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EDITORIAL

A round up of local news



On the 8th September the news that Queen Elizabeth II had passed away was announced. An outpouring of sadness and grief from all over the world led to many wishing to pay their respects. Thousands queued to file past the coffin in Westminster Hall in London. A moving state funeral took place in honour of a dedicated sovereign who reigned for 70 years. In both villages flags were lowered to half-mast and books of condolence were opened in the churches. A formal reading



of the accession proclamation for King Charles III was made at Harbury War Memorial by Tim Lockley, Chair of the Parish Council.

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

GASS will once again be running the Bonfire and Fireworks on Saturday 5th November. Tickets can be bought in advance or on the day. The usual house collection of garden rubbish and wooden items will be taking place. If you would like to use this collection service, please complete the cut off slip on page 45. They are also looking for a number of volunteers to help run their uniformed groups. If you feel you can help please get in touch.

In Ladbroke you are invited to help pack Christmas shoe boxes (for boys and girls and families who otherwise would not receive a gift). The deadline for donating is Friday 4th November. The Ladbroke Matters Team also have a number of events coming up for you to support.

The annual Remembrance Day will be held in November and the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal starts at the end of this month. Once again there will be a village collection organised in Harbury with poppy merchandise available in local outlets.

Finally, we extend our condolences to the families of Elizabeth Ann Bunting and Mavis Powell.

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HARBURY DIARY

For local events

OCTOBER

- Sat 1 Coffee Morning, 10am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Meeting Point
- Sun 2 **TRINITY 16**
Holy Communion, 9am
Icon Youth Club, 7 - 8.30pm, Tom Hauley Room
Zumba, 9am - 10am, Village Hall
- Mon 3 Badminton, 10am - 12 noon, Village Hall
Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall
- Tue 4 Bumps and Bundles, 10.30 - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room
Meeting Point, 12.30pm, The Crown Inn (bookings by 30th September)
Harbury Heritage Centre open, 7 - 9pm, Harbury School - (Park Lane entrance)
- Wed 5 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car park - Napton (one hill, 4 miles)
Mothers' Union Communion Service 2pm followed by meeting 2.30pm, Tom Hauley Room - Gemma Took - Iona
Spellbound Dance Classes, 5 - 5.30 & 5.30 - 6.15pm, Village Hall
Ballroom Dancing, beginners 7.15pm, more experienced 8.30pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 6 Holy Communion, 10am, Tom Hauley Room
Harbury Folk Club, 8pm, Village Club
- Fri 7 Sheep Dip music event, folk duo from the West Coast of Scotland. Doors open 7.30, show begins at 8pm, Village Library
- Sat 8 Coffee Morning, 10am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Harbury Society
- Sun 9 **TRINITY 17**
Holy Communion & Children's Church, 10.30am
Messy Church, 3 - 5pm, Tom Hauley Room & Church
Zumba, 9am - 10am, Village Hall
- Mon 10 Badminton, 10am - 12 noon, Village Hall
Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall
- Tue 11 Bumps and Bundles, 10.30 - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room
- Wed 12 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car park - Norton Lindsay (5 miles)
Pleasant Pastimes, 2 - 4pm, Tom Hauley Room

Spellbound Dance Classes, 5 - 5.30 & 5.30 - 6.15pm, Village Hall
Ballroom Dancing, beginners 7.15pm, more experienced 8.30pm,
Village Hall

Thurs 13 Holy Communion, 10am, Tom Hauley Room
Harbury WI, 7.30 for 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room - Cruising the Med with
Maggie Watts - an adventure

Sat 15 Coffee Morning, 10am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid
of Warwick Lifeboat

Sun 16 TRINITY 18

Holy Communion, 8am
All Age Service, 10.30am
Icon Youth Club, 7 - 8.30pm, Tom Hauley Room
Zumba, 9am - 10am, Village Hall
Harbury Heritage Centre open, 2 - 4pm, Harbury School -
(Park Lane entrance)

Mon 17 Badminton, 10am - 12 noon, Village Hall
Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall

Tue 18 Bumps and Bundles, 10.30 - 12noon, Tom Hauley Room
Harbury Theatre Group meeting, 7 for 7.30pm, Village Club

Wed 19 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car park -
Wroxton (4 miles)
Connections (Dementia) Café, 2 - 4pm, Tom Hauley Room
Spellbound Dance Classes, 5 - 5.30 & 5.30 - 6.15pm, Village Hall
Ballroom Dancing, beginners 7.15pm, more experienced 8.30pm,
Village Hall

Thurs 20 Holy Communion, 10am, Tom Hauley Room
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Sat 22 Coffee Morning, 10am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid
of Save the Children
Harbury Parish Council "Councillors' Corner" session, 10 - 11am,
Harbury Library (Biblio's Café)
Repair Café, 2 - 4pm, Scout Hut (behind Library)
Harbury Village Cinema presents, 'Elvis' doors open 6.15,
film starts 7pm

Sun 23 TRINITY 19

Holy Communion & Children's Church, 10.30am
Zumba, 9am - 10am, Village Hall

Mon 24 Badminton, 10am - 12 noon, Village Hall
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Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall

- Wed 26 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car park -
Rollright Stones (1 hill, optional café lunch, 4 miles)
Pleasant Pastimes, 2 - 4pm, Tom Hauley Room
Ballroom Dancing, beginners 7.15pm, more experienced 8.30pm,
Village Hall
- Thurs 27 Holy Communion, 10am, Tom Hauley Room
Harbury Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, Harbury Village Hall
- Fri 28 Myton Hospice Christmas Card Coffee Morning, 10am - 12 noon,
Tom Hauley Room
Dementia Café, 2.30pm, Community Hub at Galanos House, Southam
- Sat 29 Coffee Morning, 10am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid
of Night of Our Light
Harbury Local Market: 10am - 12.30pm, Village Hall
- Sun 30 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**
Holy Communion & Children's Church, 10.30am
Icon Youth Club, 7 - 8.30pm, Tom Hauley Room
Zumba, 9am - 10am, Village Hall
- Mon 31 Badminton, 10am - 12 noon, Village Hall
Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall

NOVEMBER

- Tue 1 Bumps and Bundles, 10.30 - 12.00 noon, Tom Hauley Room
Meeting Point, 12.30pm, The Crown Inn (bookings by 28th October)
Harbury Heritage Centre open, 7 - 9pm, Harbury School -
(Park Lane entrance)
- Wed 2 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car park -
Wolframcote (4 miles)
Mothers' Union AGM and Quiz, 2pm, Tom Hauley Room
Ballroom Dancing, beginners 7.15pm, more experienced 8.30pm,
Village Hall
- Thurs 3 Holy Communion, 10am, Tom Hauley Room
Harbury Folk Club, 8pm, Village Club
Night of Our Light, 5 - 8pm, Church
- Sat 5 Coffee Morning, 10am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid
of Agnes Court (Leonard Cheshire Home)
Harbury Bonfire and Fireworks, bonfire lit 6pm, firework display at
6.30pm, Village Hall playing fields

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Week Commencing Monday	Thursday Collection - Harbury Friday Collection - Deppers Bridge	Friday & Wednesday Collections - Ladbroke
3 Oct	F - R - G	F
10 Oct	F	F - R - G
17 Oct	F - R - W - G	F - W
24 Oct	F	F - R - G
31 Oct	F - R - G	F
7 Nov	F - W	F - R - W - G
14 Nov	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		



**All Saints
HARBURY**

FROM THE RECTOR

Rev Andy Batchelor

The Rectory, Vicarage Lane, Harbury ☎ 01926 714295 ✉ rev.andyb@gmail.com

In this momentous time as we grieve the loss of Queen Elizabeth and welcome the new King Charles, we also come together over the next few weeks in the ancient Harvest Festival celebrations.

The changing seasons remind us that there is a time both for endings and new beginnings, and we are certainly experiencing both of those at the moment. But underlying the grief and loss that many are experiencing there is also a sense of thankfulness. We remember with gratitude the exemplary service and dedication of the late Queen Elizabeth; such a shining example in a world where all too often rulers are corrupted by power and wealth. We respond with thankfulness to the generosity of God as we recognise the bounty and beauty of the Earth.

This week I sat with one of my parishoners as he expressed his sense of thankfulness for the wonderful care, love and prayers he had received during his recent serious illness. This year the damson tree at the front of the vicarage has yielded hardly any fruit. Last year it was loaded and we couldn't give it all away. It reminds me that here will be lean years, and there will be times of plenty, but through it all God has plans and purposes that will come to fruition, and that is a promise we can rely on and be thankful for.

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FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptism

3rd September Genevieve Yvonne Ford

Funeral

2nd September Elizabeth Ann Bunting (86 years)

6th September Mavis Powell (97 years)



FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

Liz & Michael

Thank you to those who organised and came to all the Saturday coffee mornings over the summer. A total of £725 was raised for the Heat, Light & Stone appeal. At the time of writing, we have no further news on the project as we await the outcome of grant applications.

We celebrated Harvest on Sunday 18th and thank you to all who decorated the church with fruit, vegetables and flowers. Further produce was brought to the All-Age service and this will be taken to the food bank.



Harvest photos by Laura Harris

A special commemoration service was held in the evening of September 18th to mark the death of Her Majesty the Queen which gave us the time and space to reflect on the past week. Thank you to Debbie Ellis for her reflections on the time she was in the "Queue" in London and her descriptions of those she met and shared the many hours in wait. Our thanks also go to Harbury bellringers who have tolled the muffled bells over the period of mourning.

Looking forward the Reverend Mary Crameri will be explaining about one kind of Christian contemplation and Centering Prayer. This is on Wednesday 12th October from 10.30am in the Tom Hauley Room and all are welcome.

And a 5-week course called "Belong & Believe" will start on 5th October at the Village Club at 7.30pm. This is looking at how Celtic and Anglican Christian thinking complement each other. Please register with John Eld on jjecomm2@outlook.com. There are leaflets in church explaining this more fully.

If you have any questions or want to join in and find out more about what goes on then please contact either of us. Liz McBride (612421) or Michael Vincent (614806).



MOTHERS' UNION

Gillian Hare

In September we started our new season happily with a service led by Rev Andy. During it, our Diocesan President, Karen Morris, enrolled three new members to our branch. We welcome Deanne Oliver, Carol Marsh and Kath Chinn to join us. Afterwards, we shared a social time over afternoon tea.

Since then we have joined the various events to celebrate the life, and mourn the death, of our beloved patron the Queen. We are comforted by her many references to her Faith and the Lord who has upheld her throughout her long life of duty and service.

We shall be together again on 2nd November for our AGM - a necessary formality which will be far from formal, and followed by a light hearted quiz. And, who knows, more tea?



LADBROKE NEWS & DIARY

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OCTOBER

Sun 2 HARVEST FESTIVAL

Family Service of Thanksgiving, 10.30am

Informal Village Brunch, 12 noon - 2pm, Village Hall

Tue 4 Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Sun 9 TRINITY 17

Holy Communion (sung), 9am

- Tue 11 WI 50th Birthday Celebration, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Wed 12 Heritage and Friendship Group, 10.30 - 12 noon, Village Hall
- Sun 16 TRINITY 18**
Holy Communion (BCP), 9am
- Thurs 20 ADVERTS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE TO 36 MANOR ORCHARD,
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Holy Communion (sung), 9am
- Mon 24 ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY PHARMACY,
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- Wed 26 Village Meeting, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Fri 28 Film Club, meal 7pm film starts 8pm, Village Hall
- Sun 30 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
Holy Communion (said), 9am

NOVEMBER

- Tue 1 Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Sun 6 THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT**
Family Communion followed by refreshments, 10.30am.
- Thurs 3 Night of Our Light, 5 - 8pm, Church
- Tue 8 WI, 7.30pm, Village Hall



LADBROKE CHURCH NEWS

Peter Rigby
www.ladbrokechurch.org.uk

Although we all knew that the day would come, the suddenness of Her Majesty the Queen's death took us all by surprise. Naturally, many people have wanted to pay their respects and we are pleased that the Church has been able to be used as place for quiet reflection or to pray for the royal family. Our special Commemoration Service held on the eve of the funeral was well attended by villagers and many also signed the Book of Condolence. A special thank you to the Choir for singing in the Service at short notice and to our bell ringers for tolling on all the right occasions.

At the beginning of October, we shall be once again hosting a Harvest Brunch in the Village Hall, following our Harvest Family Service, on Sunday 2nd October.

We will be holding a "Night of Our Light" on Thursday 3rd November, see page 61 for more details.

Remembrance Sunday this year is on 13th November; our village Remembrance Service will be at 3pm.

Upcoming services and events:

Sunday 2nd October	10.30am	Harvest Thanksgiving, followed by
	12.00 noon	Harvest Brunch in Village Hall.
Sunday 9th October	9.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 16th October	9.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 23rd October	9.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 30th October	9.00am	Holy Communion (said)
Thursday 3rd November	5.00 - 8.00pm	Night of Our Light
Sunday 6th November	10.30am	Family Communion
Sunday 13th November	3.00pm	Remembrance Day Service

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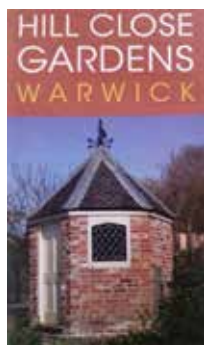


LADBROKE & DEPPERS BRIDGE WI

Dianne Surgey & Carole Rhodes

The ladies of the Ladbroke and Deppers Bridge W.I. met on Tuesday 13th September for their monthly meeting.

The meeting began with a one minute silence to honour the passing of Queen Elizabeth, who had herself been a member of the W.I. for 80 years.



The guest speakers were Christine and Michael Sheldon who entertained us with a most interesting and enjoyable talk about the Hill Close Gardens in Warwick.

It was a fascinating subject, taking us back to 1845 when there were originally 30+ gardens but now only 16. The gardens were originally bought or rented by local business people who lived in houses without gardens. They were not used as allotments but for leisure spaces with trees and very beautiful Victorian summer houses. These open spaces were very important for health at a time when there was very poor housing with serious overcrowding, open sewers and a poor water supply.

In the early 1990's the area was rescued from being developed for housing when a group of volunteers brought in English Heritage who put a preservation order on the summer houses. Then began the enormous task of clearing all the overgrowth to unearth these lovely old buildings, some of which have had to be completely rebuilt. Michael Sheldon is one of the volunteers who worked on the gardens back in 1995 and he continues to work with the stalwart group to keep the site in order.

We were shown a collection of pictures of the work as it progressed and the gardens when they were first opened to the public in 2000. They have received £900,000 from the Lottery Fund which has gone a long way to producing the lovely display of plants

and Grade 2 protected buildings as they now are.

The business meeting followed with a vote to return to our original meeting night of Thursday. From January 2023 we will meet on the first Thursday of the month instead of the current Tuesday. We then discussed plans for our 50th birthday party in October and Christmas activities. There are a few Federation events coming up:

British Sign Language Talk

27th October 1.00 - 3.00pm in Federation House.

Evening with Mark Francis GB Sewing Bee finalist

2nd November in Fillongley Village Hall.

Let's Make a Journal

19th November 9.30 - 4.30pm Ashorne Village Hall.

Details of these and other events can be found on the WFWI website.

The evening finished with a poem to reflect the very sad passing of the Queen, "Elizabeth" by Philippa Atkin

We look forward to seeing everyone at our birthday party on 11th October and new members are always most welcome.



LADBROKE MATTERS

Kip Warr

The Ladbroke Matters team looks after the Village Hall and 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.

Film Night. On **Friday 28th October** we will be showing *The Duke*, directed by Roger Mitchell and starring Jim Broadbent and Helen Mirren. It tells the story of a famous painting that is stolen and vanishes - or does it? And then there is the excellent supper. What's not to like?

Our **Annual General Meeting** will be held on **Monday 21st November** in Ladbroke Village Hall. All villagers are welcome and it is a chance to meet the team and hear all about our activities and plans.

We are planning to show live screenings of **England men's football World Cup matches**. Watch this space.

The next **coffee morning** will be in November.

We wish to give belated thanks for a very generous donation from the proceeds of the Village Bonfire. This is organised by Mark and Trish Teverson and Tim and Nicky Norgate and is enjoyed by the village and others from miles around; we are grateful for all the time and effort they and their families put into this each year. Thanks also to Ro Allington whose field (Farmyard Field) is not only used for the bonfire but is regularly

tramped over by dog walkers. This is often taken for granted as 'the village field' but this is possible because of Ro's generosity and tolerance.

To book your special celebration in our village hall, or if you wish to hold regular classes or meetings, contact Debs (07779 255105 or email debs.plv@gmail.com). The rates are £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 (details on the village website - search the Internet for 'Ladbroke village hall sites')

LADBROKE VILLAGE HALL MILLENNIUM DRAW FOR AUGUST 2022

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£50	Pauline Long	£10	Mike Connon
£25	Marlene Schafer	£10	Laura Taylor
£25	Steve Palmer	£10	Pat Kennedy

Margaret Bosworth



LADBROKE PHOTOGRAPHY

Kip Warr

One advantage of the shortening days is that we can have darkness to play with lights. At our September meeting Mike Todman brought an array of torches that we whirled and twirled in the darkened village hall to produce extraordinary photographic effects. This took us into the territory (scary for some) of manual settings on the camera but after a few trial runs we were all getting good results. We finished up with abstract shapes, silhouettes and even (taken safely outside in the car park) flying sparks from burning wire wool.

Our next meeting will be at 7pm on 11th October and the theme will be the Best of the Year, with a competition and phototopic discussion. Then, on 8th November, we shall have a talk with photographs from the Red Sea. Visitors are welcome; our meetings are usually on the second Tuesday of the month in Ladbroke village hall. For more information about this very friendly and informal club please contact Ladbroke. photoclub@btinternet.com



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LADBROKE HERITAGE

Jackie West & Nicky Lewis

Repairs

Another quiet month but the keen-eyed will have seen a small change. The new window guards on two high level chancel windows have been installed. Spot the difference for the Ascension Window below.



Before repairs started



After, new mullions, releading & new guards

Activities

Repairs may be nearing a close but sharing fascinating aspects of our heritage continues. The Heritage and Friendship group met in church last month and learnt more about the building and some of the characters associated with it. In October we will meet in the Village Hall but a week later than usual, so on Wednesday 12th when our topic will be "School." For more information, contact Carol on 814715.

We are always happy to give talks or tours, if you would like to find out more or book either please contact Jackie for talks (on ladbrokechurch89@btinternet.com) and Nicky for tours (on 815196). Lots of individuals and couples from across the county took the opportunity of church tours during the Heritage Open Days festival. One of our visitors asked if he could once again snuff one of our large church candles - something he regularly did at the close of services 65 years ago! We were happy to oblige.



It has also been a pleasure to go into St Mary's school in Southam to help make lessons about Rocks and Fossils hands-on fun and we are looking forward to Year 3 visiting Ladbroke Church soon and discovering belemnites, brachiopods and crinoids in the church walls and the huge ammonite inside.

This article is being written a couple of weeks before you will read it, so nominations of local record breakers are still coming in. By mid - October you should be able to see them in the new Phone Box Exhibition. Do take a look.



REMEMBERING QUEEN ELIZABETH

Jackie West

The people of Ladbroke joined the millions of others across the country and commonwealth to remember our late Queen and acknowledge her dedicated service throughout her long life. The union flag flew at half-mast from the flagpole in the churchyard and some lay floral tributes there. Our bell ringers tolled on her honour and one or two villagers spied, high up in the sky, the plane carrying her coffin as it flew overhead. Many came and wrote in the book of condolence or lit a candle in church.

Rev Ann, Bill and the choir led a beautiful service of commemoration in the evening of 18th September, the day before the Queen's state funeral which most of us watched on TV. Rev Ann talked about many of the things people have said about The Queen, since her death, and encouraged us not to just admire her but be inspired by her example to do the small things we can, with love. The choir sang an anthem, the same one that they sang for the Queen's jubilee earlier this year. The piece was commissioned by the Royal School of Church Music and the text contains extracts from the Queen's own speeches.

"No gilded throne nor gleaming crown of sapphire can sure outshine an earthly vow to serve, to live with dignity. With humble stewardship and sacrifice, a pledge of unity: a vow of love.

Though earthly rulers roles are often fleeting, truth comes to those who nobly dare to live a life of constancy; to love thy neighbour and thy family, a living ministry, an act of love.

So every day, we strive to do what's right; not choosing spite, nor breeding hate. A life of faith and honesty. As courage is the key to progress, we'll surely journey on, sustained by love.

The truth is, grief is the price we pay for love, and surely love will life sustain. With endless grace of heart and mind, a life lived ever in God's service; a faithful child of God, to show us holy life, and in eternity. A vow of love."





LADBROKE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Nigel Rock

The Queen was a wonderful and remarkable lady and for me, like everyone else, she has been an ever present figure throughout my life. I never met her, but on two occasions would have had the opportunity to do so but for chance, latterly a trip to the palace being prevented by the pandemic. I do know a number of people that have met her personally though, in one case for extended periods, and describe a genuinely warm person. The whole world will miss her.

New Waste Collection Arrangements

I don't believe I need to point out to most residents, that there have been some problems with the transition to the new collection arrangements. Whilst some properties have not had difficulty, there have been more problems around Southam than elsewhere in the District. I have been rather inundated with complaints about the revised system. Where I have been able to do so, I have taken up these complaints. I am grateful to residents and parishes because in nearly all cases I have not been the first point of contact - they have correctly instituted the complaint to the Council where they can be logged and dealt with systematically. If you do have problems please raise them either:

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However there have been so many complaints that these reporting systems have become overloaded. Issues that have not been properly dealt with and have come to me, are broadly:

- No response or late response to complaint
- Multiple or repeated problems
- Whole areas, villages or roads missed
- 'Practically impossible' to get through to call centre (with consequent knock on effects on other services)

District Councillors had a high level meeting on early in September following the concerns I and others had voiced. The Chief and Deputy Chief Executive of the Council (the paid officers), and the Conservative leader of the Council (the equivalent of the local Prime Minister if you like) made a trip to the Southam area to hear our concerns in person. Also in attendance was the acting head of service and two senior people from Biffa. At the meeting, there was much emphasis on how well things had gone, and in my opinion, far too little owning up to things gone wrong. Biffa made

a presentation explaining what a major task the transition had been and quoted a 99.31% 'success' rate. To be frank this did not sit well with some of us and we said so. Many reasons were given for the failures which Biffa and the Council considered to be isolated, but both I and my colleague Louis Adam covering Long Itchington & Stockton (other villages with problems) were sceptical about the reporting system that produced these numbers.

Thanks to the co-operation of residents, I have collected my own data at the beginning of September and found a high level of unresolved complaints. The problems breakdown as follows:

No Caddie	Problem Blue	Problem Green	Problem Grey	Problem Food	Other Problem
45%	38%	62%	46%	39%	4%

I am sure there are more investigations to be done but the focus should be to get things back on track first. Whilst some reasons given at the meeting were valid, some were less so - some foreseeable, some not.

An incomplete list:

- 260,000 collections a week from 130,000 properties was a big task to change.
- Changing on 1 August caused lots of problems with staff absence (sick and holidays).
- Extreme hot weather
- Recruitment and vehicle procurement was difficult.
- Biffa took over from another contractor in Warwick and decided to use those crews in our area without any familiarisation.
- Disposable nappies, stoma and colostomy waste problems with three weekly collections.
- The routes/days were changed from what we had before, on even the blue and green bins.

On this last point, the previous arrangement where village magazines could publish collection days and bin colours, mostly for the whole community, can't work. Parishes have been split, so residents need to check their individual calendar that came with food caddies. One thing councillors asked for at that meeting is a list of these rounds, which we don't presently have.

By the time you read this we will be another month on, so I hope with the various actions that were agreed, we will see improvements.

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T4U TEAMS4U - LOVE IN A BOX SHOEBOX APPEAL UPDATE

Sue Wright

Hopefully you will have seen my notice in September's issue explaining that I will once again be coordinating our local response to the Teams4U Shoebox appeal.

Anyone who needs an empty shoebox please contact me as I have some spares including flatpack boxes I have purchased from the charity. I have had some kind donations of knitted items from the Harbury knitting group so can supply these if needed.

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

In order for me to get boxes to our local collection point I need them at the latest by **Friday 4th November**.

My address is Cherry Trees, School Lane, Ladbroke CV47 2BU Tel: 07768 333675 or email suewright21@googlemail.com

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

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



TABLE TOP SALE

Ailish O' Meara

A Table Top sale will be held in Ladbroke village hall on Saturday 19th November. Starts at 1.00pm until 4.00pm. There will be tea, coffee and cakes available with proceeds going to charity.

All welcome.



HARBURY SOCIETY

Sue Turner

As the Harbury & Ladbroke News deadline was three days before the first Harbury Society talk, please find below a précis of what, hopefully, occurred on 22nd September. Thanks to Bill Timson, Chairman of the Harbury Heritage Group, for providing this 'virtual' report of his presentation.

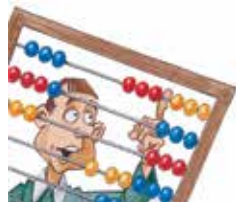
The talk was in six parts as a Power Point presentation consisting of 33 slides.

The first part outlined briefly the first schools, based on what the church called 'song schools' through the centuries and up to the 21st century. Emphasis was then placed on the fact that 'an education' was only an entitlement of the wealthy. Great changes took place at the end of the 18th and through the 19th centuries and these were outlined in the next part of the presentation.



Slide 9 onwards focused on children in Harbury and their education, looking first at the building of the Wagstaffe School in 1611 and later the building of the Wight School in 1856. Both Thomas Wagstaffe and later Reverend William Wight championed the cause to provide school buildings for the education of Harbury children. These schools served the village well until the late 1960s when pressure for newer, modern facilities and the rapid growth of the village population resulted in a new school being built.

Slides 19 to 21 encouraged interaction from the audience including 'chanting their times tables'. There were also some amusing stories of life in the schools from some older Harbury residents including the Second World War evacuees (taken from information in the Heritage Centre collection).



The increase in status of the middle classes, the industrial revolution and social pressures during the reign of Queen Victoria allowed poorer children the entitlement of an education. Many Acts of Parliament were passed and Slides 22 to 27, paint a picture of what it would have been like to have attended school in the Victorian era. Members of the audience could see similarities of their own education (1950/60s) to that of the late 19th Century.



The next part of the presentation outlined the building of the new primary school in the late 1960s and the reasons why. Some familiar artefacts were shown on Slide 30 from the 1960/70s. Indeed many of the teaching methods and equipment from Victorian times changed little during the first part of the 20th century.

The final two slides briefly outlined the plans for the school in the future and the many changes that have taken place recently including the appointment of a new head teacher, chair of governors and joining the Arden Forest Multi trust academy.

Much of the content of the presentation was taken from the records in the Heritage Centre.

Forthcoming Events

Saturday 8th October: Coffee morning in the Tom Hauley Room, 10am - 12pm. Donations of cakes and raffle items welcome.

Tuesday 18th October: 'The Salt Routes' - a presentation by Anthony Poulton-Smith.

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.

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

Tuesday 21st February: 'Hedgehogs' - a presentation by Philippa Arnold of the Warwickshire Wildlife Trusts.

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.



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Our meeting on 8th September started on a sombre night as, only an hour before, news had been announced of the death of Queen Elizabeth 2nd. Members stood for a minute's silence to remember the Queen who was a long-time member of Sandringham W.I.

We also remembered two of our own members, Liz Bunting who died on 16th August and Monica Dickins who had died in her new home in Wales.

Our speaker was Harbury WI member - Jen Edwards - who has been a guide at the National Trust property, Canons Ashby, since 2000. She took us through the history of the house and grounds over the last 2,000 years; there was a Saxon village on the site. The monks were called Canons. The church was twice as big as it is today and is now privately owned. Edward Drydon inherited the house in the early 18th century and he developed the remains of the medieval priory into a house with a mixture of Tudor and Georgian windows plus a formal garden. Jen related how Queen Mary visited the house when many objects were hidden as she had a habit of collecting objects that she liked. A later tenant of Canons Ashby was Louis Osman who was a prestigious goldsmith; he designed the crown used by the Prince of Wales when he was crowned in July 1969. A very interesting talk and photographs which inspired members to visit or re-visit the property in Northamptonshire.

At our next meeting on Thursday 13th October we shall welcome Maggie Watts who is going to tell us about her adventure on Ganymede cruising the Mediterranean.

Committee members decided that there was no reason not to go ahead with the cinema on 17th September and the Downton Abbey proved to be appropriate. A minute's silence was held at the start of the evening. The next rural cinema will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 22nd October, at 6.15 for 7pm when the film will be "Elvis". Tickets can be purchased from the chemist by 4pm on Wednesday October 19th - £11.50 with fish and chips or £6 film only.



HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

Andrew Lawrence

***"Life on the light side"* – a Show for E. Wheels**

Harbury Theatre Group was delighted to hook up with Second Thoughts Drama Group of Stratford on 16th September to present an evening of light entertainment in support of Harbury's marvellous e-Wheels organisation in the Village Hall. Organised by Caroline George of HTG, Angela Dandy of Second Thoughts and Peter Walshe of e-Wheels, the large audience was treated to some great sketches, songs, poetry, monologues, and a short one act play.

Caroline George, Sue Harris, Chris Barber, Celia Stockdale, Anna Harper, Nikki Holt and Michael Luntley from Harbury and Angela Dandy, Tracy Humphreys, Jane Grafton, Rob Williams and Margot McCleary from Second Thoughts worked together brilliantly and I was amazed to hear that rehearsals had mainly been done on-line! Highlights for me were several contributions by the very talented Margot McCleary including a piece on what happened when each of the six wives of Henry VIII met the Angel Gabriel at the Pearly Gates, a lovely piece featuring Margot, Celia, Anna, Nikki and Jane on the great women “Behind every great man”, two amusing songs by Michael that bookended the second Act and a monologue by Chris that was written by old Harbury favourite Les Barker featuring tips for life like “Never accept a drink from a urologist”.



The Affairs at Medlar’s Top

We’ve started rehearsals for our next show which will be on 24th, 25th and 26th November. The setting is a toff’s weekend tennis party in the 1920s laced with theft, murder and intrigue. It’s a fast moving farce with a lot of fun for the audience so please make a note in your diary. Details available nearer the time.



FOLK CLUB

Deborah Ellis

The last time I was MC at Harbury Folk Club was so long ago I can’t even remember when I last did it! I did wonder whether I still had the skills inside of me to run a good evening’s entertainment and make the evening worthwhile. I had been an MC at the Warwick Folk Festival back in July so I felt that it would come back to me as easily as riding a bike. I do hope that I did not disappoint.

September’s Folk Club was number 428 and I chose ‘Relationships’ as the theme. The first half was begun by myself with a new poem called ‘Miss Mundane’ which was all about a woman who, realising her worth in a relationship, chooses to walk away to start a new life for herself. Michael was up next and his first offering ‘The Rhythm of the Days’ was a self-penned song for his sister-in-law and his second ‘A Fine Guitar’ was about a guitar and based on a true story. A Harbury Folk Club staple, Rik, did ‘September Song’ by Kirk Prior and this was about a man who had a number of relationships and his second was ‘Forgiven’ which was about the relationship between a boy and his Grandma. We had a new duo in the form of Sue Crum and Maureen Darby with ‘Blow the Candle Out’ about a man who wanted to look after his apprentice and ‘Come by the Hills’ about the relationship we have to our homeland.

Bob sang ‘Falling for You’ that he only learned the day before and finished with a

Ralph McTell song, 'Let Me Down Easy', about the fear of ending a relationship. Don did 'When You Are Old' by Gretchen Peters and 'Cry Me a River' which is one of my favourites. Des finished off the first half with 'The Turn in the Road' by Les Barker and 'Sammy's Bar' that had a chorus that we could all join in on.

The second half had Peter McDonald and myself helping Norman Wheatley with his self-penned poem, 'The Adventures of Danny Duverne', which was fun and interactive. Then Peter Mason sang 'Annie Monroe' a Jez Lowe song about a failed relationship and 'January Man' about 12 brothers. Martin Day, or 'Mr Double Denim', did 'One Hand on the Radio', a Bill Caddick song about a relationship with a late night DJ and 'The Irish Ballad', a song by Tom Lehrer about difficulties in the family. Pete and Liz Bones sang 'Aunt Clara' and then Pete recited an excellent poem all about a Ramsbottom family called 'Albert Goes to Cleethorpes' which was excellent.

Peter McDonald sang about when an elderly relative died and the problems with their last will and testament called 'Granny's Armchair' and a song by Dougie MacLean all about someone's relationship with their father, 'Talking With My Father'. Then the second half was finished by the Somerville Gentlemen's Band with a Richard Thompson song 'Poor Ditching Boy' and 'Talcahuano Girls'.

Then the third half was started by Robin and Martin (another new duo for one night only). They sang 'Rosemary's Sister' and Robin then sang 'Farewell to a Poor Man's Son' solo. The Harvesters sang 'I Live Not Where I Love' and 'Someone, Someone' which was a hit in 1964. The oldest songs are still some of the best. Richard sang a John Golding song, 'Dreaming About a Friend', and a Harvey Andrews song, 'Hey Old Friend'. To finish the evening's fabulous entertainment we had Frank Allen who sang 'Cavern Gal' and 'Dundee Weaver'. It did give me great satisfaction how the performers interpreted the theme and I would like to thank the audience in helping me to raise £70 for Refuge. This charity is the largest domestic abuse organisation in the UK.

The next Folk Club is on 6th October; your host is Pete Bones and his theme is 'Place Names'.



HARBURY TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Ron Temple

September has been a nice month for the members of our Association. Firstly, we had a great game of Pétanque, hosted by Celia on the 4th of September, at her lovely house on Hall Lane. The individual players were probably helped by a glass of Prosecco, or not as the case may be! After the game we all enjoyed an afternoon tea of homemade cakes and scones.

The following weekend we had a BBQ held at our house in Treens Close. It was



a relaxing evening, helped by the fact that after the heavy rain and thunderstorms during the week, we actually had a period of nice warm weather so we could enjoy the food and the evening sunshine.

What was really nice for us all was the number of sympathetic messages we received from our friends in Samois-sur-Seine following the passing of the Queen. Very touching and much appreciated.



HARBURY HERITAGE CENTRE

Bill Timson/David Turner

This month's article is written by vice chairman David Turner who has spent many hours recording yet another piece of Harbury History. We are very grateful to David for all his effort and time.

'At the Heritage Centre we are doing all we can to discover Harbury's past that has never been recorded. So when we realised, last year that a document existed at the Warwick County Record Office about the eighteenth century enclosures in Harbury, we just felt we had to get a copy for ourselves.

A visit to Warwick revealed that it was handwritten on 26 sheets of vellum each measuring around a metre in length and containing about 10,000 words. As some of the sheets were badly faded, we thought it ought to be transcribed into a digital format for ease of reading. The Record Office kindly arranged for the sheets to be professionally photographed at a very reasonable price on the understanding we let them have a copy of our digital version.



Initially, I thought we could share the work with several people but, after embarking on the first sheet, I soon realised that for consistency's sake it would be best undertaken by one person. As we had spent money on the photography I felt committed to the task and it became my winter project. After six months working my way through all the sheets and, checking my typing afterwards, the task was accomplished. The composition of the copy was very legal and contained no punctuation and it took me sometime before I understood what information was being recorded.

I should start by explaining what is meant by the enclosures or 'inclosures' as it was known at the time.

In the medieval period much farmland existed in the form of numerous, dispersed strips farmed by yeomen (land owners) or serfs (men bonded to the lord of the manor).

By the eighteenth century the three-field system (crop rotation, e.g. 1 wheat, 2 barley, 3 fallow) of agriculture was breaking down and because of an expanding population, the pressure on the land was greater. The forests had been cleared and all available land brought into cultivation. Enclosing the land enabled better farming practices to be employed and one way of accomplishing this was to buy the ground and common rights to achieve exclusive use. This favoured those with the necessary means to pay. But it was not until 1779, that an Inclosure Act was passed by Parliament and the open fields of Harbury were enclosed by the Parliamentary Commissioners, who redistributed the village lands. Farmers who were able to prove ownership of their strips of land, which were often spread around the village, could exchange them for unified 'allotments' and these would then be enclosed and the land 'improved'.

Impoverished farmers who only farmed a few strips were given small allotments, often of inferior quality. The commons, which had been used for grazing and as a source of fuel by peasants (farmers with no land of their own), were enclosed and re-allocated to farmers in lieu of their strips of land. The new enclosures created from the open fields were, in general, rectangular in shape and were bounded by quickthorn hedges.

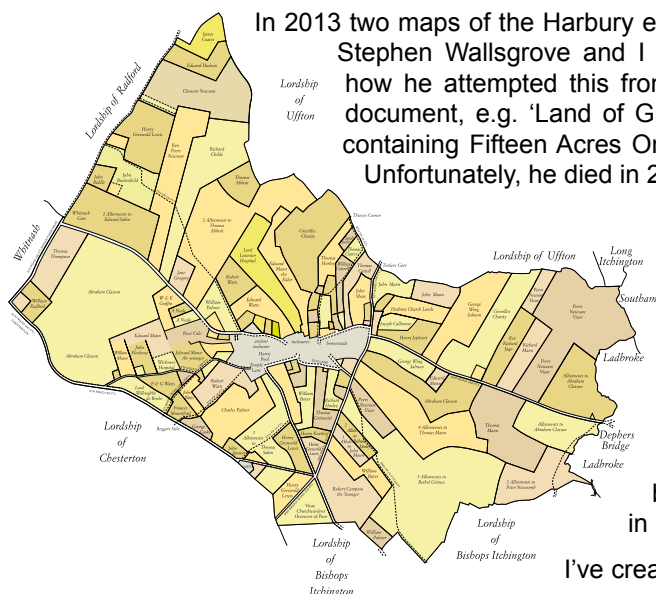
When all Harbury's common land had been enclosed, peasants, with no land of their own, moved to industrial towns and cities where they were forced to accept low wages and poor conditions.

I've now started researching some of the people whose names are listed in the document such as Bethel Grimes, a landowner from Long Itchington, the Reverend Peers Newsam, vicar of Harbury, and the Reverend Richard Jago, the vicar of Chesterton and also a poet.

In 2013 two maps of the Harbury enclosures had been created by Stephen Wallsgrove and I would love to have discussed how he attempted this from the dimensions given in the document, e.g. 'Land of Ground situate in the East Field containing Fifteen Acres One Rood and sixteen Perches'. Unfortunately, he died in 2021.

I have since combined Stephen Wallsgrove's maps into one digital file and, by overlaying an Ordnance Survey map, the current field system is clearly identifiable. Some fields have been amalgamated to form larger ones to accommodate modern agricultural equipment, but many are just as they were in 1780.

I've created a master file containing the



map, all the photographs of the 'Inclosure Act' together with corresponding copy at the side of each. This document is available for viewing on the at the Heritage Centre's computers.

It is hoped that local people will find this document interesting and that we will discover further information about Harbury so we can gradually piece together a more complete history of our village.'

Other News: The 2023 Calendar is soon to be printed and will include a stiff backed envelope. Hopefully it will be available to buy in October and there will be an order form in November's edition of this magazine. Last year with your generosity we donated £750 to Myton Hospice.



Open Days: The Heritage Centre will be open on Sunday 16th October 2 - 4pm and Tuesday 1st November 7 - 9pm. Entry via Park Lane School Gate. Come and look at our latest displays. Hot drinks available. Free entry. Pay us a visit.



HARBURY ENERGY INITIATIVE

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Who would you recommend?

HEI is occasionally asked for our opinion on reliable installers of solar panels (and other technologies). We would very much like to compile a list of solar panel installers based on the experience and recommendations of people in the village as a start to providing suggestions to others. If you have had panels installed in the last few years and feel that the company that installed did a good job, we would love to hear from you. Equally if you had a bad experience we would like to know that too. You can email me on shermanbob55@gmail.com with your opinions. We can then provide advice to others based on real experience. If this works we can then expand it to cover other low carbon technologies, such as heat pumps, energy storage batteries, insulation etc.

Spilling over the border

The Low Carbon Warwickshire Network (LCWN), initiated by HEI in 2019, has invaded Northamptonshire. It was a peaceful invasion. Boddington Parish Council Sustainability Group were keen to host one of our events in their village hall to inspire more activity and interest in personal and local solutions to the climate emergency. Just under 50 people attended the Saturday morning session, which had as its theme home heating, a topic of obvious concern this winter. Discussion was lively and there were so many questions that the full programme was abandoned to allow the audience to satiate their interest.





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The consistent advice from Stephen and other experts who spoke at the event is that heat pumps are not ideal for every situation. Unless your home is well insulated and is capable of maintaining warmth by your existing radiators operating at a comparatively low temperature, the installation is likely to be expensive and disruptive. Heat pumps have their best application in new build houses. Retrofitting older houses is possible but is advisable only if you are passionate about reducing carbon emissions and have deep pockets. It is unlikely to save you money but it might if you already have solar panels and a battery.

This was the fifth event since we started the Network and we now have 22 groups involved. The next event is on the morning of October 15th at the Methodist Church in Kenilworth, hosted by All Together Greener Kenilworth. Registration is not yet open but anyone is welcome and they have ample capacity in the hall. The programme is still being finalised. Why not come along?

The Heating Hub

We also heard from Jo Alsop from the Heating Hub and Kimbo Betty, founder of the Heating Academy. Amongst the gems of advice we were given was advice that a boiler should last 22 years and not need replacing every six or seven years as has become the norm. The Heating Hub (www.theheatinghub.co.uk) provides plentiful advice on their website on how to make your existing boiler work more efficiently. Their stated mission is 'Keeping homes warm for less'. They also offer a range of services and access to a list of elite tradespeople. There is a price for all this but there is value in knowing that you are getting the best system for you installed by quality tradespeople.

Trash! What Trash?

Not all of our non-recyclable waste goes to British landfills. Too much of it ends up on a foreign beach or foetid city dump. Why should this happen? Ted has found companies that have the solution.

At least two companies are claiming to be able to take non Recyclable Waste (normally bound for land fill), shred it and treat it at very high temperatures in the absence of air to produce hydrogen for use on site. Any toxic ash is vitrified into a glassy hardcore for use in roadways etc.

Just think, waste becoming a wanted commodity, will they start emptying the landfills in years to come? It sounds as if Biffa's contaminated compost from Ufton could possibly be utilised.

One company is Compact Syngas Solutions based just inside the Welsh border on Deeside. They are working on a transportable unit to be sited where the hydrogen is required. One (or more) could be at Warwick District Council's proposed Hydrogen Hub between J13 and J14 of the M40 with the waste being delivered there instead of to landfill. Their web address is: syngas-solutions.co.uk

The second company, originally started in Israel, now has offices in a number of countries with headquarters in Luxembourg.

Their web address: bosonenergy.com. - interesting reading.

And a third! Though they are mostly processing wood waste for Hydrogen, what is left over, capturing the carbon dioxide, is charcoal, another valuable commodity.

Their web address: patriothydrogen.com.au



HARBURY E-WHEELS

Peter Walshe (on behalf of e-Wheels)

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“Life on the Light Side” Charity Performance - a HUGE thank you!

Harbury e-Wheels would like to thank the big audience who turned out to see the performers from Second Thoughts Drama Group and Harbury Theatre Group put on a sparkling evening of fun.

We are delighted that over £480 was raised to help the e-Wheels keep turning.

At the centre of the evening was an award winning one-act play ‘Happy Talk’ from Second Thoughts Drama Group, on their first visit to Harbury. The twists and turns of the touching play were beautifully executed by Jane Grafton, Angela Dandy and Rob Williams.

A series of very funny sketches and stand-up monologues was delivered by Margot McCleary, some of which she authored. She was joined by actors from Second Thoughts and Harbury Theatre Group in five linked sketches ‘Behind Every Great Man’ that gave the point of view of long suffering women - Celia Stockdale as Mrs Hudson brilliantly complaining about Sherlock Holmes, Jane Graham resigned to the mansplaining of her husband Albert Einstein, and Anna Harper and Nikki Holt not enchanted by the Duke of Wellington’s boots.



We had Chris Barber reciting an hilarious rendition of Les Barker’s ‘Detritus’, Tracy Humphreys giving notes in a monologue written by Victoria Wood, and Caroline Cartmel being duped by Jane Grafton’s medium.

Sue Harris gave a delightful performance of the sad tale (in song) of ‘Joyce the Librarian’. Also singing and playing his guitar and banjo was Michael Luntley who got the entire audience joining in imploring everyone to be ‘Safe, Bring me Home’.

There was so much to enjoy, but my personal favourite was Margot McCleary and Tracy Humphreys relating the disastrous lesson of ‘How to Give a Cat a Pill’.

A reminder that ‘The Affairs at Meddler’s Top’ is the next Harbury Theatre Group production on 24th, 25th & 26th November.



HARBURY RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Steven Kittendorf

Kings Norton 7 Harbury 13

Harbury travelled to Kings Norton with four debutants for the first league game of the season. Despite Harbury's dominance, KN's defence kept the visitors out, conceding only a single penalty to reach half time at 0 - 3.

KNs started the second half positively, cleverly intercepting a pass for an unopposed try under the posts. Harbury re-grouped and immediately responded with some quick handling amongst the backs to put Steve Alford away for a try converted by Luke Winchester. As the clock ticked down, Harbury sealed the win when Matt Carter slotted a penalty to conclude proceedings.

Harbury 26 Old Yardleians 5

With a strong pack playing some blunt forceful rugby together and a back division running some direct lines, the visitors were rewarded early on with an unconverted try.

Harbury settled and from a line out, the ball was shipped wide to debutant Hector Smith to go over under the posts and converted by Winchester.

The home side found they could live without the ball, their hard-hitting defence forcing their opponents back. A well-executed line out saw the ball shifted wide with Smith again finding himself in space to score an almost identical try to his first and Winchester converting. Harbury added a further try with winger Jay Morgan going over to reach half time 19 - 5.

OYs started the second half in much the same way they began the match and only after some resolute defence did Harbury manage to extricate themselves from their line to release substitute Charlie Allerton to go over untouched and score a bonus point try, converted by Winchester.

Harbury 2nd XV 31 Southam 2nd XV 5

Harbury 2s took to the field for their first game of the season against Southam. The scoring opened late in the first half with Matt Willis palming off three defenders to reach the try line. Soon after, Matt claimed a second try wide out, Duncan Storey adding the conversion to leave the half time score 12-0.

Ben Swidryk's hard work was rewarded with a try early into the second half, converted by Storey. Southam bounced back eventually crossing the line for an unconverted try to make it 19-5. Scott Peters got his debut try for Harbury and with just 5 minutes left to play, Adam Owen grabbed a captaincy debut try to close the game.



Minis and Juniors

The season started with Sunday training sessions supported by senior Harbury players, getting our junior age groups ready for scrummaging, lineouts and perfecting place kicking. At the end of September, Coventry Rugby Club ran a coaching camp from both their community team and some first team players.

Looking ahead we have a jam-packed season of fixtures, festivals and cup matches to look forward to. So, if you are looking for something that combines teamwork, respect, enjoyment, discipline and sportsmanship for your children, come and give rugby a try (pun intended) at Harbury. Get in touch on harburyrfc.enquiries@gmail.com or with the Chair, Chris Woodhams on 07834 972999.



HARBURY TENNIS CLUB

Colin Mercer

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

Highlight of the month is that the Harbury "B" team finished the season with a flourish winning their last 3 matches in Division 4. Going into the final fixture against Brackley two points were needed to finish second in the league and secure promotion. On the night the team of Lucy Ewen, Jeunine Crabtree, Hannah Benjamin, Ash Chand, Rick May and Olly Wiltshire romped to a 9-0 win to secure promotion as Champions! The team lost only two matches during the season, many players took part and captain Ash Chand was delighted with their determination, skill and motivation.

In Division 2, the "A" team occupy one of the relegation places in Division 2 with two matches to play, and need to overtake Kings Sutton to avoid the drop! In the last match against Hook Norton "B" Emma Brangwin, Helen Cooper, Jane Minchin, Ben Fish, Josh Marshall, and Neil Browne put up a great fight but lost 3 - 6. Of the 9 rubbers, three went to a tie-break finish but unfortunately the home team won all three. Fingers crossed that we get enough points to stay up but if relegated to Division 3 they will join the successful "B" team!

The coaching programme delivered by Coolsportz is up and running with sessions on Mondays and Fridays. There are still spaces so if you're interested please contact Lianne Candappa on 07919104093 or lianne@coolsportz.co.uk



1st HARBURY SCOUTS

John Rea

Early one August Saturday morning Harbury Scouts packed up one car, one trailer and one minibus and set off for an adventure on their five-day Troop Camp. St Brides in Pembrokeshire was the destination, just about as far southwest as you can get in Wales. After a couple of years of restrictions and changed plans, it was great to be heading to unknown territory. We'd studied the details: a campsite set in an ancient orchard in the grounds of a ruined manor, a five-minute





walk to a sheltered cove and beach, pretty much zero mobile coverage. Sounded great! A couple of our older Scouts take up the story, the first from a modest Scout who prefers to remain anonymous:

This article is about an amazing experience I had a few weeks ago during the summer holidays. I am part of Harbury Scouts, and two weeks ago my troop went camping for 5 days in St Brides, a coastal area in western Wales. After a four-hour car journey, we arrived at our campsite: an ancient orchard a small walk from the beach. The next day we spent the entire morning at a much larger beach area a small drive away, and then going bowling for the remainder of the day. After heading back to camp for the night, at sunrise we then began one of the best experiences I have ever had in my life – Coasteering.

Coasteering involves climbing up and down



ledges by cliffs and jumping off into the ocean, sometimes from huge distances. We squeezed into a wetsuit and began. We all spent the whole day in the ocean. The next day was a 7-mile hike, 3½ miles there, 3½ miles back. After returning, we spent the entire evening playing games. On our final day, we packed away our tents (it was harder getting them back in the bags than taking them out) tidied away all mess and cleaned away all of our stuff, before boarding our minibus and heading back. During my time at St Brides, I learnt new skills, had an amazing time and am very grateful for all of the hard work that the scout leaders put into the trip - I would gladly go again!

And this one from Hugo B: On 20th August I set off with the Harbury Scout group on our summer camp to Pembrokeshire. I was really excited as I got on the minibus with all of my friends. I liked the journey although it was long it was quite relaxing, and we got to choose the music. When I got to the campsite I couldn't believe it. It was a beautiful orchard, and when I found out that we were the only people camping there I was really pleased. I helped put up a 6-man tent for the 4 people in my group. With all of us working together it only took us about 30 minutes. After this we played a game called Build Up Tig which was really fun, and we worked up an appetite for dinner. The leaders cooked up burgers and they were delicious. And as I didn't use a plate I didn't have to wash it up (smart!). We played some more games and went to bed. My group played top trumps for a while but we were really tired and so did go to sleep.

Next morning was really sunny and after an early breakfast we went in the minibus to the beach. We were prepared and had our swimming trunks under our clothes so we could all just run into the sea – which was quite far away from the shore at low tide. It was freezing!!! Once we were drier and warmer we had a huge sandcastle making tournament and a picnic. I lost my trunks!



Harbury Village Show

Photos by Bill Timson / Peter



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er & Margaret McDonald





Off in the bus again and we went on to Milford Haven ten pin bowling – and I won the first game in my group. It was really fun. Back at the campsite it was dinner time, and the leaders made a fabulous chicken korma curry – yum. We played some more games like Capture the Flag before bed (getting to sleep more quickly this time!)

A bit of a slower morning on day three, with a relaxed start over breakfast, and some more games. We packed up our lunches and then got on the minibus and went off to St Davids for coasteering. Coasteering is an extreme jumping experience – we climbed up rocks as high as houses and then jumped off into the sea. I was the first to go up to the highest peak. It was awesome! We wore wetsuits and helmets – the water didn't feel as cold as the other beach, but still chilly. Back at camp the other group of scouts cooked pasta Bolognese for our evening meal – it was amazing. We played capture the flag again and sat around the campfire talking and telling stories.

Our last full day, we got up and packed our lunch and went off on a loooong hike. Quite near the start we bumped into a field of cows. In the middle of the field was a stile, and on the other side there was a field with a bull in. And he wasn't very happy. When we were all in the area by the stile, the herd of cows all came over and blocked us in. Our brave leader John, picked up a stick and waved it at the bull – but the bull wouldn't budge! So then he waved the stick at the cows, and thankfully they did move so we could escape. As we were walking past them, we had to retreat a little because there was one cow that didn't want us to be there and kept running at us. In the end we got past and out of the way – phew! Good job my mom wasn't there – she is not a fan of cows. The rest of the hike was a big loop, but near the end we stopped off at a beach and skimmed stones and went looking for eels (as we saw a few in the shallows). Back at the camp, my group cooked bangers and mash, and there was a big debate as to whether you should call them "bangers" or just "sausages". Everyone loved them. To finish we played consequences and drank hot chocolate before bed.



Our last morning, we had fried eggs for breakfast, and then we had to strike the camp and pack up. It was a bit sad, but I was looking forward to going home. We played a few last games before getting on the minibus and heading home. I want to say a massive thank you to the leaders, John, Katharine and Arthur, for planning all of this and taking us to such a beautiful place. I had a really wonderful time and can't wait to go on camp again!





GUIDES AND SCOUTS SUPPORT

Rosanna Hunt GASS Chair

The GASS committee is looking forward to hosting another annual bonfire on Saturday 5th November. Please keep an eye out for the posters around the village which will tell you how to go about buying advance tickets.

If you would like the Scouts to collect wood from you for the bonfire, please complete a wood collection slip (on page 45 in this edition of the HL News) and deliver it to 5 Park Lane along with a generous £ donation to GASS.

We use the profits from this event to fund activities for the Scouting groups and also for the (ever-increasing!!) costs of running the Scout Hut to keep it warm, well equipped, clean and safe for the Guiding and Scouting groups who use it on a weekly basis, as well as for hiring out to other community educational groups such as the Toddler group.

There are so many other community groups and individuals who support GASS - too many to mention here, but we are particularly grateful for the use of the village hall car park during the bonfire building, which starts at 9am on Saturday, and also the football club for arranging away matches that day where possible, so we can maximise safety during bonfire building.

We always welcome opportunities to collaborate with local teams, groups and businesses, such as Street Chef, who donate 10% of their profits from the food they sell at the bonfire event to GASS. Check out the menu for the bonfire @streetcheflloyd on Instagram. Please get in touch with Rosanna 07770 704056 if you are local to the Harbury community and have an idea of how we can help each other.

The volunteers who provide activities for the Guiding and Scouting youth groups regularly tell me about how rewarding this work is. The benefits far outweigh the costs of the voluntary time spent and many employers support volunteering by awarding leave time for volunteer activities and matched funding. We are keen to see the young 6-8 year olds of the village benefit from all the life experiences Scouting offers. Beavers is the youth group for that age group and sadly hasn't been running now for a while due to lack of leaders.

To get it up and running again, it would require a team consisting of an admin person, a bookkeeping person and a practical fire building / outdoorsy person. These three people could do as little or as much as they like. Every week? Great 👍 once a month? We can work with this. Days at times are also flexible.

Training involves a DBS check and an online course which should only take a couple of hours. No experience is needed. It's completely open to how each session goes. Games, walks, cooking, art, guest speakers or working towards badges. You won't be on your own, it will be working as a team, with few children to begin with or whatever you are comfortable with.

If you have a child or a grandchild in this age group yourself, your child would

automatically get accepted into the group. If you know anyone who might be interested, please let us know.

Cubs (ages 7-10) are also looking for an admin person to help them work towards their seven challenge awards towards Chief Scout Silver Award. Please contact Cub leader Simon on 07956 144045 if you can help.

We also have a few vacancies on the GASS Committee. If you are enthused by any of these tasks, you would be most welcome. Please contact Rosanna 07770 704056.

- GASS Committee Chair (from March 2023 when Rosanna Hunt steps down from the role after 5 years).
- Organising the Christmas Post 2022 (replacing Laura Harris who left the committee earlier this year).
- Advertising the bonfire and helping to improve the event for the community (a.s.a.p.!)



HARBURY TODDLER GROUP

Lynne Barton

Hello from everyone at Toddlers

We welcomed families back to our lovely Toddler Group on Monday 12th September 2022. We like the whole nation then heard the news that the next Monday 19th September would be a Public Holiday following the death of Her Majesty the Queen - may she rest in peace. Therefore, Toddlers will be closed.

The re-scheduled Sports Day at Harbury school is now set for Monday 26th September but Toddlers remain open, so an unexpected start to the Autumn term. Hopefully by the time this goes to print we will once again be 'in full swing' and meeting lots of new babies, toddlers and parents.



Our Toddlers is run by Volunteers and for about six years we have been privileged to have the support of Reg Mead, 90 years young this year. He has made friends with many children and parents with his quick witty chat and real interest in everything the children bring to show him.

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GASS fundraiser garden refuse and scrap wood collection service



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

- Complete and cut out the slip below or message your details on the GASS Facebook page @GASSHarbury
- Take your slip and a **generous** donation to Harbury Village Library or 5 Park Lane before Friday 4th November.
- Leave your pile of bonfire material within easy reach of the roadside by 9am on the morning of Saturday 5th November.
- **No** metal, soft furnishings, rubber, glass, plastic/melamine coated chipboard etc.
- **Apply early to avoid disappointment!**

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

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

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

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He has made more cups of tea and coffee than we care to think about. He has helped at our Church Coffee mornings, our Celebration Events, reading stories, helping us locate a suitable shed, tidying the shed, organising shelves for the shed and much more besides. However he has decided to have a rest and take it easy on a Monday morning. We will really miss him but wish him well and send our love and grateful thanks for all he has done. We hope he will pop in and let us make him a cuppa.



Special Visitors

We will have Miss Chiara from Love Ballet to look forward to, another brilliant visit from Rachel from Rhythm Time and Lydia from SpOt Drama – can't wait!!

Pop in and say hi'...

Please do help spread the word that we are running our regular Monday morning (9.30 - 11.15am) Toddler sessions 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 'toddlers' to attend.

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

Welcome Back

It has been lovely to welcome back our existing Pre-Schoolers for another year and also welcome some new faces. We held an Induction Session exclusively for the new starters and their parent/carer to give the children an opportunity to meet each other and experience Pre-School before the existing children returned. We had a super day,

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there was lots of painting, singing and outdoor play. We hope that they enjoy their Pre-School journeys and we are very much looking forward to getting to know them.

We would like to warmly welcome Alice who has joined us as a permanent staff member and also Kelly who has joined us as bank staff.

Circle Time

We always have a circle time in the mornings and afternoons where we sing our hello song, read stories, sing songs or learn something new from each other. The last few weeks we have been hearing all about what the children have been up to over the summer and about some of the places they have been on holiday.



We have also been introducing some of our Pre-School rules – being kind, sharing with our friends and good sitting. The children have been enjoying lots of singing and especially our ‘roll the ball’ game which helps children learn each other’s names by rolling the ball to a named child.

Creative Play

Painting has been extremely popular since we returned. The children have been painting with brushes, sponges and different shaped objects. They have been putting cars in the paint and making tracks. We have also had a few hand and finger paintings.

The children have also been making some stunning collages using different materials; practising their scissor skills and gluing.



Outdoor Play

Apart from the odd heavy shower, which the children loved watching through the top of our stable door, the weather has been beautiful.

The children have enjoyed the ride on vehicles, diggers, sea creatures in the water and using the obstacle course which consists of balancing beams, hoops, stilts and a ‘mountain’ for climbing and jumping. It is great to see their confidence grow; asking for an adult’s hand on the balancing beam initially before gaining the confidence to try it alone!

We came back after the summer to an apple tree full of apples! We have been picking them and enjoying them for snack and they are delicious!!

Indoor Play

After the summer, the children returned to a home/baby corner role play and this year has been no exception. As well as taking care of the babies, the staff have been offered

an abundance of 'food' and lots of cups of 'tea', from the children whilst they are playing in the area. It is lovely to see their compassion and how beautifully they look after the babies.

Construction and Happy Street (road and buildings) are also on our planning this week. Many buildings and towers have been built! We have also had a lot of emergency vehicle role play with the fire engines putting out 'fires' and dealing with 'emergencies'. Happy Street doesn't sound like the safest place to live at the moment!



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

Hello,

It's lovely to be a part of your village. I'm Lucy Bosley and I am the new headteacher at Harbury C of E Primary School. I have received a wonderful welcome to Harbury from everyone - the staff, pupils, parents, families, governors and the wider community.



Dreams really can come true! From 'playing teachers' with my best friend aged six to now becoming headteacher at Harbury C of E Primary School, I really do believe that everyone can fulfil their potential and achieve their ambitions. This is my intention for every child and adult at Harbury C of E Primary School.

As Jesus taught us in the Parable of the Sower, which is our school bible story, if a seed falls on nutritious soil and is given light and water it can flourish and reach its full potential. At Harbury we are committed to a rich and diverse education where every child can flourish and blossom. We are the soil nurturing each seedling while providing deep roots into Jesus' love and teachings.

Harbury is such a thriving place and the school has strong links to the community especially to All Saints Church. I have been so overwhelmed with the warmth and joy of everyone I have met. A special thank you to our marvellous PTA, who are incredibly active and organise such wonderful events throughout the school year. This fundraising goes directly back into school to improve learning opportunities for all.

On 1st September our school joined The Arden Forest C of E Multi- Academy Trust (MAT). The Arden Forest MAT is made up of nine schools, all of whom are committed to the achievement and well-being of every individual in their school, through their

Christian ethos. The MAT was created as a collaboration, we work together, the MAT does not dictate or force schools to operate in a certain way. This allows schools to maintain their uniqueness whilst operating as a group to share best practice and provide opportunities that may not have been possible for schools to access alone.

Thank you to everyone for your support. I look forward to getting to know you all over the next few months.



HARBURY LIBRARY & BIBLIO'S CAFE

Rich Fowler

Summer Reading Challenge – 58 children took part this year, with 16 completing the challenge. Special certificates were presented at a Harbury Primary School assembly at the beginning of term. The Gadgeteers theme was designed to encourage children to become more engaged with Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) topics. To this end we prepared a special book display and were thrilled to find a big increase in the numbers of STEM books being borrowed in July and August.

Post-pandemic Recovery – Slowly, but surely, we're getting back to where we were in 2019. By the end of August visitor numbers were back to just over 75%, and book loans to just over 85%. These numbers compare favourably with national statistics.

During the Week – If you come into the library you may be surprised to find there's more going on than you expected. On Thursday mornings, from 9.15 to 9.45, there's a **Tunes and Tales** session for toddlers, and of course there's always coffee and cake available afterwards. Come along with friends and join in **Board Game Friday** from 2pm to 4pm. On Tuesday and Thursday afternoons we have a range of **Children's Craft Materials** available.



Whenever the cafe is closed, you can just stop by and help yourself to tea, coffee and biscuits. There's no charge. We have daily newspapers, somewhere to sit, tables if you need to work, WiFi, printing, copying, scanning and faxing. Oh, and books to borrow and read!

Book Bear Passports – Summer Reading Challenge is over, but the Book Bear Passport scheme continues. Pick up a passport, get bear paw stamps, receive story certificates, and earn a reward from Book Bear's Box of Rewards.

A Winter's Tale – To coincide with Harbury's Seasonal Lights being switched on at the end of November, we're holding a writing competition. You're invited to produce a piece of

writing of not less than 17 syllables and not more than 1,000 words inspired by the phrase, "A Winter's Tale".

It can be in any form: fiction or non-fiction; a story, a poem, a haiku, a comic monologue, a description, a song lyric, a limerick, or some other form entirely. There are two age categories: 0 to 11 and 12 to 100. Pieces of writing need to be submitted electronically to story@harburyvillagelibrary.org.uk or on paper to Harbury Village Library, by Sunday 6th November. There will be a small, surprise, prize for the winners in each age category.

All entries will be collated into a freely available eBook, which will be in a format that allows people to print their own copy. Winners will be announced on the day the lights are switched on, and a selection of the entries will be read aloud / performed in the library.

Home Delivery – If you, or someone you know, can't get to the library, 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.

Cleaner Needed from the end of October. This paid position involves cleaning the Library and Cafe each week, on a Sunday, times to suit the individual. The role would suit someone over 16 years of age who is looking for a part-time job. Full training and support will be given. For further details please contact Jill Baker on 07747 430470, email biblios@harburyvillagelibrary.org.uk, or drop into the Cafe on a Friday or Saturday morning between 10.00 and 12 noon.

Regular Opening Times

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HARBURY CLUB & INSTITUTE

Club Committee

Dates for your diary:

8th October.. April Reigns... A local band playing classic rock hits from 8pm.

15th October...Our vice chairman's 65th birthday, pop along and wish him happy birthday. Disco and fun for all.

21st October... BINGO! £140 snowball. Will it go this month? £1 per book, 8pm.

22nd October.... Crown Function!! Debuting at the club. Guaranteed to be a fun night of music and dancing, 9pm

29th October... Halloween family fun. Everyone welcome. A prize for the best creative costume, from 6.30pm.

With September now behind us we step into the colder months with a positive step. It's been a great summer and thank you to all who have supported us and came in for whatever the reason, a function, a get together, a sporting event or just for a chat and a pint. We couldn't do it without you ♥

They won!! Our fabulous snooker team won the summer league final 🏆 The clubs second trophy this year along with our, also brilliant darts team. Well done to our players, Peter Hawley, Nathaniel Cleaver, Mike Hopkins, Bob Holloway, Matt Holloway, Rob Wigley and Andy Hopkins. 🙌 Here's to a successful winter season for all of our sports teams. We are still looking for a ladies dart team?



The next few months will be tricky for us all but by sticking together the summer will be back before we know it and in the meantime we are here with warm drinks, a warm smile and a friendly face. Cheers

To get in touch with the club please e-mail Harburyvillageclub@gmail.com or ring 0196 612498 and leave a message.

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GARDEN JOTTINGS

Christine Dakin from Bridge Nursery

It feels like, at long last, the pressure is reduced. The rush to get things done earlier in the year followed by the relentless watering during the heatwave. Were we all trying to keep some or all of our precious plants from dying due to lack of rain? Although there is always plenty to do it does seem more relaxed and leisurely and more pleasurable to catch up on some gardening after a long time when it was too hot to do anything. It might be best to wait and see which plants have survived and which haven't. It is encouraging to see fresh growth after the rain.

Here are a few reminders for this month.

- Bulb planting should be well underway as long as the ground has softened up enough to make some planting holes.
- Take cuttings of penstemons, salvias, pinks and gauras, put up to 10 cuttings round the edge of a 9cm pot and keep them damp, not too wet, and place in a cold frame, greenhouse or conservatory. They may well root in a few weeks.
- If you have a lot of fallen leaves then rake up and add to the compost heap.
- Cut down some but not all perennial plants, leaving some for wildlife to hibernate in.
- Add compost or well rotted manure to the borders as much as you can, it will be good for the soil especially those of us on heavy clay.

If you get chance do visit one of the arboretums to see autumn colours. I really like Bluebell Arboretum near Ashby-de-la-Zouch.





NATURE NOTES

Martin & Amanda Randall

Readers of Harbury and Ladbroke News will have enjoyed John Hancock's monthly Nature Notes articles for many years and will have been sorry to read in the July edition that he decided to sign off for the last time. We met John a few weeks ago while we were looking at a rather magnificent bracket fungus growing at the foot of an ash tree on the railway cutting. In conversation he asked us if we would be willing to take on the monthly column. We agreed but knew that his will be a difficult act to follow.

Since then, and after a record hot summer, the temperatures have fallen and this September morning it was quite cool on our walk across the nearby fields. Summer visiting birds, like swifts and house martins have now left us. However there were still many swallows flying low over the ground hovering up the insects in advance of their migration. British swallows travel through western France, across the Pyrenees, down eastern Spain into Morocco and across the Sahara to spend their winter in South Africa, a distance of 6000 miles.

Barn Swallow

They migrate in daylight, covering up to 200 miles a day, at low altitudes and find food on the way, although they are still vulnerable to starvation on their journey. There are several species of swallow. Our swallow, or more properly the barn swallow (*Hirundo rustica*), is the most widespread of the swallow species in the world and is found in Asia, Africa and the Americas as well as Europe. We now know all this about the habits of swallows but it is interesting to note that, for very many years in the past, people used to think that they hibernated over winter, sometimes in the mud at the bottom of ponds. That was based on the writings of the Greek philosopher Aristotle in the fourth century BC. Even the pioneering natural historian, Gilbert White was not sure whether or not this was true when he wrote his book *The Natural History of Selborne* in 1789.

It is not just birds that migrate, of course, some of our butterflies make spectacular journeys too. The red admiral and painted lady butterflies are found in the UK during the summer but some fly south to the Mediterranean and northern Africa for the winter. However, unlike the two-way migrations typical of birds like the swallow, individual insects do not make a round-trip that brings them back to the area from which they departed. Sometimes several generations of a butterfly species take part in the migration; adults fly part of the way, lay their eggs on a favoured foodplant and the caterpillars develop into a new generation of adults in the same season. These new adults then continue the migration to the summer location where they breed again, with the whole process repeated once more for the southerly migration to the over-winter area. In this way a multi-generational migratory movement means that the species can track the availability of the caterpillars' foodplant as it comes into flower along the route as the seasons change.



Comma butterfly

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On our walk this morning we also saw several comma butterflies. It is a striking species with characteristic 'scalloped' edges to its orange upper wings and mottled brown underwings carrying the signature white comma mark – hence the name. These butterflies are resident and adults overwinter among dead leaves. Today they were basking in the sunshine on the hedgerow blackberries. Those blackberries will be eagerly eaten by the fieldfares and redwings that should be returning to overwinter with us later in October.



HARBURY GENERAL NEWS



THE QUEUE

Deborah Ellis

On Friday 16th September I headed to London. I went to see our Majesty the Queen lying in state. I went to join 'The Queue'.

It has taken me well over 48 hours to physically and emotionally recover from my 12 hours in 'The Queue'! Queuing is a British art form, a phenomenon that we excel at. In fact 'The Queue' was visible from space and also had its own weather forecast!

I became a member of a micro nation of people who wanted to pay their respects to a Monarch whose 70 year reign has had such an impact on them that they were drawn to 'the queue' like a moth to a flame.

I met HM the Queen in Nizwa, Oman as a Brownie back in 1979 as part of her state visit. A photograph of this moment appeared in all the newspapers here, back at home. Not long after this my Dad had his stroke aged 35.

I joined 'the queue' at Southwark Park with my dear friend Kathy, an RAF Veteran, who is my best biker buddy. We ignored the advice to not to go to the park. We joined a queue to join 'the queue'.

We met Wendy in 'the queue' who had just walked all the way from Green Park, next to Buckingham Palace, after admiring all the flowers there. She decided that she had to also pay her respects too. Then we met Sophie, whose Uncle John kept her company until nightfall. He had paid his respects the day before. We immediately set up a WhatsApp group so we could go and get food, coffee and go to the toilet.

We met 'look-out' Steve who was tall enough to look ahead for us. We had a middle aged lady shout at 'the queue' stating that where we were was a residential area and was very unhappy about 'the queue'! The queue booed!

At Southwark Park I met Jack Tibbatts (I know his Dad) who was doing security there and Jenny Hodge from Harbury near to the Southbank.

Participating in 'the queue' got harder and harder and we supported each other the rest of the way. Just before Westminster we all went very quiet!

The pain was intense, the tiredness was all consuming. Then at the last section of

'the queue' our energy returned and this was where we were scanned, searched, x-rayed and filmed. We took the last few steps to the entry to Westminster Hall and there in all its magnificence was the purple catafalque and Her Majesty's coffin, covered in her royal standard, with her crown, orb and sceptre.



I witnessed a change of the guard before I had my brief moment in time to pay my respects, the respects of my family, my friends and as an ambassador for those who couldn't make it.

I chose a deep curtsy and managed to do so without assistance. The mood of the hall was still, quiet and calm. Everyone in 'the queue' had done it. They had paid their respects. The queue was a melting pot of ages, races, faiths and disabilities. Her Majesty had drawn us to her. Every step had been worth it. Even though her reign had ended it still lived on in us all and now it has been handed to her son Charles III.

I will never forget my place in 'the queue'. I will never forget Her Majesty the Queen. I now give my loyalty to her son Charles III. God Save The King.



HARBURY VILLAGE SHOW

Show Committee

Thank you to everyone who entered and came to Harbury Village Show this year. It has been a difficult year for growers which was reflected in the produce categories. So it was even more impressive that we had as many entries as we did. It was lovely to see so many new names among the entrants. We were very pleased with the increase in entries in the Art and Craft category and children's categories. Congratulations to all our trophy winners. A list of winners follows.

We were honoured to be presented with a new trophy in memory of Dorothy Groves who served on our committee for many years. Many thanks to Philip, Emma and Andrew for this generous donation.



Thanks also to those who donated raffle prizes especially Bob and Preet at Harbury Village Stores who donated a fabulous hamper.

We would also like to say thank you to Margaret McDonald who has served on the committee for many years looking after the children's section and has this year decided to step down.

It's everyone who takes part that makes the village show a success. So thank you again.

See you next year - Saturday, 9th September 2023.

Harbury Village Show winners 2022

Farley Cup <i>Most points in vegetable section</i>	Patrick Clarke
Grey Cup <i>Novice class</i>	Sheila Newbold
All Saints Cup <i>Most points in fruit section</i>	Margaret McDonald
Reg Harris Cup <i>Best exhibit in Fruit section</i>	Sam Butler
Courier Cup <i>Most points in flower section</i>	Patrick Clarke
Rosamond Schofield Salver <i>Best exhibit in Flower section</i>	Gordon Robbins
Finch Challenge Cup <i>Allotment holders' tray</i>	Patrick Clarke
Brunton Challenge Cup <i>Flower arranging</i>	Gillian Hare/Margaret McDonald
Dorothy Groves Trophy <i>Most points in Food section</i>	Margaret McDonald
Horticultural society trophy <i>Craft including art</i>	Pam Shepherd
Rigden Cup <i>Photography</i>	Gael Conway
Barns Cup <i>Best performance by an exhibitor winning no other cups</i>	Julie Bradford
WI Trophy <i>Member with the most points</i>	Maureen Handle
Top Tray (£10 prize)	Patrick Clarke
Top Vase (£10 prize)	Jane Kempton
Harold Wilkins Cup <i>Most points in show</i>	Patrick Clarke
Allotment Holders Challenge trophy <i>Best Kept allotment</i>	Kevin and Helen McMahon

Young people's Classes

John Smith Cup <i>Age 7 and under - fruit, veg flowers</i>	Tania Hunt
Buck Trophy <i>Age 8 to 12 - fruit, veg flowers</i>	Paysan Glynn
Jean Dunn Cup <i>Age 7 and under</i>	Eric Rooney
Fred Lines Cup <i>Age 8 to 12</i>	Paysan Glynn
Janice Siddle Trophy <i>Best exhibit in children's section not winning another cup</i>	Benjamin Roles-Wain



BUMPS & BUNDLES

Carol Jackson

"Bumps" started again on 13th September and will continue every Tuesday morning in the Tom Hauley Room.



Bumps and Bundles is an outreach organisation from the church to the community.

Pregnant Mums, Mums, Dads, Grandparents and Carers are welcome to come along and meet others with babies and toddlers. The helpers will make you a cup of tea or coffee and there are always biscuits!

There is no need to book a place everyone is welcome. It starts at 10.30am until 12 noon, term time only.

At our last meeting at the end of July the school was holding their end of term service for the Year 6 pupils who were moving onto secondary school. It was quite an emotional moment for us as many of them had been our first "Bundles". We wish them all the best for their ongoing education.

More people would be very welcome to go onto the Rota to help. Please contact me or pop into the Hauley Room on any Tuesday morning.

Carol Jackson - 01926 941784



HARBURY BALLROOM DANCING CLASSES

Amanda Randall

Are you enjoying the new season of "Strictly" on TV? Why not come and join our friendly classes and try ballroom for dancing for yourself? We are looking forward to a new term of "Strictly Harbury" starting on 5th October and we would be delighted to welcome new dancers!

Details are in the planning stage as Harbury News goes to press, but classes will be on Wednesday evenings at Harbury Village Hall. You will need to bring a dancing partner with you, as we don't share partners. The fee per couple is £15 per session, payable on the evening. Generally, we try to learn four dances a term, and terms are 10 weeks long.

Subject to confirmation, Beginners will start their class at 7.15pm and Improvers at 8.30pm, on 5th October.

Ballroom Dancing "Strictly Harbury" style is about enjoying dancing and socialising. There are no competitions and we don't work towards medals. Our aim is to learn a variety of dances that we could use at a social occasion, but mostly we just enjoy learning the steps and improving our own dancing. There will be a Christmas party on 14th December when you can try out your moves and have fun!

And if just having fun learning a new skill isn't enough for you, neuroscientists have found that dancing can reduce anxiety, improve your mood, reduce stress hormones and improve balance and co-ordination! Dancing has also been shown to trigger new connections in the brain, improve memory and that regular dancing may help protect against cognitive decline!

What are you waiting for?!

If you are interested in joining us either to learn a new skill (with added health benefits!), or to refresh your moves, then please contact Jacqui Powell on 01926 612887 or 07769 683888 or jacquip59@talktalk.net

We can't wait to see you!

Follow us on Instagram [@harburyballroomdancing](https://www.instagram.com/harburyballroomdancing) for further updates.



REPAIR CAFÉ

Rich Fowler

October's Repair Café will take place in Harbury Village Library on Saturday 22nd October from 2pm to 4pm.

We always need new volunteer repairers, and at the moment we're particularly looking for someone to do clothing and textile repairs, and someone willing to work on mobile phones, in particular replacing batteries and broken screens. If you're interested in joining us as one of our Repair Volunteers, or would like to receive our monthly email newsletter, please let us know at repaircafeharbury@gmail.com.

On Saturday October 29th we'll be at the Harbury Local Market, so come along and find out more about what we do.



NIGHT OF OUR LIGHT

Dayle Adams

Night of Our Light is a night of reflection and celebration of loved ones in spirit, being held on Thursday 3rd November 2022 from 5pm until 8pm.

Night of Our Light offers a lovely space to take time to honour those who have died and light a candle in their memory, regardless of where they are buried or scattered.



After the success of last year, we hope once again, hundreds of candles will fill Harbury churchyard, lighting it by candlelight. Ladbroke Church will be participating, and Ufton Church churchyard will also be lit with candles even though the church itself is closed. (Confirmation details will be posted on Facebook).

Names of loved ones will be read out at approximately 7pm in both Harbury and Ladbroke Church.

Should it be raining, Harbury and Ladbroke events will take place, with the churches adorned with candles, however the Ufton event will unfortunately be cancelled.

If you have any clean jars that you could gift to us for the event, or if you would like more information, or to involve your local church, please email us on admin@ourlightinside.com.



HARBURY BEER FESTIVAL

John Crossling - Heart of Warwickshire CAMRA

The annual Harbury Beer Festival organised by the Heart of Warwickshire branch of CAMRA (Campaign for Real Ale) returned after a two-year drought over the pandemic years. It was great to see so many locals as well as customers travelling from all over the country to attend this delightful and popular event.

With 40 beers and 10 ciders from across the Hereford & Worcester region, as well as some from local breweries, there was something to suit everyone, although the pales won the day! Beer of the Festival was Odyssey Brewery's 'Leaving Us in Light', a rich, cloudy and fruity pale ale, with Brothers of Ale's hoppy citrus 'Peace Out' second and the light and hazy hefeweizen style 'Weiss' from Windmill Hill Brewery in Leamington Spa voted third. Celtic Marshes' 'Pulp Damson' was Cider of the Festival, followed by two of our Perrys, 'Blakeney Red' from Gregg's Pitt, and Barbourne's 'Painted Lady'.



On day two, festival regulars 'Hereburgh Morris' entertained in the afternoon, roping in volunteer festival-goers to join in the fun and have a go, and the popular 'Strumtroopers' ukulele band returned again this year on the Saturday evening with their quirky renditions of rock and pop classics!

Introduced for 2022, contactless payments made entry to the festival and purchase of beer tokens quick and easy although cash was also accepted!



The ever-popular Tombola was a great hit, with some much-sought after prizes attracting a lot of attention and together with the generous donations of unused beer tokens, we raised nearly £700 for the Air Ambulance charity.

Thanks to the Village Hall for providing the catering, and a great space for holding the Harbury Beer Festival.

Thanks also to all our loyal and hard-working volunteers who work tirelessly to bring you this well-organised and enjoyable event.

And lastly, a great big 'Thank You' to all our customers old and new who made this enjoyable and relaxed festival a success.

Save the date in your diaries for next year, our milestone 30th Festival, on 1st - 2nd September 2023! Get ready to celebrate!

See you then!



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 2022

Gill Holden & Nicola Thompson

The official dates for this year's Poppy appeal are between Thursday 27th October and Remembrance Sunday 13th November and we will be running the appeal in Harbury, Ufton, Chesterton and the surrounding areas as usual.

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

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



GALANOS HOUSE

Shelley Fardon

There are a number of events happening at Galanos House over the next few months, please do come along and support if you can.

Children's Board Games - Every Sunday 10am – 12.00 noon

Meet Charley King, author and Illustrator of Mr Blinking - FREE Children's colouring activities and book signing with Charley and local publisher Beercott Books. Saturday 8th October, 10.00am – 2.00pm

We're proud to be supporting Southam book festival. Come and see our 'book in a window' display.

Galanos House Barn Dance to celebrate 20 years on site - Saturday 29th October, £10 per ticket, 7:30pm

Christmas Craft Fayre - Sunday 30th October & Sunday 6th November, 10.00am - 4.00pm

Men's Health Talk with local GP - Friday 18th November, 6.00pm - 8.00pm

Mayor's Quiz Night - Friday 25th November, 7.00pm - 10.00pm

Christmas Bingo! - Monday 28th November, 7.00pm

For a full list of events visit our facebook page www.facebook.com/RBLCommunityHub or contact us on 01926 812185 Ext 5365



READERS' LETTERS

Dear Editors

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended the Celebration Service for the life of Liz Bunting on Friday 2nd September.

Your presence truly enriched the day and it was wonderful to see so many of her close friends and family coming together in the church to celebrate Liz's life and share their memories.

Our special thanks to everyone involved with arranging the beautiful flowers and those who contributed to the collection in her memory - an incredible £785 was raised which will go to Shakespeare Hospice at Home and the Pam Britton Trust for Dementia.

Martin and Sarah Bunting

Dear Editors

Muscular Dystrophy Coffee Morning on 10th September

A big thank you to everyone who helped on the day and worked so hard to make it such a success. Also thank you for all the items donated and to the villagers who came to support us.

We raised a magnificent £271.19.

Thank you again.

Victoria Houghton & Pauline Hayes

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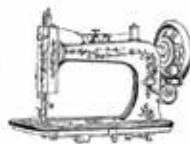
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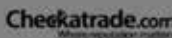
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