wait at the river mouth for the autumn rains, which raise the level of the river, to start their journey from the estuary towards the headwaters. Here they breed, laying their eggs among the gravel of the river bed before making their way back downstream to the sea. There are many obstacles on their journey upstream, not just waterfalls but also artificial weirs. The Ribble Rivers Trust has been working to improve the river catchment for these splendid fish. This has included removing some weirs and putting in fish 'passes' to make it easier for them to reach their spawning areas. The Trust has also carried out peat restoration work on the moors to ease erosion, which can otherwise fill the gravel beds and make it difficult for the salmon to lay their eggs. Moorland peat restoration is, of course, also an important way to improve carbon capture and maintain biodiversity in the uplands.

The salmon leaping were too quick for us to take photographs but there is a lovely video of them at Stainforth Force on youtube at youtu.be/J5j2kcVygt8.

We also visited Malham Cove and Gordale Scar, which have been on Amanda's bucket list since studying O Level Geography! Some of you may have even stayed at the residential Malham Field Centre on a school geography field trip. This centre has been helping students explore the local ecology and environment since 1947. Also, fans of the film *Harry Potter and The Deathly Hallows*, will have seen Harry & Hermione set up camp at the top of Malham Cove.



Malham Cove

Malham Cove is a huge curving amphitheatre-shaped cliff formation of limestone rock. The vertical face is about 80 metres high and 300 metres wide and is capped by a limestone 'pavement'.



Grykes & Clints

The limestone was formed during the early Carboniferous period (over 300 million years ago). At this time the area was about 10° south of the equator! As sea levels rose, the land was flooded by warm, tropical seas. This is why you find fossils of marine creatures in this type of rock, even though nowadays the location is far from the sea.

About 15,000 years ago the area was covered with glacial ice sheets. The ice scoured away all the soil, exposing the limestone to the elements and rainwater seeped into fractures in the rock. These fractures were gradually opened by the rain dissolving the rock to produce features known as grykes and clints. Clints are the blocks of limestone that constitute the paving. Grykes are the fissures in between. The micro-climate in the grykes creates a unique habitat for wild flowers and ferns. The pavements of bare rock are exposed because soils do not form easily on the limestone.

The area is important for other wildlife, too. Malham Cove is one of the most successful peregrine nest sites in the Yorkshire Dales National Park since a pair first nested in 1993. We had a glimpse of one as we sat at the foot of the cliff. And Malham Tarn is England's highest freshwater lake, providing a unique habitat for rare insects and freshwater molluscs.

On our walk from the cove we found some colourful fungi; the waxcaps were particularly striking. They belong to a group of mushrooms known for their waxy and shiny-looking caps. They come in a variety of colours including vibrant pinks, yellows, greens and reds and grow in grasslands. 'Waxcap grasslands', are typically on land that has received no artificial fertilisers, is low in nutrients and has not been ploughed over periods of decades, which is a habitat becoming increasingly rare, so seeing them here was a real treat.



Waxcaps



IN MEMORIAM

Nigel Chapman on behalf of the family

Pat Fuller, one-time resident of Park Lane, passed away peacefully at her care home in Worcestershire aged 100 years. She will be remembered for her support for the village and her kindly regard for other residents.



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY COLLECTION 2022

Gill Holden & Nicola Thompson

On behalf of the Royal British Legion, we would like to thank everyone who contributed to the collection in Harbury, Ufton and Chesterton this year. The following businesses and organisations were kind enough to allow us to use their premises as collection points: The Crown Inn, The Gamecock, The Shakespeare, The Salon, the Co-op, Harbury Supermarket, Fosse Garage, Bull Ring Garage, Harbury Village Library, Harbury Village Club, Chandlers Agricultural, The White Hart and Banana Moon. We would also like to thank Harbury Primary School, All Saints' Church, Harbury Parish Council, and the door to door collectors in Ufton, Chesterton and Thwaites Estate.



War Memorial Watercolour by Bill Timson

Thank you also to Gordon Bennett for help with counting.

The total collected within the Harbury District this year was **£2,413.70** and this amount has been forwarded to the RBL. Many thanks to all who contributed to such a marvellous effort.

Thank you cards showing the amount raised at each outlet will be delivered.



HARBURY BALLROOM & LATIN AMERICAN DANCING

Amanda Randall


Harbury Village Hall
Wednesdays - Beginners 7.15pm
Improvers 8.30 pm

We had an enjoyable evening on 2nd November, with Beginners and Improvers dancing the Jive and



Mayfair Quickstep together. It was a great opportunity for the two classes to get to know each other a little better and to dance in a larger group.

Here is the plan for December:

7th December	
<p>Please note time change</p> <p>Practice / revision for both classes with a half an hour joint session</p>	<p>Beginners 7.15 – 8.45</p> <p>Joint Practice 8.15 – 8.45</p> <p>Improvers 8.15 – 9.45</p>
14th December	
<p>Christmas themed or posh outfits, please!</p> <p>Dig out those antlers /santa hats / fairylights /tinsel!</p> 	<p>Christmas Party</p> <p>7.30 - 10.00 for everyone</p> <p>No formal lesson tonight, but Anni will be organising some Christmas themed activities.</p> <p>We'll also have a chance to put into practice the dances you have learned this term.</p> <p><i>Please bring a plate of food to share and a bottle!</i></p>

Plan for 2023

Terms will be six-week (sixth week revision/practice session) with a two week break at the end of February.

DATES & DANCES

4/11/18/25 January + 1/8 February

Beginners: Mayfair Quickstep /Waltz

Improvers: Rumba /Quickstep

1/8/15/22/29 March + 5 April

Dances to be announced later

Make ballroom dancing your New Year Resolution!

Contact: Jacqui Powell: 01926 612887 or 07769683888 or jacquip59@talktalk.net

Follow us on Instagram @harburyballroomdancing for further updates.

“KEEEEEP Dancing”!!



SENIOR CITIZENS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Mike McBride

The next event will be upon us in no time at all and that is the annual Christmas Party on **Saturday 10th December 2022 at 5.30 for a 6.00pm** start in Harbury Village Hall. Note the change to the opening time this year.

Invitations were delivered and returned in November so we can confirm that everyone who requested places can come along to the party.

As you know, we do not charge or ask for a donation for the party, but we do run a raffle. If you wish to donate raffle prizes, they can be delivered to either 1, Park Lane or 32, South Parade.

Planning for the party continues but we would ask that if you are not feeling well or can no longer attend, please let us know as soon as possible to assist our final preparations. Please contact Mike McBride on 612421 or Julie Clarke on 612066 or talk to a committee member.

The committee members, helpers and entertainers look forward to seeing you at the party and we hope that you will enjoy yourselves.

Finally, we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



BUMPS & BUNDLES

Carol Jackson and the Bumps Team

We have kept going through November in the Scout Hut. It has been good to see so many of you still coming along for the chat and biscuits!

We hope to be back in the Tom Hauley Room soon with a new heating system in place. Keep an eye on Facebook for where we will be.



Our Christmas Party will be held on 13th December and hopefully in the Tom Hauley Room.

We are always looking for extra adults to come onto the Rota as helpers. It is only about once a month and not very onerous; set out toys, make drinks and chat to the Mums (and Dads and child minders!) Call into the Scout Hut or the Tom Hauley Room between 10.00am and 12.00 noon each Tuesday morning during school term time to see how it all works.



WEDNESDAY WALKERS

Gillian Hare

After the lovely autumn, the season of mud is with us; time to test the claims on your boot labels! But it is still (as I write) pleasantly mild and still with some colour hanging on. The pre Christmas walk on 14th December is followed by a meal at the (very) Friendly Inn at Frankton. If you haven't yet booked your place, please phone Gillian on 614809 asap. Then we break until 4th January for a four mile walk near Flecknoe. This is a lovely quiet area and most of this flattish walk is on firm tracks so not too muddy. If your New Year resolutions include fresh air and exercise, do join us; the good company is a bonus. Just turn up in the village hall car park before 9.40am.



HARBURY MILK SHED - 17TH DECEMBER 2022

The Milk Shed Team

We are starting Christmas celebrations early at the Milk Shed.

Pop along for a complimentary glass of mulled wine and a mince pie between 2pm and 4pm on 17th December 2022.

We don't see many of our customers and thought it would be nice to meet you. We will be there for a chat and to answer any questions you may have.

Look forward to seeing you.

Festive Wishes.



HARBURY DISTRICT COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Jacqui Harris

Good day everyone!

My news for you! My casework continues and thank fully the issue around waste collection has diminished, all be it there are still one or two concerns over waste collections things have improved.

There is no change to the repairs to the Chesterton Windmill and progress is being made on the speed enforcement group in Deppers Bridge, the local group running the speed campaign are looking for more volunteers, please come forward if you can support this group. The group have posted on the Deppers Face Book page for volunteers.

The focus of my work has been around Health Provision, particularly in the Upper Lighthorne area, ULH, and if the health provision is not put in place, it will without a doubt have an impact on surrounding GP surgeries this side of the district and across Harbury Ward.

One may ask how it affects me here in Harbury. GPs and the DN Service cannot say no to new patients and need to absorb the numbers no matter how many, onto their caseloads, which means more demands on services but no extra resource, few GPs want to grow or can grow their estates. GPs in the area have been consulted and we are in an ongoing dialogue.

The proposed new development at ULH will house over 7,500 people, plus more as new planning applications are submitted around the area, as an example this past month despite objecting to it with the Parish Council, Stratford District Council (SDC) have granted permission for 35 more houses on top of the new build at ULH, not much you may think, but they are family homes, but it adds approximately another 100 people to an already overfilled list, you can easily see how it grows, the population is expanding, but no infrastructure, no conversation about the real issue, population growth.

ULH will be the biggest town outside of Stratford with no confirmed Health Provision. Thankfully with lobbying and concerns raised about this topic the Leader of SDC at the

last Full Council Meeting raised this as a key concern and that infrastructure is a big consideration around building going forward.

That is good to hear, but the planning system is not fit for purpose, it is outdated as are other systems and processes managing our communities, there is limited scope to refuse under the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and the planning authority has little scope or money for legal action, leaving the whole process vulnerable.

Sir Jeremy Wright is aware of issues we have put before him that parliament need to address, I hope they have capacity to do so and deal with them, but they appear saturated with work and things move very slowly.

I am engaged and in talks with relevant parties around the concerns raised over Health Provision, my aim is to ensure the option of no provision is not an option and that the S106 process is adhered to, that we enforce/action when we can, including challenge and debate. I am pushing for a health centre and GP services for ULH. Harbury's Chairman is fully engaged and onboard with this issue.

There is a strong belief that this may not happen, as in onsite Health Provision of health care at ULH, which will put extra pressure on other local GP surgeries in the area, making the workload untenable, it will put extra pressure on the District Nursing Service, something we are fighting not to happen. Matters are not joined up, some statutory partners with other key non statutory partners are not communicating quite as they should be.

As a result of this work, there are now 15 Parish Councils involved in a group, Harbury PC being one of them, along with Stratford District Council staff, officers, District Councillors and Health Portfolio Holder, Warwickshire County Council Members and Health Portfolio holder, two developers, and Sir Jeremy Wright, all working to joint aims and objectives, to ensure that the Health Provision is delivered at ULH, something which has not been confirmed by the ICB Integrated Care Board (CCG), responsible for the commissioning, we are pressing and lobbying the ICB about this concern.

It was proposed at a meeting on 17th November 2022 that I now take the group further to ensure delivery of service in ULH and it is good that all tiers of government are speaking as one voice to ensure the residents of my Ward and this District are heard and get the service they should have and fully deserve. Once agreement on the strategy forward has been made by this group, I will action it. I will keep you posted.

Kind Regards, Jacqui



REPAIR CAFÉ

Rich Fowler

There won't be a Repair Cafe in December, so our next event will be on Saturday 28th January, from 2pm to 4pm at Harbury Library.

Wanted! Volunteer Repairers, for two hours a month to help prevent broken household items ending up in landfill. If you're interested in helping, please email us at repaircafeharbury@gmail.com.



HARBURY SWIFT VILLAGE - UPDATE

Amanda Randall

Many thanks to all those who have offered their properties as places where swift nest boxes could be put up, ready for next spring's arrivals. If you meant to get in touch but haven't got round to it yet, it isn't too late to contact me. It's been brilliant to talk to some of you and your enthusiasm is very encouraging!

As the Harbury & Ladbroke News goes to press, the next meeting of the Parish Council has yet to take place so more details won't be available until the January edition. I will be back in touch with you then with a further update. If you have any questions in the meantime, do call me on the number below.

Why should I have a swift nest box?

- Swifts are in trouble. We've lost over half of our swifts in just 20 years, and they are suffering a 4% decline year on year.
- Swifts are amazing: they fly thousands of miles from Africa to the UK and back every year. In its lifetime a bird may fly a distance of **some 4 million miles**, which is equivalent to flying to the moon and back again eight times. They are the fastest bird in level flight, built for speed and to stay on the wing - including to eat, drink and mate - they only land to nest and raise their young.
- Swifts are the cleanest of birds and will not make a mess on your property!!
- Being around wildlife is good for us! - it makes us happier and healthier.
- The nest boxes can be supplied and fitted for you **FREE!**

Call Amanda on 01926 613871 or email on a.l.randall0657@gmail.com.



DOG OWNERS AND DOG LOVERS OF HARBURY & LADBROKE



Lisa Stone

Hi all,

Like many of you in Harbury and Ladbroke, I have a beloved pooch and would like to share our story and raise awareness on how as dog owners we can all support one another.

Marlow is two and named after Albert Marlow, one of the young men recognised on the blue plaques around the village. I briefly lived in Ivy Lane in a cottage that has Albert's name proudly hung out front.

Unfortunately, when Marlow was around nine months, he was chased and bitten by another dog (not in the village). Being a Border Collie and therefore an intelligent breed, this has sadly remained imprinted on his brain and boy have I had a ton of work to do!

Overnight he became reactive to every dog he saw. He would immediately lunge, bark and air snap towards any dog. This is a dog's way to communicate, "Stay away, I am scared", not necessarily a sign of a vicious dog, as can be confirmed by any trainer.

I was horrified, mortified and became nervous to walk him. So began my long and continuing journey of trying to understand a reactive dog, and this is why I wanted to share our journey to raise awareness.

Any dog can become reactive to any stimuli that frightens them. They may include dogs, bikes, traffic, people, cats almost anything! Sadly, some dogs react to multiple stimuli. Reading up, following groups online, hiring a professional trainer, consulting behaviourists and vets' visits (including getting him "done") I have spent hours of patient and repetitive training to build his confidence and mine to get out and about.

It's been very hard, but he has improved no end. He can tolerate dogs much closer to him now but does not like them coming to him head on and in his personal space. I will always attempt to make space or divert for the benefit of everyone.

He is always on a short lead, with a bright yellow sleeve saying he needs space. He is great off lead, but in consideration of other dogs and their owners, I always call him back and leash up if within his threshold tolerance.

Sadly, I have experienced many instances where other owners have not always been considerate, so this is my plea. If another dog off lead comes towards us, I always ask politely for the owner to call their dog back. Where possible, (as shouting over a distance sounds rude!) I explain he does not like other dogs and ask for space. Most owners are considerate and recall their dog/s and all is fine.

Sadly, I have had numerous occasions where I have had replies such as "Why, mines' friendly?", or "He's not doing any harm", or "You should socialise your dog with other dogs". Believe me I have tried, and he's fine with dogs he knows and has formed a bond with. One incident on Newbold Comyn where I asked someone to recall their out-of-control puppy has resulted in the owner in question attempting to assault me and Marlow. This has been reported as a crime.

When I ask an owner to do this, I am not only advocating for Marlow, but also in the best interests of the other dog. If Marlow gets too anxious, his cortisol is raised, and I cannot take him out for 24 hours. His barking and lunging have greatly reduced and continue to do so. He now tolerates dogs much closer than in the past. He's saying, "get out of my personal space". After all, if I ran up to you asking for a hug and invading your personal space you would most likely react thinking I was mad!

A responsible dog owner is aware of dog etiquette, and unless the dog's recall is bombproof will put their dog on a lead if required, for which I always thank them. As a point of interest, my dog may be deaf, visually impaired or elderly and need that consideration too.

Legally, if your dog has no recall, in the eyes of the law the dog is not under control, and therefore breaking the law. A dog on lead is under control. (Hence reporting the incident above besides, the threat of assault). Some dogs may have a sleeve or vest on alerting others. Some don't like dogs; some are naturally nervous. Different colours mean different things, but whatever the reason is visible for a purpose and conveying a message to others.

If I had a crystal ball when I picked him from the litter, would I have done so? Probably

not. If I could turn back the clock and change him? Absolutely not. He is the most affectionate, loyal and best companion. He's asked for numerous cuddles whilst writing this!

In my perfect world all dogs would love other dogs and want to socialise with them all. Sadly, this is not the case for a variety of reasons as mentioned above, so when next out on a stroll with your best friend, please remember just like your beloved pooch Marlow is a best friend too and needs his space.

Thank you.



SOUTHAM MONTHLY INDOOR MARKET

Pam McConnell

Southam holds an indoor market in the Grange Hall, Coventry Road on the third Saturday of the month from 10am to 12.30pm. Food, Gifts, Crafts, Plants, Homewares. Refreshments and free parking. Enquiries from potential stallholders are welcome, please email southamfirst@outlook.com. The Market on Saturday 17th December will be full of ideas for those last minute Christmas presents and festive treats. Shop Local!



GALANOS HOUSE

Shelley Fardon

There are a number of weekly and monthly events at Galanos. Do come along and support if you can.

<p>Armed Forces Veteran's Breakfast Club</p> <p>4th Wednesday and Saturday of every month</p> <p>10am – 12noon</p>	<p>Breakfast or Dinner with Santa Saturday 10th & Saturday 17th Dec</p> <p>£5.00 per ticket, purchased in advance from Galanos House reception (to be released soon)</p>
<p>Café Muse (Free)</p> <p>Dementia friendly Music Café</p> <p>Thursday 22nd December 11am – 1pm</p> <p>Call 01789 267567 to book your place</p>	<p>Compassionate Conversations (Free)</p> <p>If you're living with grief and loss, serious illness and bereavement and you want a place to talk about what that is like, this is for you.</p> <p>Wednesday 7th December 2.30pm – 4pm. To book visit: bit.ly/3EdfBW9</p>

<p>Nosh & Natter</p> <p>Thursday 8th December 12noon – 1.30pm</p> <p>Tickets available from your local surgery</p>	<p>Silver Sunday (Free) supported by Winter Warm Hub</p> <p>Sunday 11th December 2.30pm – 4pm</p> <p>To book your Free place call 01926 812185 Ext: 5365</p>
<p>Sporting Memories (Free)</p> <p>Reminiscing about all things ‘sport’ and some gentle exercise. Lunch available afterwards for £2</p> <p>Every Wednesday 10.30am – 12.30pm</p>	<p>Winter Warm Hub (Free)</p> <p>Join us for teas, coffees and cakes alongside focused activities.</p> <p>Every Monday 11am – 3pm</p>

Follow us on Facebook for updates, offers and events.

Facebook: @RBLCommunityHub

Call: 01926 812185 Ext 5365



LEAMINGTON SPA SHOPMOBILITY

Jacqui Temple, Trustee

If you find walking difficult or impossible, then Leamington Spa Shopmobility is here to help. We hire out mobility scooters and wheelchairs at subsidised rates to help people of all ages. Anyone can use our mobility equipment to enjoy the shops and heritage of Leamington Spa, or go further afield with a long-term loan.

Leamington Spa Shopmobility is run by Warwick District Mobility Ltd, which is a charity governed by a Board of Trustees..

We are mainly funded by a grant from Royal Leamington Spa Town Council, and our shop unit is provided by Royal Priors Shopping. We also receive donations from local fund-raising organisations and members of the public.

We sell a small number of mobility-related items. Our sales help to support our hire service and keep our shop open. We can often help with information or advice too.

Our used items are checked, and batteries are tested before sale, but we cannot guarantee them, so the prices are low! Our stock varies, but can include scooters of various sizes - one or two often in stock, powered and manual wheelchairs and walkers (rollators).

Examples of mobility equipment we have for hire include:

- Three-wheel Scooters; these have a small turning circle for easy manoeuvring in small shops. Max Weight 21 stone
- Four-wheel Scooter; these offer slightly better stability for those with poor balance. Max weight 21 stone.

- Heavy Duty Scooter; suitable for the larger person and for longer trips. Max weight 28 stone.
- Portable Scooter; a light-weight four-wheel scooter that can be easily taken apart for loading into a small car. Max Weight 21 stone.
- Self Propelled Wheelchairs, a manually-propelled wheelchair, collapsible for easy transport. Max weight 17 stone.
- Transit Wheelchair, a manual wheelchair for users unable to push themselves. Also easily folded and transported. Max weight 17 stone.
- Child's Wheelchair; this is similar to the adult size transit wheelchair shown here but smaller.
- Powered Wheelchair; a four-wheel powered chair with joystick-type controller. We have one that can be operated either by the user or by an attendant at the back.

You can find us at: Leamington Spa Shopmobility, Level 4, Royal Priors Car Park, Park St, Leamington Spa CV32 4XT. You can email us at admin@leamingtonshopmobility.org.uk Or call us on **01926 470450**

From Royal Priors Shopping, take stairs or lifts to 4th floor



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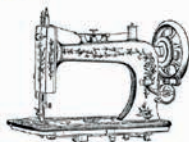
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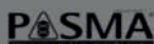
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