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EDITORIAL

A round up of local news

There will be the usual Remembrance Sunday service at both Harbury and Ladbroke churches on the 13th of the month as well as the laying of wreaths at the War Memorial.

Huge congratulations must go to the team who have worked so hard in securing funds to be able to update the heating and lighting in the Tom Hauley Room and church. Work starts this month and we are sure this will be very much welcomed by all.

After many years waiting, it finally looks as if work on the installing of traffic lights at the Harbury Lane/Fosse Way crossroads will go ahead. The enabling works will start towards the end of the month with the main contract commencing in February 2023. See Chris Kettle's article on page 58.

Events in Harbury in November see the return of the Craft Fair, the final Village Cinema for the year and Harbury Theatre Group's play 'The Affairs at Medlar's Top.'

This year the seasonal lights in Harbury will be illuminated from 26th November through to 21st January 2023. With thoughts turning towards Christmas(!) early December events see Harbury Christmas Fayre on Saturday 3rd December and the Senior Citizens Christmas Party on the 10th. For the little ones, Southam & District Lions will be accompanying Santa on his visit around Harbury on the 5th and 6th.

Congratulations to Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge WI on reaching their 50th Anniversary. Meanwhile group visits to Ladbroke church continue to fill up the calendar. The Heritage Team are looking for help with finding Ladbroke's tallest man. If you live or have lived in Ladbroke and feel you fit the bill do get in touch with them.

In next month's edition of the magazine, we will be publishing Christmas greetings from those villagers who prefer to give donations to charity rather than send individual greetings cards. Please submit these to the magazine in good time and no later than Monday 21st November.

Finally, we extend our condolences to the families of Dr Allan David Gibb and Vivienne Jean Humphries.

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HARBURY DIARY

For local events

NOVEMBER

- Sat 5 Harbury Bonfire and Fireworks, gates open 5.30, bonfire lit 6.00, firework display at 6.30pm, Village Hall playing fields
- Sun 6 **THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT**
Holy Communion, 9.00am
Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall
- Mon 7 Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall
Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall
- Wed 9 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car park - Priors Marston (4 miles, 1 hill)
Spellbound Dance Classes, 5.00 - 5.30 & 5.30 - 6.15pm, Village Hall
Ballroom Dancing, beginners 7.15pm, more experienced 8.30pm, Village Hall
Hereburgh Morris Practice session, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall
- Thurs 10 Holy Communion, 10.00am, venue to be decided
Harbury WI's Annual General Meeting, 7.30 for 7.45pm, Village Library
- Fri 11 Ben and Soph's Jazz, tickets - 07515 275655, 7.00pm, Village Hall
- Sat 12 Harbury Craft Fair, 10.00am - 4.00pm, Village Hall
- Sun 13 **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**
Remembrance Service, 10.00am
Messy Church, 3.00pm, Harbury School Hall
Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall
Icon Youth Club, 7.00 - 8.30pm, Outing
- Mon 14 Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall
Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall
- Tue 15 Harbury Theatre Group meeting, 7.00 for 7.30pm, Village Club
Harbury Society talk, presentation on excavation at Coleshill Manor, time and venue to be confirmed
- Wed 16 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car park - Charwelton (4.5 miles)
Connections (Dementia) Café, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Farley Room, Village Hall
Gardening for Health Meeting, 2.30pm, Village Library
Spellbound Dance Classes, 5.00 - 5.30 & 5.30 - 6.15pm, Village Hall
Ballroom Dancing, beginners 7.15pm, more experienced 8.30pm, Village Hall
Hereburgh Morris Practice session, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall

- Thurs 17 Holy Communion, 10.00am, venue to be decided
- Fri 18 Charity Sheep Dip music & poetry event, 7.30pm, Village Library
(Free ticketing from www.evenbrite.com or register at Library Desk)
- Sat 19 Harbury Village Cinema presents, 'Where the Crawdads Sing' doors open 6.15pm, film starts 7.00pm, Village Hall
- Sun 20 SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT**
Holy Communion, 8.00am
All Age Service, 10.30am
Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall
Harbury Heritage Centre open, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Harbury School -
(Park Lane entrance)
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- Mon 21 Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall
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Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall
- Wed 23 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car park -
Tysoe (4 miles, hilly)
Spellbound Dance Classes, 5.00 - 5.30 & 5.30 - 6.15pm, Village Hall
Ballroom Dancing, beginners 7.15pm, more experienced 8.30pm,
Village Hall
Hereburgh Morris Practice session, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall
- Thurs 24 Holy Communion, 10.00am, venue to be decided
Harbury Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, Village Library
Harbury Theatre Group presents 'The Affair's at Meddlar's Top,
doors open 7.00 curtain up 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Fri 25 Harbury Theatre Group presents 'The Affair's at Meddlar's Top,
doors open 7.00 curtain up 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Sat 26 Harbury Parish Council "Councillors Corner" session, 10.00am - 11.00am,
Village Library (Biblio's Café)
Repair Café, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Village Library
Village seasonal lights turn-on
Harbury Theatre Group presents 'The Affair's at Meddlar's Top,
doors open 7.00 curtain up 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Sun 27 ADVENT SUNDAY**
Holy Communion & Children's Church, 10.30am
Icon Youth Club, 7.00 - 8.30pm, venue to be confirmed
Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall
- Mon 28 Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall
Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall

- Wed 30 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car park -
Wilmcote (4 miles)
Spellbound Dance Classes, 5.00 - 5.30 & 5.30 - 6.15pm, Village Hall
Ballroom Dancing, beginners 7.15pm, more experienced 8.30pm,
Village Hall
Hereburgh Morris Practice session, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall

DECEMBER

- Thurs 1 Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
Folk Club, 8.00pm, Village Club
- Sat 3 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Entrust
Care Partnership
Harbury Local Market: 10.00am - 12.30pm, Village Hall
Harbury Church Christmas Fayre, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Village Hall
- Sun 4 **ADVENT 2**
Holy Communion, 9.00am, Tom Hauley Room
- Mon 5 Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall
Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall
- Tue 6 Bumps and Bundles, 10.30 - 12.00 noon, Tom Hauley Room
Meeting Point, 12.30pm, The Crown Inn (bookings by 2nd December)
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 to Welcome Monument (4 miles undulating)
Mothers Union Communion Service and Tea, 2.00pm, Church/Tom Hauley
Room - A Christmas Discussion
Spellbound Dance Classes, 5.00 - 5.30 & 5.30 - 6.15pm, Village Hall
Ballroom Dancing, Joint Practice, beginners 7.15pm, more experienced
8.30pm, Village Hall
Hereburgh Morris Practice session, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall

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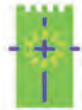


Remembrance Day

Lest We Forget - 11TH November

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Week Commencing Monday	Thursday Collection - Harbury Friday Collection - Deppers Bridge	Friday & Wednesday Collections - Ladbroke
7 Nov	F - W	F - R - W - G
14 Nov	F - R - G	F
21 Nov	F	F - R - G
28 Nov	F - R - W - G	F - W
5 Dec	F	F - R - G
12 Dec	F - R - G	F
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		



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FROM THE RECTOR

Rev Andy Batchelor

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November is a season for remembering. This year on Thursday 3rd our churches will be offering all in our communities an opportunity to light a candle in memory of a loved one and have their names read out with some prayers for those who mourn their loss.

The churchyards will be transformed and illuminated by hundreds of candles. The event is called 'Night of our light' and takes place between 5-8pm. This month we also remember those who have given their lives through war in service of our country. They left homes and families for foreign lands in the cause of justice, freedom and peace; the effects of which we still feel in our society today. The world could have been a very different place for us without their sacrifice, which cannot and should not be forgotten.

Sadly wars remain a blight upon our world, and this year we cannot help but be aware of the thousands of lives being lost in Ukraine in this evil and pointless conflict, and the struggle of a country resisting an unjustified invasion. Christians are well used to remembering. Every week in our churches during communion we remember the one person who died for us all.

We remember Jesus, not just to dwell in the past, not just in sorrow: but more importantly we remember that our response to the love that God shows us in the death of Christ, is for us to be revitalised for the future, for the task of changing lives, our community, and our world, by transforming it for the better. It's a daunting task, but through God's power and through our partnership with him there can be a brighter future.

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Exciting news on the project this month! For full details, see the Churchwardens' column.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptism

25th September Ophelia Wynter Loveridge

Funeral

7th October Dr Allan David Gibb (87 years)

20th October Vivienne Jean Humphries (96 years)

Dr Allan Gibb, age 87 years, MB BS D.Obst. RCOG, Squadron Leader, RAF (rtd), formerly of Manor Orchard, Harbury and Galanos House, died on 20th September. His funeral was at All Saints Church, Harbury on 7th October.



FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

Liz & Michael

Great News! We are delighted to announce that the church has now secured sufficient funds and all the necessary approvals to be able to get on and put a new heating system into the Church and Tom Hauley Room.

Contractors will be on site from early November and will begin in the Tom Hauley Room, which will need to be closed completely for the whole of November. We expect that it will take four or five weeks to complete this. Then the contractors will start installing the Church heating, which will take circa three months, during which time it will be a building site and the church will need to be completely closed.

We are very grateful to have recently secured heating grants of £55,643 from HS2 and £15,000 from the Congregational and General Charitable Trust, which when added to the generous local funding received from you over the last couple of years means we can now proceed with the heating. This will use up nearly all our Heat, Light and Stone funds and so we will then need further fundraising from the village and grants in order to repair the stonework and upgrade the lighting and audio-visual system.

In the meantime, we will continue to hold Sunday services in the church, up to and including Remembrance Sunday on 13th November, and depending on the temperature either in church or elsewhere until early December when normal Sunday services will be held in the Tom Hauley Room whilst the church is closed. Messy Church on 13th November will be at Harbury School.

Christmas season celebrations will be communicated in more detail nearer the time, but we have decided to hold the Village Carol Service on Christmas Eve in the Village Hall, with music led by the Harbury Folk Group. The Christingle service will be on Sunday 11th December in Harbury School hall. All other Christmas services will be held in the Tom Hauley Room.

And lastly, but not least, our long running traditional Christmas Fayre will be in the Village Hall on Saturday 3rd December. This begins at 2pm. Father Christmas will be back in the grotto this year and we have a wonderful variety of stalls selling gifts and crafts, there will be games to play, mulled wine, tea and cakes to partake and, of course, the Morris dancers adding to the fun of the fair. All funds raised will be for Heat, Light & Stone.



MOTHERS' UNION

Gillian Hare

When you read this, I hope we will have had our November meeting somewhere; isn't it great that the heating work is under way at last? Our October meeting was well attended, which meant that there was a warm welcome for Mary Catt. We were pleased that she is settling happily in her new home, and gave her a parting gift of a soft stole. We also sent a card to Joy Lewis to mark her 90th birthday, and hope she will be able to join us again soon.

After the communion led by Rev Ann, we were given a very interesting talk by Ann Clucas about her many years of running Christian holidays for teenagers. What a faithful and heartwarming commitment!



The Christmas fair will be on Saturday 3rd December and we shall be running our usual toiletries stall. Donations are much needed as well as help on the day. Whilst the building work is ongoing, it will probably be best to bring any donations to the meeting or give them directly to Chris or one of the committee (Sally, Gillian or Jo).

At our committee meeting, we started to plan an interesting and varied programme for next year. And agreed that, from the money raised at our coffee mornings, we can give £100 each to a project called Women leading the Way and to the Literacy fund.

Our next meeting will be on 7th December; we will let you know if we are not back in the newly and quietly warm T H R. Following communion at 2pm, we will share our memories of Christmases we have known. Do many of you remember dear Betty Winkfield telling us about her first Christmas in the farmhouse at Ladbroke, when she came back from Church to find that the chimney was blocked, the house was full of smoke, and she had her new in-laws coming for dinner?!

We very much welcome anyone to our meetings; you do not have to be or even plan to be a member. We are a "warm place" in every sense of the word.



LADBROKE NEWS & DIARY

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

- Sat 5 Bonfire and Fireworks, 6.30pm, Farmyard Field
- Sun 6 **THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT**
Family Communion followed by refreshments, 10.30am
- Tues 8 WI, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Wed 9 Heritage and Friendship Group, 10.30am - 12.00 noon, Village Hall
Parish Council, 7.45pm, Village Hall
- Sun 13 **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**
Service of Remembrance, 3.00pm
- Sat 19 Charity Table Top Sale in aid of Cancer Research, 1.00 - 4.00pm,
Village Hall
- Sun 20 **SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT**
Holy Communion (BCP), 9.00am

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Ladbroke Matters (ie Village Hall and Millennium Green) AGM,
7.30pm, Village Hall
- Sun 27 **ADVENT SUNDAY**
Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am

DECEMBER

- Sun 4 **ADVENT 2**
Family Communion followed by refreshments, 10.30am
- Tues 6 Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall



LADBROKE CHURCH NEWS

Peter Rigby
www.ladbrokechurch.org.uk

We held our Harvest Festival at the beginning of October, with a well attended Family Service, followed by Harvest Brunch in the Village Hall. A special thank you to the ladies who give up their time and talents to make the church look beautiful, together with our wonderful choir led by Bill Bosworth and of course our talented pianist/organist, Kate Pickin. Thanks also to Eileen Dronfield, who allows us to display her wonderful collection of corn dollies at our Harvest Festival. Thank you also to our

local farmers who donated food for the Harvest Brunch, there was plenty for all! We received generous donations of produce and over £300 in cash, which have been passed on to the food bank.

On Thursday 3rd November we shall have had our first “Night of our Light” at Ladbroke church.

On Sunday 13th November we shall be holding our village Remembrance Service at 3.00pm.

Upcoming services and events:

Sunday 6th November	10.30am	Family Communion
Sunday 13th November	3.00pm	Remembrance Day Service
Sunday 20th November	9.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 27th November	9.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 4th December	10.30am	Family Communion
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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 new website - www.ladbroke-pc.gov.uk

The September meeting was postponed due to the official mourning period for the Queen and was held on 12th October.

Our District Councillor, Nigel Rock was recovering from a bad case of covid so was not present but had sent the councillors a written report. Since both he and our parish council had supported the house at Brock Farm Stud but the Planning Officer did not, it would be going to the SDC Planning Committee. One of our parish councillors should attend and present the rationale for our council's support, otherwise the committee could delegate the decision to the Planning Officer.

WCC - Chris Kettle has a small delegated budget and would support painting SLOW signs on the Harbury Road as it comes into Ladbroke. Gates on the verge can be obtained in various widths but there also needs to be space for cutting the adjacent hedge, or it will grow into the gate making it less visible. As there is insufficient space where the village sign is at present, councillors were asked to propose an alternative location.

The traffic lights at the Harbury Lane/Fosse Way crossroads have been approved and the detailed design of the retaining walls etc is in progress, then they will need to divert the utilities. Although it's not certain when work on site will start it may be later this year.

There was no news on the sails of Chesterton Windmill which have gone off for repair.

Planning - SDC had approved the extension and new access at Rectory Farm Cottage and the changes at Deppers Bridge Farm. The application for treeworks at Old School House had been withdrawn.

HS2 - The Construction Commissioner was originally appointed as a referee between HS2 and the communities but he negotiated with the Minister that he should be an advocate for communities, taking HS2 to task when they changed plans without proper consideration. This may explain why there will be a temporary bypass rather than another long closure of the A425 near the polo grounds.

The second bore on the Ufton Wood tunnel will start in November and last about six months.

Closer to home, HS2 vehicles should not be tuning right off the A423 near Harp Farm. This caused an accident recently when an oncoming car had to brake hard and a large lorry ran into the back of it!

Piling beside the A423 will last for two to three months, it will only be during the day but when they are pouring concrete that will be continuous. The new alignment of the road should open in 2024.

HS2's pop up Visitor Centre came to Ladbroke on 4th October but few people attended.

Website - ladbroke-pc.gov.uk is for Ladbroke Parish Council information only but will include a link to other village websites, eg church, Ladbroke Heritage etc and they are asked to reciprocate.

Policies - Various policies were adopted.

Water - The works by Severn Trent to ensure security of supply after the temporary cut off in August started but were not complete. The continuous leak up Ladbroke Hill Lane has been notified; pipework will be re-routed as part of HS2 works.

Village Booklet - This will be printed soon.

Next meeting - Wednesday 9th November at 7.45pm.



LADBROKE & DEPPERS BRIDGE WI

Carol Lane

This month a party was held in the village hall to celebrate the forming of this branch of the WI 50 years ago.

On 28th September 1972, 31 ladies met in the Primary School, which was used as the community centre before it closed down, to discuss forming a WI. A representative of Women's Institutes was present to advise how such a branch should be set up and the title of Ladbroke and Deppers Bridge and a meeting day of Thursday evening were agreed. Of the 31 ladies present, 23 agreed to stand for election to committee and 8 were chosen, including my cousin, Joan Peters, who became the first treasurer. They all paid the annual subscription of 50p. (It is now £43!)



Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge WI 50th celebration



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Amongst the books of minutes was a Community Song Book but I cannot find a record of it being used - only reference to the singing of Jerusalem. There seems to have been a competition each month, which ranged from making an edible necklace to finding the largest weed! I was surprised to see that originally an evening was organised each year to which the 'senior citizens' of the village were invited and when that became difficult, boxes of shortbread were taken to each household with an older person. I think we senior citizens are now part of it all? Also there was a connection between the WI and the central mental hospital at Hatton and either selected patients would be brought to a home in Ladbroke or members would go to distribute presents - including beer and cigarettes - at Christmas. The men in the Polish camp also received Christmas fare.

In 1978 the school was closed and for a few months there was no venue as the village hall had been invaded by birds and was not in use. There was a delightful minute asking for volunteers to clean the hall 'once the feathered occupants had left for warmer climes'! The first meeting in the village hall was on September 1979.

On Tuesday 11th October 2022, the Hall was bedecked with gold balloons - thank you Heather for spending the afternoon blowing these up and hanging them - and bunting spelling out Ladbroke and Deppers Bridge WI. Thank you to Janet Carlyle who had sewn each letter onto a pennant and strung them - they look so effective. Tables, the cloths scattered with gold 50s, were set out in a large rectangle for about 30 ladies and a table of photographs created a lot of interest as did the competition to recognise members from their baby photos. As well as members and past members, three ladies from Willoughby WI - our twin - joined us as did representatives from the Federation.

While delicious food stuffs were passed round the tables, Laura Watts entertained us with her classical guitar, accompanying herself in lovely songs, like 'I have a dream' to which many hummed along. Sue Moore's daughter-in-law had made a beautiful cake which was ceremonially cut and distributed.

The Committee are to be applauded for all the work they put in to arranging the evening and helping on the night but particular thanks must go to Dianne, who masterminded it all.

Here's to the next 50 years but some of the new, younger villagers will need to join to ensure continuity.

At a brief business meeting, our thoughts and love had been expressed for Joan, our secretary who is laid up at the moment. A provisional date of 3rd December for Christmas Lunch at Draycote Water was decided on so please let Dianne know if you would like to go to this.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday on 8th November with Penny Varley telling us about her life as a studio potter.





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.



There will be no coffee morning in November but instead on **Saturday 19th November** there will be a table top sale in the Village Hall in aid of Cancer Research commencing at 1pm.

Coming
Soon!

More events are being planned soon, including screenings of **England men's football World Cup matches**. We are also hoping to have a Christmas event. Watch this space for updates.

AGM
Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting is scheduled for **Monday 21st November at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall. It will be an opportunity to meet the team, hear about what we do, and our plans for next year. All are welcome to attend.



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.

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 SEPTEMBER 2022

£50 Sarah Taylor	£25 Sue Lord
£50 Trevor Jay	£10 Linda Spence
£25 Bill Bosworth	£10 Russell Griffith
£25 John Herriot	£10 Jo Rose

Margaret Bosworth



LADBROKE PHOTOGRAPHY

Kip Warr

Members submitted their best photographs of 2022 for our competition and phototopic session in the October meeting. As usual we had a varied selection of subjects and treatments from macro to landscape and portrait to wildlife. We particularly enjoyed a series of photographs taken from the queue to see the late queen lying in state, with various views of London taken in sequence over a full day as the queue progressed.

Tony Mancell, having been to a course on photograph printing, demonstrated the images that he had printed before and after instruction from the experts. We saw the effects of different papers and tweaks to images, sometimes surprisingly different. The



Steam by David Hannan



Colourscape 2022 by Sally Simmons

trick, it seems, is to get monitors and printers all agreeing on how colours should be reproduced - and then we were off into the realms of colour spaces, gamuts, sRGB and beyond. It all seemed daunting but many of us have difficulty getting the printer to reproduce what we see on screen so it must be worth a try.

At our next meeting, on 1st November, Andy Hay will show his photographs from dives in the Red Sea together with the kit he uses. Guests and visitors are welcome to this and all our meetings. For more information please contact Ladbroke.photoclub@btinternet.com



LADBROKE GENERAL NEWS



LADBROKE HERITAGE

Jackie West & Nicky Lewis

All was quiet on the repairs front last month but we have had several project activities since we wrote the last report. First of all it was a guided tour of the church building and churchyard for the Dene Valley U3A geology group.

Hot on their heels the Year 3 Class from St Mary's school, Southam came on a visit. Kathryn was great encouraging them to discover codes and symbols, especially those in the in the East Window, while Jackie asked the children to find and identify different types of rock, followed by an unplanned, but necessary request to *"Please empty your*

pockets and hands of all but one of those pieces of rock you have picked up” The children loved hunting for erosion and fossils in the walls and were very impressed with the 24 inch ammonite which lives inside. St Margaret’s Junior School at Whitnash have booked an in-school session for 90 children this month, but we will only be taking the smaller fossils to that!



The Heritage and Friendship Group meeting last month was on the topic of School. As usual we had put on a small display of photos and information and were delighted that some of the people who came brought other things to show us. Johnathan shared the prize-winning nature book he created back in 1958 full of pressed flowers and an interesting commentary and Roy brought photos we had not seen before. That same morning the two of us had an on-line discussion with the folk from the National Lottery

Heritage Fund who are checking we are spending their generous grant wisely and meeting all the targets. So we arrived part way through the H&F group meeting. There was such a buzz of friendly talk as we walked in and it only paused for a few moments while everyone congratulated Geoff on his approaching milestone and sang Happy Birthday. Our next meeting, on Wednesday 9th November, will have a musical theme. For more information contact Carol on 814715.

The phone box is now showing our new exhibition, LOCAL RECORD BREAKERS. A big thank you to everyone who submitted entries. We wonder if any of the records have already been broken. Is one hour over recipe the most burnt cake or does anyone have a hand wound clock more than 140 years old? We still need help to find Ladbroke’s Tallest Man so if you live or used to live in the Parish and are over six feet tall, do pop along to the phone box and mark your height on the scale inside (no platform shoes - that’s cheating).



In the last couple of weeks there has been a small flurry of bookings for talks and also short tour in December, giving us more opportunities to enthuse about lovely Ladbroke and its heritage. The calendar is by no means full and we’re happy to do more so help spread the word. Please contact Nicky Lewis on 815196 for tours or email Jackie at ladbrokechurch89@btinternet.com for talks about the stained glass, Alice and the Adventurer etc.



LADBROKE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Nigel Rock

Bin Collections

The Council's Scrutiny Committee met on 30th September to review the changeover. In summary, and like previous discussions, the presentation gave more emphasis on the elements that had gone well and what a major undertaking the switch over had been, rather than the problems. The service failures were said to be much less than half a percent. The new scheme was considered by some a major success for its communications and it was also said it had received fulsome praise across parish councils. The 'service design' had attracted few complaints and the engagement with the public and the rate of take up of food waste collections was reported as good. Residual black bin tonnages had fallen. Personally I welcome these environmental benefits, but as I have said before it's not quite that bit where the problems have been.

Under questioning, it was conceded that there had been problems with food caddie deliveries, that the food caddies might not be the best design, and some areas (the east of the District where we are) had suffered repetitive failures attributed to the move of collections to the Warwick depot of Biffa, where this had previously been done by the Stratford depot.

Although week by week the reports of problems diminish, it has certainly been a trying time. From the perspective of this area I have found the reports of the Council give a rather more rose coloured picture than my experience has shown, and I continue to monitor the operation of the system.

Five Year Housing Supply and Planning Policy

The council has to demonstrate a five year 'housing supply' of planning permissions in the pipeline. If not, decisions and appeals will be granted, overriding other policies and we will be stuck with unsuitable and excessive developments. It now seems Stratford District is far beyond the five year target (last time it was seven years) with 10.06 years which should be an argument that weighs against inappropriate housing. Whilst locally we have this over provision, nationally the 'new' government has once more signalled that they think planning regulations are a blockage to economic growth and that they intend to reduce planning controls. We have seen this debate over and over again. As far as I can tell, while the planning system is far from perfect, there are many reasons that might slow up development decisions, and just reducing democratic control for local people would be a backward step and is unlikely to help anyone.

Local Policing

I am sad to report that after 16 years serving the Southam Police Beat, Community Support Officer Katrina Campion is leaving to take up a new role in assisting the homeless. A loss for us here, but a gain for her new clients and I wish her well. I have dealt with her many times on and off since first being elected in 2003. Kat has 'held the fort' in Southam through thick and thin. Over much of that time the Southam area has been low on staffing, something I have pointed out to senior members of the Police, but Kat has provided backbone and consistency over time. I cannot praise Kat highly enough and I thank her for her service.

nigel.rock@stratford-dc.gov.uk



READERS' LETTERS

Dear Editors

I would just like to thank everyone for their cards, kind thoughts and best wishes on my 90th birthday.

Geoff Timms



HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Alison Biddle

Gardening for Health

A new community project at Harbury Allotments

Some time ago, one of our keen allotment holders came up with the idea of setting aside a plot which could be used to improve health and well-being in the community.

This would be particularly useful for anyone who cannot manage an allotment on their own but would enjoy being outdoors, having a go at growing their own fruit and vegetables and at the same time, have a chance to meet and chat with other people. The physical and mental benefits of gardening are well known but the chance to mix with other people at the same time also tackles problems of isolation and loneliness.



We thought this was a great idea and with the help of grants from Heart of England Co-op and our County Cllr Chris Kettle, we have cleared a vacant allotment and installed some raised beds. We are now ready for people to get involved and have organised a meeting on Wednesday, 16th November 2022 at 2.30pm in Harbury Village Library. At this first meeting we want to hear people's ideas on how the group should operate, when to meet, and what kind of things they would be interested in doing with the plot. It's a blank canvas at the moment and we are keen for anyone who is interested to be involved, whether that is for your own well-being or because you would like to help other people discover the joy and benefits of gardening. Everyone is welcome, whatever your capabilities. We want this to be something that everyone can take part in and enjoy.

Please come along to the meeting on 16th November to find out more. If you can't make the meeting, please contact us and we will update you afterwards.

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HARBURY SEASONAL LIGHTS

Julie Balch

We are delighted to confirm that this year's Seasonal Lights will run from Saturday 26th November 2022 through to Saturday 21st January 2023. Given the current economic and energy crisis it felt right to reduce the number of weeks this year, so these timings reflect that change.

Over the past few years many people have wanted to join in with us which is marvellous. If you would like to purchase star, wreath or festoon lights to match those we install you can do so via www.lights4fun.co.uk. Due to their popularity LED Spheres are more of a challenge to source so we recommend searching on the term "LED Spheres" online. www.worm.co.uk, www.glow.co.uk, www.notonthehighstreet.com, and www.dunelm.co.uk are just a few retailers stocking them at the moment.



We rely on our amazing team of volunteers to help install and power the lights and are thankful for their support. It's a fun morning so if you don't mind climbing a ladder and want to join our merry team please email me at clrbalch@harbury-pc.gov.uk.



HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL

John Holden - HGL News Correspondent

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September 2022 Meeting Report

A change of venue to the Tom Hauley Room for this meeting.

Other Organisations

The chairman reported that he had recently met with the new School Headteacher and that she was keen to maintain links with the Parish Council. The school has now formally joined the Forest of Arden C of E Multi Academy Trust. District Councillor Jacqui Harris had submitted a report, in which she said that the new refuse collection service was now settling in! County Cllr Chris Kettle in his report, advised that the contract for the installation of traffic lights at Harbury Lane cross roads had been signed but no start date had been given.

Planning

Steve Brough was present to query why the PC had last month made an objection to the application for his self-build house off Bush Heath Lane. He outlined the many

eco measures that were being incorporated into the design and showed Councillors a model of his proposed house. The house conformed to a design code which was part of the outline planning approval for the whole development. After some discussion the Council decided to withdraw their objection and make no representation. Regarding the application to import inert materials to Bishops Bowl Lakes. The decision was to make no representation but to also ask the District Council, if granting approval; a condition to be that there should be a legal agreement to state which routes lorries should use to access the Lakes.

The owner of the Windmill was present to talk about his application for repairs to the structure. He explained that conservation work undertaken previously, had been carried out with inappropriate materials including softwoods and cement. Members were supportive of the application and again no representation. The final application for consideration was for variations to the new build house and garages on the Old New Inn site. The same decision for this application.

Under **Environment** Councillors discussed the tree planting that had been undertaken earlier in the year. Many of the small trees (whips) planted had either 'disappeared' or not thrived through the dry summer. On reflection the general feeling was that whips were not substantial enough and that larger juvenile trees should be purchased in future. Due to the lack of suitable open spaces in the village, the Chairman suggested the Council might in future offer to purchase trees for villagers to plant in their own gardens.

Amanda Randall had brought a Swift's nesting box to the meeting. She explained that Swifts like to nest in colonies and therefore the placing of the nesting boxes needed to be in the same area of the village. As the Old New Inn was an established nesting site for the birds, following the building work there, nesting boxes were to be fitted on the house. The other boxes should ideally be placed on that side of the Village. Ten boxes had been made and the PC agreed to pay for the fitting costs.



Roofing work on the site of the Old New Inn

Photo by Martin Randall

Properties

Richard Woodhead from the junior football club was present to discuss the difficulties of taking the football goal posts and nets up to the top pitch on the playing field. He explained they now have 130 children playing and as a result, have had to bring into regular use a pitch at the far end. He wondered if some form of storage could be provided near to the pitch? Councillors felt that there was no suitable vacant area at the top end of the playing fields to place a shed. They would have to continue to trolley up the equipment on match days.

There was a discussion on re-locating the flag pole at the front of the Village Hall. In its present position, any flags flying did not catch the wind and were usually quite limp!! Also the mechanism was not very good and the pole was quite old now. It was suggested that by siting the new pole opposite Ivy Lane, that should be a windier

location. The Chairman felt a new pole should be in place for the Kings Coronation and it was agreed costs should be obtained.

The village Christmas Street Lights will be illuminated from 26th November through to 21st January 2023. The Council agreed to offer re-imbursement to those households that power the festoon lights.

Finally, the Chairman reminded Councillors that they are up for election in May 2023, their four-year term being completed then.

Next Meeting: Thursday, 27th October, 7.30pm in the Village Hall



HARBURY SOCIETY

Sue Turner

Many thanks to everyone who made/bought cakes, donated raffle prizes and bought raffle tickets, and donated/bought bric-a-brac at the coffee morning held on Saturday 8th October to raise funds for the Harbury Society.

Thankfully, Bill Timson's presentation *The History of Harbury Schools* went ahead on September 22nd as planned and was a great success. It's thought to be the first time a speaker has appeared in costume (teacher's gown, mortar board and carrying a cane!) to give a talk to the Society.



*Saltworkers sculpture
memorial - Droitwich Spa*

On Tuesday 18th October the speaker was Anthony Poulton-Smith who gave a presentation entitled *The Salt Routes*. Sodium chloride (NaCl), commonly known as salt, is one of the most abundant minerals on earth and an essential nutrient for many animals and plants. The first salt routes didn't follow the usual paths such as rivers, hill ridges or valleys but, as early man discovered, animals will make their way to inland water containing salt and so humans followed in their tracks creating salt trails. After outlining the various places in the world where salt has been discovered, Anthony then went on to explain how the salt found in the UK came to be. During the Triassic period, a vast ocean covered parts of what is now the UK and beyond. It extended from Teeside through Cheshire down to Somerset and across to N. Ireland. It was during this time, 220 million years ago, that rock salt was laid down. As soon as water comes into contact with rock then

the weathering processes begin and these dissolve the soluble elements out of the rock. Rock salt and brine were extracted by the Romans and this continued through to the Middle Ages. The high demand for salt was due to its important use in preserving food, especially meat. The Roman army required salt for their soldiers and horses and often Roman soldiers were paid in salt as it was seen as a valuable currency at the time. The word salary originated from the payment of salt to Roman soldiers (*salarium*) and coined the term *worth his salt*.

The two main centres of salt extraction in England are Droitwich and Cheshire. Droitwich is situated on massive deposits of salt, and salt has been extracted there since ancient times. The natural Droitwich brine contains 21/2 lbs of salt a gallon which is ten times stronger than seawater and only rivalled by the Dead Sea. Droitwich has a number of buildings, even in the middle of the town, showing evidence of subsidence due to the extraction of salt from beneath them when brine was pumped from the ground. Mining salt was one of the most expensive and dangerous of operations because of rapid dehydration caused by constant contact with the salt. Salt is now plentiful but, until the industrial revolution, it was difficult to come by and salt was often mined by slaves or prisoners. Life expectancy for the miners was low.

In the Victorian era, an English industrialist called John Corbett, became associated with the salt industry in Stoke Prior and Droitwich Spa and became known locally as The Salt King. He purchased disused salt workings in Stoke Prior from the British Alkali Company and he brought all the innovations of the industrial revolution to mechanise and commercialise the business. The salt workings soon became the largest in Europe and he amassed a great fortune. He reinvested the profits into the business processes, innovation and also into improving his workforce's working conditions.

Salt has been taxed many times over the centuries by different countries. William III implemented a salt tax in England in 1693 and in 1696 it was doubled in order to increase revenue. The tax was abolished in England in 1825 but, in 1835, the first salt taxes were implemented in India by the British East India Company. In 1882 a Salt Act came into being in India which prohibited Indians from selling or collecting salt which forced them to purchase the highly taxed salt from the British rulers.

There are several sayings connected to salt which have come into the English language, for instance:

Taking something with a pinch of salt - suggests viewing something with scepticism particularly claims that may be misleading or unverified.

Sitting above the salt - in medieval times salt, a precious and expensive commodity, was placed in the middle of a long dining table and the lord and his family were seated 'above the salt' while other guests or servants were 'below the salt'.

Old salt - referring to a sailor.

Back to the salt mines - back to one's job or daily work especially when it is very hard or unpleasant.

Salt of the earth - a person or group that is regarded as genuine, unpretentious and morally sound.

Rub salt into a wound - to make something that is already difficult, unpleasant or painful, even worse.

In conclusion, Anthony listed some of the literally hundreds of diverse products salt is found in today thus proving that salt still plays a vital part in our existence. A really fascinating and interesting presentation highlighting the importance of a commodity taken so much for granted.

Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 15th November: the Site Director of Wessex Archaeology will give a presentation on the excavation at Coleshill Manor which was discovered as a result of HS2 construction in the area. All welcome - free to Harbury Society members - guests £1. **Venue and time to be confirmed.**

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.

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

Mary Thompson

A busy few weeks for Harbury WI members.

On 20th September, nine members went to Napton Village Hall to join members from local WIs for our first "Group Meeting" since Covid. We enjoyed a lovely afternoon tea and Pimms provided by Southam WI; we had the opportunity to play some outside games but most were happy just to catch up with friends.

Our annual Harvest Supper was held on 30th September in the Village Hall attended by 40 members and husbands/partners. The supper was provided by members - thanks to Lin Hayes for organising the food.

The speaker for the evening was Lucy Hartley. She worked as a secondary school science teacher for seven years. She later rekindled her interest in art and gardening by training as a garden designer. She warned that by 2050 London could have a climate similar to Barcelona; we need to do all we can to mitigate and prepare for climate change. Native trees will struggle and pollinating insects will become scarcer. She gave us ideas as to how we can help. Hedges are good for gardens and climbers good for insects and Lucy suggested that we don't mow some of the garden for parts of the year - there is lots of wild life in long grass. She stressed the importance of water butts and other ways to collect water from baths and sinks. A very thought provoking talk.

We welcomed some new members to our meeting on 13th October. Our speaker was Maggie Watts who told us about her adventures on Ganymede. Maggie and her husband Tony had been living in Marseilles and decided to retire and have a boat built in Barcelona. She was able to show us photographs of its construction from Cherry Tree wood. The boat was finally ready in 2003 - Tony had his yacht masters licence and Maggie her competent crew licence. Tony and Maggie's son Charlie had been

home schooled before they started their adventure and this continued for years on the boat until he returned to England to go to Sixth form and university. The boat had a dishwasher and washing machine plus a dinghy which was really necessary because the boat was too big to get into some marinas and they had to moor at anchor.

Maggie was able to show us photographs of the ports they visited mainly in the Mediterranean and Adriatic. They tended to spend April to November sailing and meeting up with friends and then moored in a marina over the winter. She described some frightening and unpredictable storms which they had to contend with - jelly fish were also a problem. They had fold up bikes so they could shop locally and visit local restaurants.

After ten years they decided to sell the boat and moved to Banbury and eventually Ladbroke Hall. Maggie said after a six year break she is missing the boat.

The AGM will be held on Thursday 10th November in the Tom Hauley Room - 7.30pm for 7.45pm. President Ann encouraged members to volunteer to join the committee. The evening will also be a social event with a light hearted quiz. Work is soon due to start on heating in the Tom Hauley Room which may affect our meeting venue in November. If the meeting is changed to the Village Library we will let members know.

The last cinema of 2022 will be held on Saturday 19th November, 6.15pm for 7pm when the film will be "Where The Crawdads Sing" - a touching film, based on a best-selling novel, about a young girl who lives in the marshlands of North Carolina starring Daisy Edgar Jo as Kya Clark.

Suresh has decided that the chemist has become too busy to sell tickets so tickets will be on sale **in THE LIBRARY**. £11.50 to include fish and chips or £6 without food. We have to order the fish and chips in advance so tickets need to be purchased by 4pm on Wednesday 16th November. Card or cash payments - the correct money is appreciated. £6 tickets may be available on the door if space allows. Our thanks to Suresh and his staff for selling tickets over the last few years.



HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

Caroline George

As I write this we are in the middle of rehearsals for the November Production: *The Affairs at Meddler's Top*. It is a 1920s, murder mystery spoof which is succeeding in making us all giggle during rehearsals! The production is swiftly coming together - costumes are being sewn, props sourced, scenery built, French windows painted and lines learnt. It is shaping up to be a really funny production and if the audience laughs as much as the cast are during rehearsals then I am sure it will be a great success! We hope you will be





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We are always looking for new people to join in any capacity (acting, singing, props, costumes, front of house, scenery painting and set building) so if you are interested in getting involved please come along to our next meeting, Tuesday 15th November 7.00pm for 7.30pm at the Village Club or email harburytheatregroup@gmail.com

We are looking for front of house volunteers for this production - please let us know if you can help out and you can enjoy the show as a reward for your efforts!



FOLK CLUB

Peter Bones

A lot had happened since September's meeting of the folk club, perhaps the most memorable and significant being the passing away of HM Queen Elizabeth II. I therefore felt it would be appropriate to start the evening by inviting the Folk Club Choir to sing "Only Remembered". Not only did I feel the words were particularly fitting, but also it featured in "War Horse" which apparently was the Queen's favourite West End show.

The somewhat sombre atmosphere this first item created soon lightened as we returned to the usual format of having songs and items based on the theme set for the evening, which was "Place Names". This turned out to be quite an easy theme as before then, I had never realised just how many folk songs mention place names.

The first half soon generated a good atmosphere with plenty of fine music and humour. It concluded with the Somerville Gentlemens' Band whose well polished singing and choreography of "Ouses In Between" was nothing short of brilliant.

The second half got off to a hilarious start with a typical Keith Donnelly spot. I particularly liked his impression of a stretched and damaged cassette recording of a song.

There was more good music in the second half and if there was a prize for the person who included the largest number of place names, it must have gone to Peter McDonald whose lovely rendition of "*Sweet Thames Flow Softly*" mentioned a staggering 19 different place names.

With having no fewer than 15 performing individual or groups to fit in, I tried to encourage participants to keep the introductions short and perform songs that did not have too many verses. However in spite of this, the folk club did not draw to a close until 10:50 pm, which is a little later than I would have wished.

For a list of who sang what please visit the Folk Clubs website at tinyurl.com/harbury-folk-club

Thanks to those who performed and also those who supported the raffle. It raised £70.00 for the Salvation Army.

The next meeting of the club will be on 3rd November and hosted by Sue Crum and Maureen & Steve Darby. The theme is to be *"Remember, Remember"*.



HARBURY HERITAGE CENTRE

Bill Timson

A few months ago I wrote an article about the Anglo-Saxons in Harbury based on a presentation we put together for Years 3 and 4 at the Primary School. Researching this topic was not an easy task as you can imagine. This term the same two year groups are studying the Second World War. We have again been approached to help, using material from the heritage collection, to give the children an insight to what life would have been like in the village during those dark days of the early 1940s.



By the time you read this article we will have completed the presentation and hopefully the children will have found it both interesting and informative. It is an appropriate time of the year to be looking at WW2 as Remembrance Day is on Friday 11th and Remembrance Sunday on the 13th when the people of Harbury, both young and old come together to honour those who gave their lives fighting for our freedom.

The war memorial stands proudly on the green in Crown Street with the Church in the background, as a constant reminder of those who died. However it has not always been there. I'm not sure when it was moved exactly (late 1950s?) but it originally stood at the road junction of Dovehouse Lane and Crown Street. (see photo).

The learning objective for the children is *'I can describe experiences of people from the past'*. In her book, *'Kecks, Cowpats and Conkers'*, Frances Mann paints a vivid picture of what life was like when she grew up in Harbury during the war years. We have copies of this fascinating book at the Heritage Centre. Evacuees feature in her recollections;



'children arrived at the station by steam train and were met by lots of people. The children carried small suitcases, carrier bags and paper parcels; on their shoulders was an obligatory gas mask in its cardboard box', she continues 'They had a long walk uphill to the Wight School where they were allocated new homes by the billeting officer Mr Walter Owen'. London evacuees were later joined by whole families fleeing from bombing in Coventry. Peter and Patrick Ashe, evacuees from Dagenham, shown opposite, stayed with Harry and Elizabeth Sheasby in Pineham Avenue.

Long time Harbury resident, Max Wilkins, who lived in a small cottage in Farm Street remembers *'that there were no streetlights and blackouts on all the houses, so nights were very dark'. He goes on to tell us that, 'some footpaths in the village were improved by Italian Prisoners of War' and 'a 'Gas Van' was parked outside the Co-op for people to get used to wearing their gas masks'. Harbury had a 'Home Guard' lead by Mr Honiwell, manager of the Co-op; he swapped his white coat for his uniform and a rifle after work. Harbury was ready for any invasion!*



Left is Max Wilkins in 1944 aged 8 and as he appears today (right). Max has been a regular visitor to the Heritage Centre in recent months and we are very grateful to him for sharing his memories of growing up in Harbury with us.

We are fortunate to have remarkable people like Max to provide a vivid picture of life in those dark days.



As we gather at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday our thoughts are with those who made the ultimate sacrifice. Thirty-three from the First World War and below the ten Second World War men, listed on the brass plaque:

<i>Private Tommy Biddle</i>	<i>Sapper Henry and Trooper Geoffrey Boynton</i>
<i>Guardsman Raymond Ceney</i>	<i>Marine Dennis Dale</i>
<i>Driver Earnest Field</i>	<i>Flying Officer Rex Gurden</i>
<i>Lance Bombardier John Hodges</i>	<i>Captain Richard Morris</i>
<i>Leading Seaman George Tanner.</i>	

We have lots more to look at in The Heritage Centre, in the grounds of Harbury School. Pay us a visit!

Next open to the public: Sunday 20th November 2 - 4pm,
Tuesday 6th December 7 - 9pm, Sunday 18th December 2 - 4pm.
Entrance via Park Lane.

Our **AGM** will be held on Wednesday 9th November at 7.30pm.
All welcome - entrance via Park Lane.

REMEMBER! 2023 Calendars can be purchased by completing the flyer and from the Library - Raising money for Myton Hospice.



Above, the Dunkirk Medal awarded posthumously, by the people of Dunkirk, to Raymond Ceney for defending the town during the evacuation of troops in May 1940.



HARBURY ENERGY INITIATIVE

Bob Sherman

Tel: 07511 679312

Solar energy - a happy customer's experience

In last month's issue of Harbury and Ladbroke News I asked readers for their experience of having renewable technology installed for their homes. Mark Newbold has recently installed solar panels and a battery energy store on a historic cottage in the conservation area. This is his experience in his own words:

'Should we put modern solar panels on our old cottage? We thought about this question long and hard, but eventually decided that moving with the times was the right thing to do. The roof isn't original anyway as it would have been thatched, and the newer black panels are less conspicuous.

In preparation we got a smart meter fitted and then we approached Stratford Council. For most fitting panels is a permitted development, so long as you comply with a few simple rules (see Stratford Council website). However this right doesn't necessarily apply in a conservation area, so it's a little more complicated for many of us in Harbury. Stratford DC was very helpful, and after discussion we received a Lawful Development Certificate. We had to agree to putting the panels on the east-facing aspect of the roof, which will generate less electricity than the west-facing, but it faces away from the conservation area so it was a concession we were happy to make. If we wished to argue for the west side, we would have needed to go through the planning permission process. South facing is best of all, but our property doesn't allow that option.

Our suppliers, Stratford Energy Solutions, were excellent. We picked them because they had a good reputation and we were impressed with them during the discussion phase. Their survey team was confidence inspiring too - they come and assess the property, in particular to check the wiring and meters, and that the roof can take the weight of the panels. There is a long wait now as they are inundated with orders, and both panels and batteries are in short supply. Fitting took a team of five one day, and by mid afternoon our first power was being generated!

We have had a battery fitted (outside, they are weather proof) so we can store excess energy in the summer, and use cheaper overnight electricity in the winter. It's all controlled by an app, which shows in real time where energy is coming from, and where it is being used or stored. It's addictive and hard to stop watching!

If you want to find out more about Mark's experience, contact me, Bob Sherman, via shermanbob55@gmail.com and I will connect you with him.



Today we at Nesta have launched the Money Saving Boiler Challenge to help one million people save cash this winter by changing a single setting on their combi boilers.



There are 15 million combi boilers in the UK. Many burn more gas, generate more carbon emissions and cost more in energy bills than they need to. Our research shows that by adjusting the boiler flow temperature to 60 degrees or below, the average household will cut around £112 a year from their energy bill as well as saving 172kg in carbon emissions.

We've designed and tested a simple step-by-step online tool to help people make this change themselves. It takes just five minutes and is easy to do: www.moneysavingboilerchallenge.com

The campaign is brought to you by Nesta, supported by Which?, Octopus Energy, EDF Energy, E.ON Next and Energy UK.

We'd like to ask for your support in reaching households across the UK with this important money and energy saving advice. You can do this by mentioning the campaign in a newsletter, sharing with your network on social media or communicating about it with staff across your organisation.

This is our media pack with more information about the campaign, suggested wording and creative that you're welcome to use.

Here's our launch video if you'd like to share on Twitter: twitter.com/nesta_uk/status/1579372654125277184



Low Carbon Warwickshire Network (LCWN) in Kenilworth

On 14th October LCWN, an offshoot of HEI, held its sixth local community event, this time hosted by Kenilworth All Together Greener. 56 people engaged enthusiastically with the event's speakers on a whole range of topics, covering Bee Friendly Towns, car sharing, solar opportunities and Repair Cafes. There were many pledges of action following the event's breakout groups, which is exactly what we hope to achieve. There are now 26 groups in the Network and nearly 110 individuals. Our next appearance will be at Warwick District Council's MiniCOP27 at Leamington Town Hall on 5th November, when I will be talking for my ten minutes about LCWN and the Harbury initiatives such as HEI and e-Wheels.

There can be few villages in the UK that can boast two Queen's Awards for Voluntary Service for their community organisations. In 2019 Harbury Village Library was awarded the accolade and you can see their crystal and certificate in the library. This year the honour has gone to Harbury e-Wheels. This Award is the equivalent of an MBE for an organisation. Only 9% of nominations are successful, I am told, so this is no mean feat. It is a proud moment for our small but active village based charity.



The nomination was made last year and we heard the good news that we had been successful in April this year. On the evening of Wednesday 19th October the Lord Lieutenant and High Sheriff presented the Award to Bob Sherman, Chair of e-Wheels, with most of the 27 volunteers present.

Several of the Harbury e-Wheels's benefactors came to celebrate with us, including Lash and Charnjit Saranna of Electric Zoo, who provide the cars at a significant discount, and two Freemasons from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire,





which has supported us. We owe much to many; without the support of the village, for example, the charity might never have survived beyond its first year. Our first donation came from someone we have never met, Toddington Harper, now CEO of Gridserve, then CEO of Big60Million, responsible for the solar farm at Bishop's Itchington.

We are now ready for the next few years of free electric transport service to local communities in the region.



HARBURY RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Steven Kittendorf

Harbury 32 Rugby Welsh 35

This was a well anticipated match with the home side looking to bounce back from their defeat from the previous week and the visitors arriving at Waterloo Fields with two wins from two. The first half saw the teams going head to head; Welsh scoring a couple of converted tries and Harbury running in three to lead 15-10 at half time. The second half continued in much the same vein with both teams running in a brace of tries apiece albeit for Welsh to snatch the win at the death converting a penalty from wide out.

Stoke Old Boys 26 Harbury 32

Selection becomes very difficult when you have to pick a squad of 20 from a pool of 50 available for the trip over to Binley! Whilst the players knew the importance of responding to the close defeat suffered the week before they were slow out the blocks and Stoke's physical approach saw them bustle over for an early try. That sparked Harbury into life and after running in a couple of tries found themselves in the lead at half time. The second half was evenly contested, both sides running in three tries a piece and Harbury securing the win.

Daventry “A” Harbury 2nd XV

With the first team on a “rest week-end”, Harbury travelled with a squad of 30 players to play a game against Daventry 3rds; only to find that their 1st **and** 2nd teams had been left without a game due to their opposition cancelling last minute. At the behest of Daventry, the match was played over three 30 minute sessions and the match got off to a good start, being fairly evenly matched during the first session. Then the heat got turned up by the home side fielding a number of fresh faces taking the game to a higher level throughout the last hour to dominate play.

Minis and Juniors

The big news is that we have made some really positive progress towards a sustainable colts team. We have Coventry first team player, George Smith, joining the U16s coaching team. He will be running sessions on Tuesday evenings with the U15s & U16s and will also attend match days to transfer anything from their matches into the coaching. The plan is for George to transition up to colts with the U16s next season, watch this space!

We had our minis festival back at Harbury after a two-year break. It was a lot of hard work from the organisers and volunteers on the day but all well worth it! Our U8s came out on top and our U9s were joint first (even after points difference and tries scored!). Some fantastic rugby played, and it was great to see the spirit of rugby throughout with the rugby core values ever present. Rugby was the winner on the day!

We have a fantastic group of volunteers heading up the Mini & Juniors committee and coaching teams, it would be nothing without them, so a massive thanks to all involved.



HARBURY TODDLER GROUP

Lynne Barton

Hello from everyone at Toddlers

Thank you to all the families who continue to support our Toddler Group which runs during term time, Monday morning (9.30 - 11.15am) at the Scout Hut located at the rear of the Library, there is always plenty to do, a warm welcome, a nice cup of tea or coffee and all this for just £1.50 per session. All welcome you don't have to be 'toddling' to attend.

Autumn Activities

With the lovely colours of the season there are great opportunities to explore new textures and we were delighted that one of our parents, Emily Robinson provided a wonderful sensory experience and helped the children make Fir Cone Hedgehogs to take home. Thank you so much.



Special Visitors

We like to welcome special visitors to our sessions from time to time to enrich the programme we are able to offer.

Rachel from Rhythm Time is always so lively, engaging and responsive to meeting the needs of the children. Here we are in action!



Happy Monday from **Miss Chiara from Love Ballet Dance Company** always a favourite.

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

Physical Skills

We have been making the most of the last few weeks of hot weather to set out lots of outdoor activities. The children loved the climbing frame and slide and also enjoyed our obstacle course challenges, which included balancing on beams, jumping off a 'mountain', walking on stilts, knocking beanbags off cones with balls and using the hoops.



They have shown lovely turn taking with each other on the slide and patience; waiting until the person ahead of them has got to the top of the slide before climbing up. We have also seen some fantastic team work, with groups of children setting up an obstacle course in different combinations using the wooden blocks for other children to use.



Potions

At the request of one of our children, we made some potions last week. The children love acting as 'scientists', using the pipettes to suck up coloured water from one tube and move it into another to make different colours and using the jugs to pour.

Diwali: We have this week started learning about Diwali, the Indian Festival of Light. The children have enjoyed watching short videos and looking at books

to give them an insight into how Diwali is celebrated across the world.

The children are enjoying playing in our Indian-themed role play area where they have served up 'Indian cuisine', explored some Indian fabrics, artefacts and clothes and tried on some Indian costume jewellery.

We have been learning all about Diya lamps and after half term, we will be making our own to hold a battery-operated tealight and using the opportunity to talk about light and dark.

Stencils and paints are being used to create some intricate and striking rangoli patterns.

Snack is also a big hit; the children are enjoying a selection of vegetables with poppadums, naan bread and chutney!



Date for your Diary

Harbury Produce Market

Saturday 19th November 2022 – 10am - 1pm



Harbury Pre-School will be providing tea, coffee and bacon butties! We will also be running a raffle.

A great opportunity to get into the Christmas spirit and support the local community.

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



HARBURY 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

This half-term has been incredibly busy but fun! We enjoyed our postponed Sports Day from the summer and had just about finished when the rain came down in buckets! We had our Harvest Festival in All Saints Church, which was a really lovely occasion where we could all celebrate together.



Year 1 and 2 have been learning about holidays from long ago and finished off with a fun 'seaside day' complete with a Punch and Judy show. They enjoyed making their own ice cream and their own puppets.

Year 3 and 4 have been learning about WW2 and enjoyed a visit to Coventry Cathedral to learn all about forgiveness and reconciliation. They visited the

museum, Cathedral ruins and completed workshops in the Cathedral.



Our reception class have had a fantastic first half-term, including a pyjama day! The children were amazed as they entered the classroom as it had been filled with lots of twinkling stars hanging from the ceiling!

They listened carefully to some calming music before getting some fresh air outside in the 'Pyjama Day Parade'! When they returned to the classroom they spoke about their different emotions and each child used the colour monster chart to let the teacher know how they were feeling. The class also made a 'well-being wheel' where they discussed how they can stay healthy. It was wonderful to see them sharing books together at the end of the day - luckily no one fell asleep!



Reception have also been busy with phonic workshops. These were for families to learn how to support their child/ren at home with phonics and reading. Parents and carers were invited into the classroom to experience how we teach phonics here at Harbury.



Finally, year 5 and 6 have been learning all about 'chocolate' and the Mayan civilisation. Year 6 have also been away for a week to Boreatton Park in Shropshire. The weather was wonderful and they enjoyed fabulous outdoor activities including kayaking, paddle boarding, climbing, abseiling, archery and rifle shooting!

We had a successful PTA AGM meeting and have appointed a new chair Mrs Lindsey Stevens. The PTA team have raised a whopping £16,000 for the school. This will be invaluable in supporting the teaching and learning here at Harbury CE Primary School. Thank you to everyone who attended, it was lovely to see some new faces.



HARBURY VILLAGE HALL

Andy Rutherford

October was quite a good month for the Village Hall, with a lot of activity from around the Village and further afield. One of my favourite events was the day-long Party held by a Leamington-based Southern Indian Cultural Society, with dancing and singing by children, party games by adults including a Tug-of-war competition on the recreation ground, while a clean-up team left the Hall spotless!

The Village Cinema, run by the WI, is starting to pick up numbers again, with the last two offerings based on Downton Abbey, and the life of Elvis Presley. Noticeably attracting different audiences!

I did have it brought to my attention recently that the Village Hall is running out of teaspoons. These are not actually a consumable item, and I struggle to see why people would take them. The solution to the problem is simple. We are declaring the First Village Hall Amnesty for people returning the said teaspoons.



HARBURY LIBRARY & BIBLIO'S CAFE

Rich Fowler

There's a warm welcome for everyone at Harbury Village Library this Autumn. Our building is heated and we can offer Books, Newspapers, Jigsaws, Board Games, Children's Craft Materials, WiFi, Public Access Computers, Charging Facilities, Co-Working Desks - All Free. When Biblio's is closed you can help yourself to tea, coffee and biscuits, also free.

A Winter's Tale

It's not too late to enter our Seasonal Story Competition. You're invited to produce a piece of writing, in any form, of not less than 25 and not more than 1,000 words, inspired by the phrase, "A Winter's Tale". The closing date for entries is Sunday 13th November.

The winners will be announced at an event in the library on Saturday 26th November to coincide with the turning on of the Seasonal Lights. The winning entries will be read by members of the Harbury Theatre Group, after which there will be an opportunity to make some Christmas Lanterns.

Home Delivery

If you're finding it difficult to get to the library now that it's started to get cold, wet, and dark, don't panic! You can still borrow books. Either browse our online catalogue and request the books you'd like, or simply phone us, tell us your favourite authors or the types of books you like and we'll make a selection for you, and deliver them. When you've finished with the books, let us know and we'll come and collect them. Our phone number is 01926 258 776.





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HARBURY CLUB & INSTITUTE

Club Committee

Dates for your diary:

12th November.... Race night

A fun evening in a relaxed environment. £1 a ticket, as many tickets as you like, per race.

19th November.... Quiz night!!

After our first successful quiz, new quiz format and host, we decided to do it again! £2.50 per person to enter. £30 cash prize for the winning team.

25th November Bingo!

8pm start. £1 a book. £160 snowball!!! Will this be the lucky one?

26th November 'OFFtheGRID'

Performing classics to get you up singing and dancing. We will also have the smiley chef food van with us too from 6.30pm.

The nights are drawing in but we have a full events calendar leading up to Christmas, something for everyone.

Our pool, darts and crib teams are back in action as the winter leagues 22/23 commence. They always welcome support whether it be home or away.

Many thanks to all who continue to support us in these uncertain times.

We are available to hire for members celebrations and functions (t&cs apply). We can cater to most requirements... we even had a bucking bronco in last weekend!!?

Looking forward to seeing you soon.

Cheers.





GARDEN JOTTINGS

Christine Dakin from Bridge Nursery

November can be a dreary month and it feels like a long time before spring happens. To help offset the winter gloom I shall suggest several plants to help brighten up the garden for the next few weeks.

Cornus or dogwoods, as they are commonly known, have red or yellow or orange stems and look especially good when the sun shines on them.

Lonicera fragrantissima is a shrubby honeysuckle with small, scented, creamy flowers and it attracts bees. It is very hardy and easy to grow.

Viburnum bodnantense 'Dawn' is a popular winter shrub but less well known is the dwarf version which is ideal for a small garden. There are scented pink flowers through until March.

Eleagnus x ebbingii also has scented flowers and is very easy to grow. It can become quite large, has evergreen leaves and is good for screening unsightly views.

Ilex (holly) is an obvious choice. There are many different varieties including some which are not prickly.



There are also winter flowering clematis, chaenomeles (quince, again, loved by bees), winter jasmine and mahonia. I almost forgot Schizostylis (Kaffir lily), this perennial can have a flowering period from September until December.

I hope this helps beat the winter blues.

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



NATURE NOTES

Martin & Amanda Randall

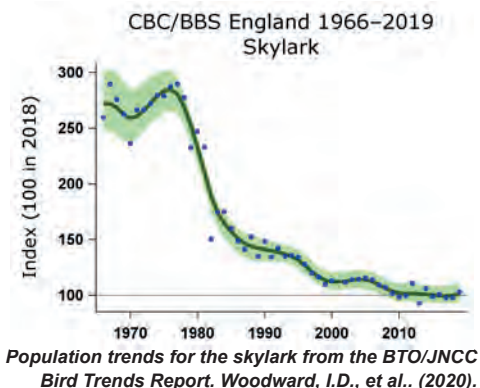
Autumn, blazing with fiery trees and sunsets. It is at this time of year, around the equinox, that daylength changes at the fastest rate from day to day. There is evidence that bird hormone levels and their behaviour respond to this effect of photoperiodism. Consequently, we now hear the robin sing again after the summer moult. Their autumn and spring songs are distinctly different, although they both serve to defend territories. Listen for the autumn song, it is more subdued and melancholy in its tone than the powerful spring song.

Some other birds sing again after summer, which would explain why we heard a skylark in song-flight in the mild sunshine on our walk around Bascote in mid-October. Some skylarks establish transient winter feeding territories at this time of year. We are fortunate to still see skylarks because the breeding bird survey shows that its population

in England has reduced by two thirds since the 1970s. The skylark is now a Red List species. These recent and dramatic population declines make the sound of the lark ascending in the countryside less frequent than it once was.

There is somewhat more encouraging, though mixed, information about hedgehogs. A study of the **State of Britain's Hedgehogs** estimated that a quarter of the population in urban areas had been lost in the first decade of the century. However, the most recent data show that the population in urban areas has stabilised and might be recovering from a low baseline after a long period of decline. That is in contrast to rural populations, which remain low and, in the last two decades, have continued to decline by between a third and three-quarters nationally.

Harbury and Ladbroke have a mix of rural and 'semi-urban' habitats and we know that many people here are doing their bit for these endearing creatures by putting out food and, importantly, water for them. They are mostly nocturnal, of course, and we use a night view camera to watch them in our garden. We also use a feeding box so they can feed undisturbed and provide a dish of specially formulated hedgehog food, which the larger individuals eat every night. Do not give bird food like peanuts, sunflower hearts or ordinary mealworms. However, you can try using the smaller chicken flavour kitten biscuits that little hedgehogs may find easier to eat. Hedgehogs need to be at least 700 - 800gm at this time of year, if they're going to hibernate successfully; they only hibernate if there isn't any food available, they'll keep coming if it is mild and you continue to put food out. We caught them on camera through to December last year! Hibernation nests are made of leaves for the winter, such as cherry, oak and lime, and



Hedgehogs rolling on the ground to collect grapes, as illustrated in the Rochester Bestiary (England, c. 1230)

are often under a structure like a hedge or shed to keep the nest together and dry. So remember to check there are no hedgehogs hiding in bonfires at this time of year.

Christina Sherman (01926 612277) has been a hedgehog 'carer' for many years with **Warwickshire Hedgehog Rescue**. She can provide you with advice about how to care for little ones that you might find wandering about your garden in the colder months. **Hedgehogstreet.org** or the **Warwickshire Wildlife Trust** website also give more information about hedgehogs, what is being done to protect them and what more we can do too.

If like us you are interested to learn more about hedgehogs, we can recommend the books by Dr Pat Morris, who has been studying them in the UK for over fifty years. As well as explaining the science of these animals, he also tells us of some of the stories and myths about them. One that dates back over many years is that hedgehogs climb trees or vines to gather fruit, which they then carry away on their spines. Pliny, the Roman author, wrote about this in the first century and since then others have repeated it uncritically. There are several mediaeval illustrations of this fanciful behaviour but there is no real evidence for it. It is an amusing tale though!



Harbury hedgehogs feeding



HARBURY GENERAL NEWS



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 2022

Gill Holden & Nicola Thompson

Further to our article in last month's magazine. Just a reminder that poppy merchandise is still available from the following village outlets:

- Bull Ring Garage
- Harbury Co-op
- Harbury Village Club
- Harbury Village Library
- Harbury Supermarket
- The Crown Inn
- The Fosse Garage
- The Gamecock
- The Salon
- The Shakespeare Inn

Alternatively, if you don't have any cash and would like to donate to the Royal British Legion direct then please go to <https://www.poppymap.org.uk/pages/make-a-donation>

Every Poppy Counts!

Thank you for your support.



GARDENING FOR HEALTH

Alison Biddle

Wednesday, 16 November 2022, 2.30pm

Harbury Village Library

Are you interested in being part of this brand new community project based at Harbury Allotments? Our aim is to help more people benefit from spending time outdoors while growing their own fruit & veg and meeting other people. Please come along to this first meeting to find out more and have a say in how this group will work.

Everyone is welcome. Whether you are a gardening novice, or someone who would like to help others discover the joy of gardening, we would love to see you at the meeting.

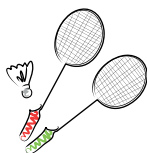


HARBURY GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

Geoff Thorpe

The Annual Harbury Challenge Golf Championship open to Harbury residents who are members of Leamington and County Golf Club was held on Saturday 24th September.

Gill Thorpe winning the coveted green jacket, otherwise a Southam school blazer, for the second year running with 35 points with Rob Sherrington second on 34 points.



HARBURY BADMINTON CLUB

Tony Thomas

This Club meets on Monday mornings in the Village Hall, from 10.00am to 12.00 noon and currently has vacancies. This Club has both female and male members of varying ability and ages. If you are interested in joining us for a few hours of social badminton, phone Peggy Middleton on 01926 612877 or come along on a Monday morning and have a try or just come and see if it is for you.



BUMPS & BUNDLES

Sally and the Bumps Team

Unfortunately we are unable to hold any Bumps sessions in November owing to ongoing heating installations.

We apologise to all our lovely mums and tinies and look forward to seeing you again in December.



HARBURY CRAFT FAIR – SAT 12TH NOV 2022

Fiona Crossan

The Myton Hospice Harbury Support Group would like to remind you that this year's Craft Fair will be held on Saturday 12th November from 10.00am - 4.00pm and, as always, entry is free.

The Village Hall will be full of lots of interesting handmade-craft stalls, we have lots of new stalls again this year so why not come along and either treat yourself or make a start on your Christmas shopping?

As usual, tea, coffee, cakes and hot lunches will be available throughout the day and we will also be serving hot meals at lunchtime.

If you are able to donate a bottle for the bottle tombola or a prize for the raffle please get in touch.

All donations are greatly appreciated. Please contact Shirley on 01926 612798 or Fiona on ficrossan@outlook.com if you can help in any way.

On behalf of the Harbury Myton Support Group I would like to thank you in advance for your continued support of our fundraising events and look forward to seeing you on the day.



HARBURY BALLROOM & LATIN AMERICAN DANCING

Amanda Randall

Harbury Village Hall, Wednesday Beginners 7.15pm Improvers 8.30pm

It has been lovely to welcome some new dancers to our Beginners' class, as well as some returners from last term. Our dance instructor, Anni, has been helping the Beginners learn the Jive and the Mayfair Quickstep, a sequence dance.

The Improvers have been focusing on how to mix and match different moves in the Tango and they have been refreshing their memories of the sequence dance 'Saunter Together', which they learned a few years ago.

The groups will amalgamate on week five, Wednesday 2nd November for a joint practice session when we can all dance and socialise together.



Harbury Ballroom Beginners Jive

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Refreshments in aid of the NSPCC

The plan for the second half of term is as follows:

Improvers: Foxtrot
Rumba (new material)

Beginners: Rumba
Square Tango

Joint Practice 7th December

Christmas Party 14th December



Harbury Ballroom Improvers Tango

We have a lot of fun and enjoyment in our classes, and as an added extra, we exercise our brains as well as our bodies!

If you'd like to come along and join us, please contact:

Jacqui Powell: 01926 612887 or 07769 683888 or jacquip59@talktalk.net

Follow us on Instagram @harburyballroomdancing for further updates.

"KEEEEEEP Dancing"!!



SENIOR CITIZENS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Mike McBride

We can confirm that there is a Christmas party this year and that invitations will be delivered in November to those of you on our mailing list. We hope that you are looking forward to the Christmas Party and that you have the date set in your diaries. As a reminder, it will be on **Saturday 10th December in the Village Hall**. The **doors open from 5.30 for a 6.00pm start**. We are asking that replies to the invitations be returned to the library by **Saturday 19th November**.

Last year we had fewer attendees than previously, for many reasons. There is still a maximum number of people that we can seat in the village hall and places will be allocated as invitations are returned. As is our custom, we do not contact you to confirm that you have a place. Assume you have a place unless you hear otherwise.

As usual we will be having a raffle at the Christmas Party. If you would like to donate prizes they will be most welcome and can be delivered to either 1 Park Lane or 32 South Parade.

If you want further information or are interested in joining or helping us, please contact Mike McBride on 612421 or Julie Clarke on 612066 or talk to a committee member.

Meanwhile, we look forward to seeing you at the party and hope that you will enjoy yourselves.



WEDNESDAY WALKERS

Gillian Hare

What an outstanding October it has been! Our walks have made the most of it, ranging from Napton to Rollright; Norton Lindsay to Wolframcote. The colours of the trees and hedgerows ranged through the shades from lemon through amber to gold whilst the mild nights and welcome rain brought fresh green growth to arable and pasture land.

We have booked our pre Christmas walk for 14th December with a lunch at our old favourite, The Friendly Inn, at Frankton. So that we can give them definite numbers as soon as possible, please tell Sheila or Gillian whether or not you wish to come.

As ever, anyone is welcome to join us, even if only free very occasionally. We are not a formal group, have no membership list or committee; simply people who enjoy the countryside in all its variety. The walks are listed in the diary; just turn up in the village hall car park by 9.40am.



REPAIR CAFÉ

Rich Fowler

Christmas lights working? If not, our next Repair Cafe will take place in Harbury Village Library on Saturday 26th November from 2pm to 4pm.



Wanted! A volunteer Clothing and Textile Repairer to join our team. Your commitment would be for two hours, from 2pm to 4pm, on the 4th Saturday of the month. If you're interested in helping, please email us at repaircafeharbury@gmail.com



HARBURY LANE / FOSSE WAY JUNCTION IMPROVEMENT

Christopher Kettle - County Councillor

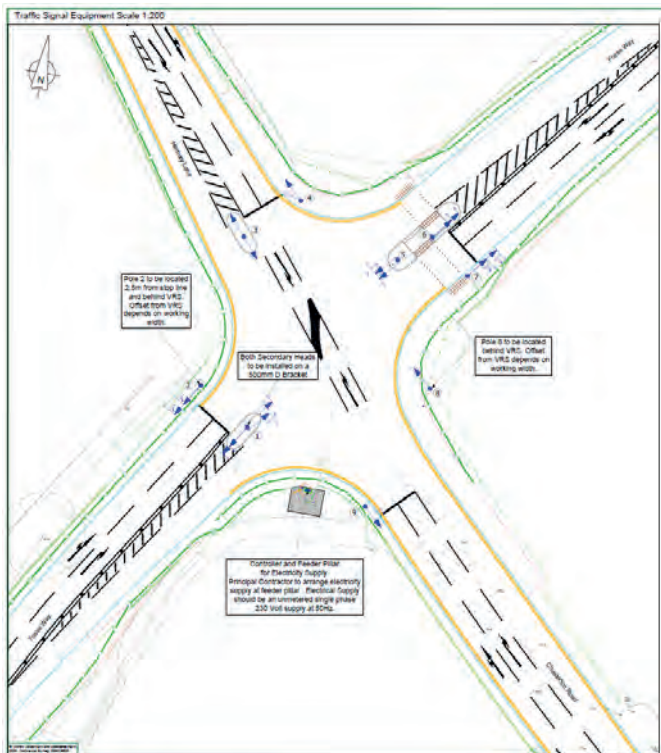
Last night, 24th October, a team from Warwickshire County Council Highways and Montel gave a presentation to residents of Harbury, Bishops Itchington and Chesterton at the Harbury Rugby Football Club about the proposals for the S278 Harbury Lane Crossroads Junction Improvement Scheme.

This scheme is being fully funded by the developer of the GLH development on the B4100 opposite Upper Lighthorne, formerly Lighthorne Heath, and was included by the proposer of that development in their original 2014 transport assessment both to accommodate the increased traffic flows from GLH and to improve safety at what has been a notorious accident blackspot for local residents.



It has taken longer than we expected to get to this stage but, from the time of the trigger point in the development being reached to today, there has been continuous activity to plan the scope and scale of the works, designing a solution to meet the needs of drivers using the junction, ensuring that the designs met national legal and safety requirements, before the procurement process began.

One of the key issues, which made the design more challenging, was the topography of the site, both the availability of land and the differing ground levels running upto and on the junction itself. Significant work has been put into designing the retaining walls on the boundaries of the site to support the new layout of the junction.



Fosse Way runs bottom left to top right with Harbury Lane top left

The successful bidder for the contract was Montel, a Worcester-based civil engineering company with some 100 employees. They have been operating for some 10 years. And, although selected in July of this year, contracts could not be signed until the developer had themselves signed off the proposed appointment which delayed contracts being signed until mid September 22.

Since then, work offsite has already commenced with Montel completing the detailed design work for the retaining walls, alongside the utility companies, electricity, water, gas, and telecoms, who are planning the necessary diversions to those services to allow the construction works to commence. We will see the utility companies on site first and this is anticipated to be in late November to early December. Once the services are diverted, construction on the improved junction will commence in February 2023 at the latest. The work is planned to finish in summer 2023. The scheme will include:

- Improved safety
- Road widening
- Retaining walls and dressing of embankments
- Assist in alleviating congestion in the area
- Introduction of traffic signals

It is not intended for there to be any road closures, other than right at the end when overnight closures will be required when the new tarmac is being laid. But to protect both workers onsite and drivers passing through the site, temporary traffic lights will be in place from day one of the physical works commencing. These will be both controlled by operators during working hours and outside they will be switched to an intelligent automatic mode, based on traffic flows.

Fosse Way runs bottom left to top right with Harbury Lane top left

Those attending were given the opportunity to ask questions about the works and design, and both WCC officers and Montel are happy to answer any further questions if they arise.

Both the County Council and Montel will be engaging with communities to keep everyone informed as to progress on the project and to give residents an opportunity to comment.

One question was asked as to why traffic lights and not a roundabout? Firstly there was insufficient land available to build a roundabout and secondly the volume of traffic did not justify a roundabout when compared with the traffic levels on the B4100 and A425 / Fosse Way crossroads. The end result will be similar to the new traffic lights on the Fosse Way near Shipston, another accident blackspot.

Concerns were also raised about the improvements leading to increasing volumes of traffic using Harbury Lane.

But there will be increased traffic anyway from GLH. In time, the GLH development will be delivering further improvements to both the B4100 and A425 roundabouts, so that there will be improvements to all three junctions - the Harbury Lane junction will not be the only improved junction. The works are starting on this junction first on safety grounds.



HARBURY DISTRICT COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Jacqui Harris

Hello everyone,

well, what a busy month October has been. I have made some progress with the traffic lights at Harbury Lane, (I can hear the cheer as so many of you have been waiting for them for so long, road safety there is paramount). It has been an interesting journey getting Warwickshire County Council to deliver on this project and others in the Ward. It has not been easy. Thank you to those residents who have been in regular contact with me and also made representations to members of WCC. It can confuse residents at times, the question of which Council does what and in this case both Stratford District Council and Warwickshire County Council are involved.

WCC have stated in an email to me, that work has now commenced, a Community meeting has been arranged to be held at Harbury Rugby Club on 24/10/22.

I have announced this on the social pages and wherever I can with residents. This is the start so hopefully they will be in soon!

Hs2 continues as we know, we have very little control over this but I do make representations when appropriate.

Regarding Chesterton Windmill, there is still no change on this at the moment, apparently the bodies involved are waiting on consent to use certain materials to make the necessary repairs.

Chesterton

The Old Gated Road. This has been an ongoing issue for some time. Work has commenced but it is clearly unsafe along this road at this time, the road should have been closed before it commenced but for no reason was not. I have been in talks with SDC and WCC plus the Chair of the local Parish in Chesterton and this is being managed. It would be best to avoid this road at this time.

It will soon be Halloween and Bonfire night, please stay safe and as we move to the colder months, please keep warm. I regularly post on my Cllr. page information that can assist local people also meetings that I am attending, should you wish to see me. Please keep in touch.

Councillor's Corner

A regular meeting for all Councillors from the different areas of local government, a special thank you to Councillor Janet Thornley, Harbury Parish Council, for reinvigorating these meetings after Covid. I hope to see you at them. Biblio's Cafe during a Saturday morning. Cllr Thornley will have the dates.

Best wishes, Jacqui



HARBURY DIRECTORY

Gill Holden - H&L News

The Harbury Directory is now due for renewal with the last copy covering 2020-22. If you run a new village organisation or group and would like to be included in the new edition, please contact me at articles@hlnews.co.uk or call 612155. If your organisation/group already appears in the directory, you will be contacted to check if your entry needs to be updated or can remain the same.



WASTE COLLECTION IN HARBURY

Tony Thomas

The waste collection calendar published in the Harbury and Ladbroke News is not correct for the whole of the village, as part of the village has its waste collected by Warwick D.C. on a Thursday the remainder by Stratford D.C. on a Friday. What is collected on these adjacent days is not the same. The week that Warwick D.C. collects Recycling Waste and Garden Waste is not the same as Stratford D.C. who will collect these one week later. They both collect the Food Waste weekly but on different days. To see your Waste Collection Calendar and find out what and when yours will be

collected you will need to access the Stratford D.C. Website: www.stratford.gov.uk, click on Waste & Recycling then on When we collect and enter your Post code.



HARBURY SWIFT VILLAGE - HOMES REQUIRED! _____

Amanda Randall

As I wrote in September's Harbury and Ladbroke News, Harbury Parish Council has agreed to support swift conservation, making Harbury a Swift Village.

Thanks to the Bishop's Itchington Men's Shed who have generously donated their time and materials, Harbury now has ten swift nesting boxes ready to be put up on suitable buildings (with willing owners) in the village in time for these spectacular yet endangered birds when they return next May. However, boxes will need to be sited in places that fit the ideal criteria for swifts!

They prefer to nest in high, deep crevices, but because we've lost many old houses and buildings, and as roof spaces are filled or mended, swift numbers have declined dramatically. Swifts are now on the UK Red list of conservation concern. Swifts mate for life and they return to the same nest year after year. By providing nest boxes in locations which are similar to those that swifts would naturally choose, we will be helping these amazing birds to breed and hopefully increase in numbers.

So what are the demands of these migrators?

Nest boxes need to be placed high on the vertical wall of a building, ideally under the eaves. The box shouldn't be in direct sunlight, so an aspect between north and east is usually best. The boxes should be 5m (15 feet) above the ground, with an unobstructed flight path, because swifts approach their nests by swooping down and then up to the nest site. The boxes will need to be sited fairly close to each other, either on one property, or adjacent properties, as swifts are gregarious birds that like to nest in groups.

Have you already got swifts that come each year and nest?

It would be helpful to know where swifts already nest in the village, as the provision of additional boxes in these areas could add to an existing colony. Please let me know if you believe that swifts already nest in your house eaves in spring.

If you aren't sure of the difference between swifts, swallows and house martins, please see September's edition of the Harbury and Ladbroke News. If you are still unsure, please ask me.

Can you help?

A few Harbury residents have already expressed an interest in having a nest box on their home; if you are also interested in this project and have a suitable wall on which a box could be fixed and which fits the above criteria, please contact me (details below). Remember, these are NOT messy birds! If you can join with your neighbours to ensure the swifts have a colony, then that would be perfect. The siting of the boxes is really important, if we want the boxes to be used by swifts when they return next spring. We can select only those buildings that fit the swifts' exacting requirements. Also, at present, we have only 10 boxes available, so please don't be disheartened if you don't get one this time around.

Ideally, we need more than 10 boxes to make Harbury a Swift Village

I have noticed some swift boxes already on houses in the village and I am keen to hear from those homeowners, too, to find out if their boxes have been occupied by swifts yet. Please get in touch with me.

The more boxes we can provide in the village the better. If you are handy at DIY, you could build your own using one of the diagrams provided by the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust or the RSPB (see links below)

Alternatively, you can buy ready-made swift boxes e.g. from the RSPB.

If you can help with this project in any way, including helping to provide more nest boxes or helping to fix them up, I would love to hear from you.

We have from now until April to get the boxes in place.

www.warwickshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/actions/how-build-swift-box

www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/nature-on-your-doorstep/garden-activities/create-a-high-home-for-swifts/

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10 Swift Nest Boxes made by members of the Bishop's Itchington Men's Shed



SOUTHAM HERITAGE COLLECTION

Linda Doyle

The Southam Heritage Collection room is next to the Library in Tithe Place and we are all set up for Christmas with our latest exhibition based on 12 photographs taken from the Collection archives and featured in our 2023 calendar, with lots of interesting information about them. The Southam Timeline posters have been moved to one side of the room and will remain on view, so if you didn't get time to see them over the summer you can still



come in and take a look. Our local artists selection of cards suitable for Christmas include a delightful one painted by Pam McConnell of Harbury Church, as well as a select range of Southam street scenes, some with snow. So if visiting town, do pop in and take a look and if you have children with you, see if they can recognise any of the items in our display cabinets.

www.southamheritage.org



SANTA VISITS 2022

Tony Lorimer

This year Father Christmas plans to visit Southam and some of our surrounding villages starting on Thursday 1st December. He will be accompanied on his journeys by members of Southam and District Lions Club. Santa will set out at 5.00 or 5.30pm each evening and the sleigh will be stopping at five or six places during every visit. The schedule below shows which roads he will be stopping in when visiting Harbury. For details of the time he plans to be there look out for notices placed at each stop and online. You can follow our progress on Facebook each evening, with up to the minute details of where we are. Facebook: Southam & District Lions News Page



We will be visiting Harbury on:

Monday 5th December, 5.30pm start- Harbury 1

Stopping at: Hereburgh Way, Manor Road, South Parade, Frances Road, Butt Lane

Tuesday 6th December, 5.30pm start - Harbury 2

Stopping at: Brooks Drive, Manor Orchard, Heber Drive, Dickens Road, Hillside

Note: All visits are subject to change or cancellation depending on the weather.



SOUTHAM MARKET

Pam McConnell

Southam's Indoor Market takes place on the third Saturday of the month at The Grange Hall, Coventry Road, Southam from 10am to 12.30pm. It is a 'Shop Local' initiative run entirely by volunteers, to support local traders and producers. The products on sale include food, drink, gifts, crafts, plants and homewares. There is no admission charge, and refreshments are available. Forthcoming market dates are 19th November and 17th December.

For further information and details of how local traders can book a stall, please email southamfirst@outlook.com

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

Main Community Hub Events	
Children's Board Games Available everyday	Men's Health Talk Friday 18th November 6pm – 8pm
Christmas Craft Fayre Sunday 6th November 10am – 4pm	Christmas Bingo! Monday 28th November 7pm
Mayors Quiz Night Friday 25th November 7pm – 10pm Ticket only event. £12	Santa's Grotto Saturday 10th and Saturday 17th December
Christmas Wreath Making £30. Includes mince pie & mulled wine Friday 2nd December 7pm – 9.30pm	Christmas Carol Service Friday 16th December. Time TBC
Silver Sunday Event Free Entry. Includes entertainment and refreshments Sunday 11th December 2.30pm	Legion Riders Sunday 18th December

Monthly Events	
Monthly Community Engagements Beat Manager (Police) Thursday 24th November 6 – 7pm Sunday 18th December 11 – 12noon	Cafe Muse Free Dementia Music Café Thursday 24th November Thursday 2nd December 11am – 1pm
Network for Carers 2nd Tuesday of every month 10am – 2pm	Armed Forces Veteran's Breakfast Club (AFVBC) 4th Wednesday & Saturday every month 10am – 12noon
Southam Stitch by Stitch* 1st Thursday of every month 7pm – 9.30pm Tel. 07875 002034 Email: tinaprice48@btinternet.com	Nosh & Natter 2nd Thursday of every month 12noon – 1.30pm Tickets booked in advance from your local surgery
Dementia Café Free event. Last Friday of every month 2.30pm – 4pm	Love your trainers (Massage) Thursday 1st December kate@loveyourtrainers.co.uk

Weekly Groups	
Weight Loss Hypnotherapy New course starting in January 6pm – 8pm (4 week course) Tel: 07717 837382	Centre-Point Mind & Movement Tuesday's 9.30 – 5.30pm Tel: 07748 262866 Web: centre-point.me
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READERS' LETTERS

Dear Editors

We wish to advise you of the recent sudden death through a heart attack of Howell Merchant aged 88 years. A long time resident of Greenhill, Deppers Bridge, and latterly of Hillside in Harbury. He and his late wife, who served as the Secretary of the Harbury Women's Institute for some years, were well known in the Village. Howell moved from Hillside to Hertfordshire about a year ago to live near his daughter.

John and Pat Smith

Dear Editors

Eileen Picken would like to thank everyone for their kindness, support and of course their donations for the Charity Walk - 1,000 miles, which I completed in seven months. The sponsorship and donations raised for Operation Smile UK totalled £545.00 which was thankfully received by this charity - thank you all.

Eileen Picken



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

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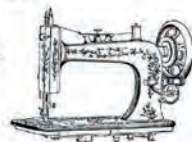
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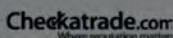
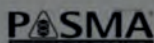
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