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EDITORIAL

A round up of local news

We hope that you all enjoyed the Christmas and New Year celebrations and managed to steer clear of the many colds, flu and Covid viruses that were flying around. We can only hope that 2023 will be a better year with regard to health, wealth and happiness for all. Both Harbury and Ladbroke presented their usual heart-warming seasonal lights which always manage to put a smile on your face! The knitted post box topper in Harbury was a cheery sight when out in the village too.

If you are looking to get involved with a new pastime this year.... The Repair Café is looking for someone to help with mending broken household items. The Primary School is looking for volunteers to listen to their children read. The Ballroom Dancing classes held at the Village Hall welcome new participants. And not forgetting our younger village residents.... If you are in Year Groups 6 - 13 you can go along to the Youth Club in the Tom Hauley Room for their fortnightly social.

In Ladbroke, the Photography Club would welcome new members. Their AGM will be held in February and if photography interests you then make contact and join in with all the snapping!!

In December we were very sorry to hear of the sudden death of Joe Griffin. Joe was born in Ireland where he lived for his first six months, then, after moving to England with his parents, lived in Harbury for the rest of his life. Joe was a true village character who could regularly be found having a chat with passers-by over his garden fence. Along with his daughter Michelle,

Joe raised a magnificent sum of over £66,000 for the Teenage Cancer Trust during ten years of fundraising in the early 2000s. He will be missed by many who knew him. Our condolences go to all his family.



Carol Singing in Ladbroke





HARBURY DIARY

For local events

JANUARY

- Mon 9 Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall
Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall
- Tue 10 Bumps and Bundles, 10.30 - 12.00 noon, Tom Hauley Room
Chair based exercise class, 10.00 - 11.00am, Village Hall
- Wed 11 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car park -
Grandborough, flat, no stiles (3 miles)
Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
Spellbound Dance Classes, 5.00 - 5.30 & 5.30 - 6.15pm, Village Hall
Ballroom Dancing, beginners 7.15pm, improvers 8.30pm, Village Hall
Hereburgh Morris Practice session, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall
- Thurs 12 Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
Harbury WI, 7.30 for 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room - Medical Detection Dogs
- Fri 13 Ben and Soph's Jazz, tickets - 07515 275655, 7.00pm, Village Hall
- Sat 14 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of
All Saints' Ladbroke
Harbury Village Cinema presents 'Fisherman's Friends 2 One and All,'
doors open 6.15pm, film starts 7.00pm
Quiz Night, 7.30pm, Village Club
- Sun 15 EPIPHANY 2**
Holy Communion, 8.00am, Tom Hauley Room
All Age Service, 10.30am, Tom Hauley Room
Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall
Harbury Heritage Centre open, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Harbury School -
(Park Lane entrance)
Icon Youth Club, 7.00 - 8.30pm, Tom Hauley Room
- Mon 16 Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall
Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall
- Tue 17 Chair based exercise class, 10.00 - 11.00am, Village Hall
Bumps and Bundles Party, 10.30 - 12.00 noon, Tom Hauley Room
Harbury Theatre Group, 7.00 for 7.30pm, Village Club
Harbury Society Social, time to be advised, The Crown Inn
- Wed 18 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car park -
Hampton on the Hill with coffee stop at Hatton Locks Café (5 miles)
Connections (Dementia) Café, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
Spellbound Dance Classes, 5.00 - 5.30 & 5.30 - 6.15pm, Village Hall

Ballroom Dancing, beginners 7.15pm, improvers 8.30pm, Village Hall
Hereburgh Morris Practice session, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall

Thurs 19 Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room

Fri 20 Harbury WI New Year Party, 7.00 for 7.30pm, Village Hall
Bingo, 8.00pm, Village Club
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Sat 21 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of
Guides & Scouts Support (GASS)

Sun 22 EPIPHANY 3

Holy Communion, 10.30am, Tom Hauley Room
Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall

Mon 23 Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall
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Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall

Tue 24 Chair based exercise class, 10.00 - 11.00am, Village Hall
Bumps and Bundles, 10.30 - 12.00 noon, Tom Hauley Room

Wed 25 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car park - Lighthorne,
Pavilion Café optional (4 miles)
Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
Spellbound Dance Classes, 5.00 - 5.30 & 5.30 - 6.15pm, Village Hall
Ballroom Dancing, beginners 7.15pm, improvers 8.30pm, Village Hall
Hereburgh Morris Practice session, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall

Thurs 26 Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
Parish Council, 7.45pm Village Hall

Sat 28 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of
Myton Hospice
Councillor's Corner, 10.00 - 11.00am, Bibilio's, Village Library
Repair Café, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Village Library
Kirstie Store Live, 8.00pm, Village Club

Sun 29 EPIPHANY 4

Holy Communion. 10.30am, Tom Hauley Room
Icon Youth Club, 7.00 - 8.30pm, Tom Hauley Room
Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall

Mon 30 Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall
Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall

Tue 31 Chair based exercise class, 10.00 - 11.00am, Village Hall
Bumps and Bundles, 10.30 - 12.00 noon, Tom Hauley Room

FEBRUARY

- Wed 1 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car park - Broadwell - Leamington Hastings (snowdrops) flat, (3.5 miles) Mothers' Union Communion Service and Tea, with Rev. Lynda Lilley - "It shouldn't happen to a vicar!" 2.00pm, Tom Hauley Room Ballroom Dancing, beginners 7.15pm, improvers 8.30pm, Village Hall Hereburgh Morris Practice session, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall
- Thurs 2 Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room Folk Club, 8.00pm, Village Club
- Fri 3 Meeting Point, 12.30pm, The Crown Inn
- Sat 4 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Hereburgh Morris
- Sun 5 CANDLEMAS**
- Tue 7 Bumps and Bundles, 10.30 - 12.00 noon, Tom Hauley Room Harbury Heritage Centre open, 7.00 - 9.00pm, Harbury School - (Park Lane entrance)

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Week Commencing Monday	Thursday Collection - Harbury Friday Collection - Deppers Bridge	Friday & Wednesday Collections - Ladbroke
9 Jan	F - R - W - G	F - W
16 Jan	F	F - R - G
23 Jan	F - R - G	F
30 Jan	F - W	F - R - W - G
6 Feb	F - R - G	F
13 Feb	F	F - R - G

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

I wonder what your thoughts will be on the year we have just left behind?

It's been quite a momentous one in many ways. No sooner had we begun to move on from the pandemic, we were all horrified to see the brutal invasion of Ukraine. Our Government has been in turmoil as we move from one Prime Minister to another, the world economy is moving into recession, and we have all been hit by the rising rate of inflation, and huge increases in the cost of energy and food. So what may this coming year bring? It might be hard for us to look ahead with much optimism.

Of course we continue to pray for an end to the horrific destruction and loss of life happening in Ukraine, but we don't know how long that will take, and we don't know how deep or painful the coming world recession will be. But Christmas has reminded us that God didn't create the world to be like this - it has become what we have made it. And that of course was why Jesus was born, light in the darkness, the beginning of the restoration of creation, the way, the truth, and the life.

But there is more to it than that. Because we all are part of a greater story - God's plan to restore and recreate the whole of creation. The story we are a part of matters because it tells us the truth: the sometimes difficult truth of the reality of evil, injustice, violence, grief and pain and loss and all the rest. But also the always hopeful truth that God has not stood back at a distance, but in Jesus has joined himself to our story and is working to grant us new life, that we may not just endure in an uncertain world, but flourish, experiencing his joy and courage in our daily lives and sharing our hope with others.

One day God will remove all the darkness that surrounds us, and we will know the perfect reality that he always intended. Whatever 2023 holds we can be confident that this is the ultimate destiny of the world.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funeral

16th December Joseph Henry Griffin (76 years)



FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

Liz & Michael

We would like to thank all those who came to support and those who ran stalls and games at the Church Christmas Fayre in the Village Hall on Saturday 4th December. And special thanks to Father Christmas for visiting us, and to the Morris dancers for their entertainment. It was a very enjoyable afternoon and also succeeded in raising a much-needed £1,400 towards the Church Heat Light and Stone Fund.

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Although we are writing this before Christmas, we hope that you enjoyed the return (after two years of Covid enforced cancellations) of the Traditional Village Candlelight Carol Service, with the Folk Club Choir, on Christmas Eve and that it was not too cold. Next Year the Church will be heated - and that is a promise!

New heating was installed during December in the Tom Hauley Room, as described in the following Heat Light and Stone article, and the room is now back in action and available for booking as before. The heating is easy to use, with instructions on the wall in each room. But in summary, there is an independent on button for each room, on the wall in each room which you press until it turns blue to turn the heating on in that room. This automatically also activates the radiators in the entrance hall. We suggest all hirers turn on the heating half an hour before they plan to use their room. The heating will stay on for three hours or can be turned off by pressing and holding the on button until the light goes out.

The Church will remain closed throughout January and February, as it will be a building site while the new heating system is being installed in the roof. Work should be completed by 17th March, in good time for Easter celebrations in early April. In the meantime, all Sunday and mid-week services will be held in the Tom Hauley Room.

In closing, we would like to wish you all a very happy New Year and best wishes for a healthy and peaceful 2023.

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).

HEAT FIRST HEAT, THEN LIGHT AND STONE



John Stringer

Heat at last in the Tom Hauley Room! Panels have been installed in the roof, radiating heat down on the room and its occupants. Efficient, controllable, and quick to heat up, the white panels enhance the room. The modern, high efficiency boiler in the cupboard of the larger toilet has a spidery mass of piping. Events in the room can resume as before.



Next, it's the church, where the panels will match with the ceiling woodwork. The delay on the work, and the recent rise in prices, has cleaned out the funds. As we look to new lighting, and repairs to the stonework, fresh fund-raising will be needed. But for now, enjoy the heat!



MOTHERS' UNION

Gillian Hare

Our December meeting was in the Farley room of the village hall, and was well attended despite the bitter weather. We were pleased to welcome Sue Boniface, back visiting Marion. And sorry not to welcome Chris as she was suffering from Covid.

Rev. Ann kindly led our communion service. We heard that our stall at the Christmas fair raised £141; thank you to everyone who supported it. The unsold toiletries were taken to the foodbank. Jo collected the last few subs and was pleased to report that she had at last managed to sort the new Bank account. Well done Jo for your persistence!

Sally described the lovely Advent service at Attleborough which four members attended.

We then enjoyed a time of sharing of memories of Christmases past, all happy.

As you read this, we should have enjoyed our New Year party; it may be in time for our coffee morning on 7th January.

Our next meeting will be on 1st February in the newly warm Tom Hauley room at 2pm. We shall welcome Rev. Lynda Lilley with her talk "It shouldn't happen to a vicar!" Visitors are most welcome.

A happy and peaceful New Year to all our members and friends.



LADBROKE NEWS & DIARY

JANUARY

Tue 10 Photography Club Meal, details to be confirmed

Wed 11 Parish Council, 7.45pm, Village Hall

Sun 15 EPIPHANY 2

Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am

Tue 17 Table Tennis, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Fri 20 ADVERTS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE TO 36 MANOR ORCHARD,
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Sun 22 EPIPHANY 3

Holy Communion (BCP), 9.00am

Mon 23 ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST OR
EMAIL TO ARTICLES@HLNEWS.CO.UK BY 5.30PM

Tue 24 Table Tennis, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Sun 29 EPIPHANY 4

Holy Communion, 9.00am

Tue 31 Table Tennis, 7.30pm, Village Hall

FEBRUARY

Thurs 2 WI, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Sun 5 CANDLEMAS

Family Communion, followed by refreshments, 10.30am

Tue 7 Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall



LADBROKE CHURCH NEWS

Peter Rigby
www.ladbrokechurch.org.uk

As I write this, it is the week before Christmas. We have already sung carols around the village, with over 20 brave souls joining us in the sub-zero temperatures and then enjoying a warming glass of mulled wine in the Village Hall, the Christmas tree has been installed (with thanks again to the Collins family) and decorated.



The earlier deadline for articles this year means that the Village Carol Service, the Crib Service on Christmas Eve and our Christmas Day Service are all yet to take place. So thank you in anticipation to Bill and the Choir, Rev. Ann and Rev. Andy for all their hard work at this time of the year.

As we look forward to 2023, may we wish you a very happy new year.

Services in January:

Sunday 1st January	10.30am	Family Communion
Sunday 8th January	9.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 15th January	9.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 22nd January	9.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 29th January	9.00am	Holy Communion

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In early December we met for our Christmas lunch at Draycote water. It was a lovely festive occasion with delicious food, good company and pleasant surroundings.

Nearly everyone managed to join us but we sent our best wishes for a speedy recovery to three of our members who were unwell. We also raised a glass to Carol who was celebrating her birthday.

We were delighted to welcome Joan back again as she is gradually becoming

more mobile. As we had missed her special birthday in October we presented her with a belated gift and one of Heather's beautiful hand-made cards.

Members were reminded that we return to our usual Thursday evening for our meetings in 2023 and we meet again on Thursday 5th January at 7.30pm when we will be making some lovely iris folded cards with Heather.

As ever new members will be made most welcome. Please call 813856 or 817904 to make enquiries.



LADBROKE MATTERS

David Wright

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



We start 2023 with another of our ever-popular supper and film evenings. This will be on **Friday 20th January**, or should I say *vendredi le vingtième janvier* as we will be showing the film 'Mrs Harris Goes to Paris'. This will be from 7pm in the village hall, doors open around 6.45pm. Will we be serving *escargots* or *cuissees de grenouilles*? Come and find out. Tickets are £15 each from Nicky Lewis (nicolalewis1958@gmail.com); tel: 01926 815196.



March next year sees the 100th anniversary of the opening of our village hall and we hope to present a centenary celebration in the hall on Saturday 25th March next year. Our planning team is currently working hard to make this a special extravaganza with a 1920s feel.

**Coming
Soon!**

We will be holding a boules tournament during the summer, and a quiz night in the autumn. Watch this space for other events too!



To book your special celebration in our village hall, or if you wish to hold regular classes or meetings, contact Debs (07779 225105 or email debs.dptv@gmail.com).

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

LADBROKE VILLAGE HALL MILLENNIUM DRAW FOR NOVEMBER 2022

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LADBROKE PHOTOGRAPHY

Kip Warr

Suppose you want to take a picture of a flower with every minute detail sharp but with the background blurred. As Steve Gale explained, this can be done by taking several shots focusing on different bits of the flower, then blending all the images so that only the sharpest details show. This 'focus stacking' process is done automatically and painlessly with software, but it does normally require a camera rather than mobile phone. Stacking or merging can also be applied to other features such as luminance and high contrast (which phones do without your knowing). I suspect that we all went home and tried it out on house plants and bowls of fruit.



Every tiny detail sharp but the background blurred – Steve Gale

Our next meeting is un-technical: our annual pub dinner.

We meet at the White Hart, Ufton, at 7pm on Tuesday, 10th January. On 7th February we have our AGM and are then looking forward to the Lewises' visit to Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan. Past experience tells us that this will be lavishly illustrated and a welcome contrast to the dark evening outside. Visitors, guests and new members are all welcome to our meetings which are usually in Ladbroke Village Hall on the first Tuesday of the month.

For more information please contact Ladbroke.photoclub@btinternet.com



LADBROKE HERITAGE

Jackie West & Nicky Lewis

At the end of a third busy year, thanks to funding from The National Lottery Heritage Fund and the support of many professionals and volunteers, December 2022 was relatively quiet on both the repair and activity fronts.

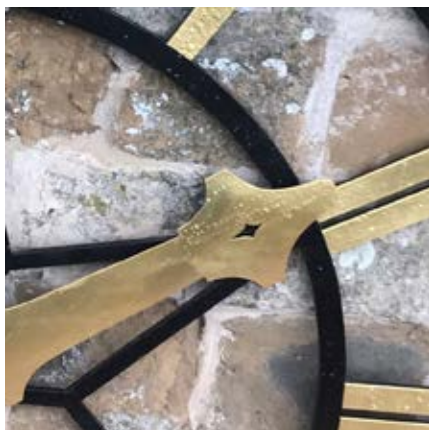
The highlight was Nicky's very informative and much appreciated talk and tour to a group of walkers from Kenilworth. It was a cold day, so they started at their friends' house (The Old School) hearing about the history of the village, especially the building they were in. Then there was a choice: to stay in the warm with our leaflets or to take a brisk walk up to church to look around inside and admire the East Window in the bright sunshine. We've heard that everyone enjoyed themselves and are planning to return in warmer weather for a more leisurely stroll around Ladbroke, with our trained guides.



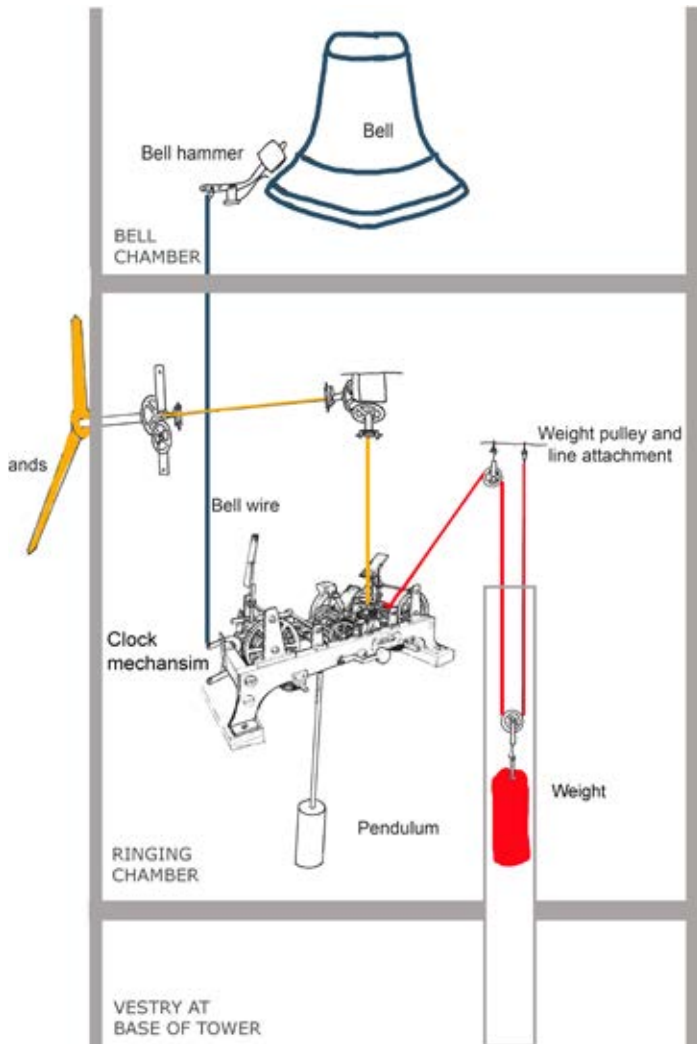
Now 2023 is here, we wish you a Happy New Year. The end of the old and the start of a new year makes us think about the passage of time, something the church clock has been marking for over 140 years.

Ladbroke Church Clock

The clock was made in 1880 by Joyce of Whitchurch. This company signed their clocks by having a diamond shape cut-out in the hour hand. At Ladbroke we have just one clock face on the south side of the tower. The face and hands were taken down in 2020 to repair the stonework behind and were repainted and re-gilded before their return. Look up carefully (you may need binoculars) and you can see the diamond signature.



It's amazing that the tower clock still operates in the same way as when it was installed, without any modern adaptations. The mechanism is within the tower. Most of it is in



the ringing chamber inside a large wood and glass box but there are weights running down a long wooden “chimney” into the vestry and the clock rings out the quarters and hours on the bells above.

The mechanism has:

- A power source, these are three large weights on ropes that fall very slowly down the tower and have to be wound up regularly.



- Three trains (sets of gears) that make the power usable, one each for:
 - running the hands
 - ringing the hours
 - ringing the quarters
- A swinging pendulum (a large weight on a rod)
- An escapement linking the pendulum to the “running” gear train. This does several things:
 - it keeps the pendulum swinging
 - it makes the gear train move forward a fixed amount
 - each swing gives the clock its tick.
- Links from the gear trains to the clock hands and to two bell hammers. The hammers are sprung loaded to come off the bell, resulting in a long ding (or dong).

Did you know that Ladbroke church clock has been wound by hand, once or twice a week for over 140 years! It is hard work as you have to wind up each of the three heavy weights every time. The clock mechanism is similar to that for “Big Ben” in the Houses of Parliament, London. The gears are linked to the pendulum by a double, three-legged gravity escapement, invented by Denison in 1858. Accuracy depends on the centre of gravity (or apparent length) of the pendulum which changes with temperature. Adjustments can be made by adding or removing small weights. For Big Ben they use old pennies, at Ladbroke we don’t usually change it, so “Ladbroke Time” is only approximate!



LADBROKE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Nigel Rock

South Warwickshire Local Plan

A major document bundle has just been published for a consultation to run from 9th January - 20th February 2023. The joint plan will cover Warwick and Stratford Council areas. The Councils say:

‘The new South Warwickshire Local Plan will set out the planning policies that the Councils will use to assess applications for development, as well as identifying sites to meet future housing needs, jobs, infrastructure, and open space. To support this consultation and provide further detailed insight relating to future employment needs, land and housing needs, including the type and mix of homes, a Housing and

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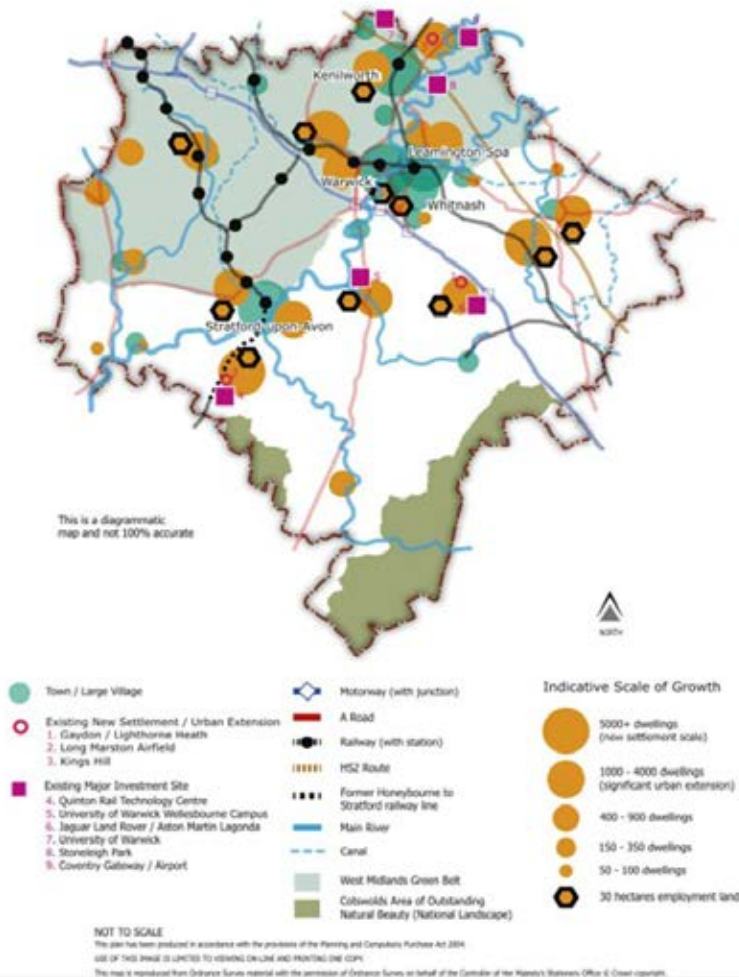
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4 – Sustainable Travel and Economy – a hybrid of all the above options

Option 4 Sustainable Travel and Economy
(Hybrid of Options 2 and 3)



Economic Needs Assessment (HEDNA) has been commissioned. Other supporting evidence has also been produced, including a Sustainability Appraisal assessing the social, environmental, and economic impacts of the emerging plan.’ See: www.southwarwickshire.org.uk/swlp/

While it is impossible to summarise documents of this scale in a view words, the ‘Issues and Options’ section attempts to be led by environmental considerations, but the biggest and most controversial element is house building and where to put new developments. These are driven by a top down methodology from central government (which if you follow the national news, the government in Westminster is still debating)

which say that our District has to provide 868 houses per year up from 564 houses per year. My concern is how these have been calculated (it is largely influenced by projections for Coventry expansion), the mix of houses (the risk of being not affordable for local people and developer led) and not being driven by local need.

It is clear to me that the housing numbers, whatever they are, are not sensibly met by sticking housing around existing settlements as has occurred for decades (centuries even) with consequent pressure on infrastructure. New settlement(s) are needed with proper infrastructure.

However the key issue will be the location for such new settlements. The papers propose some options for where such new villages might be. There are several ideas – for instance building new settlements of at least 5000 homes near railways, possibly with a new station. The closest one to us currently in the papers is a new settlement aligned with the railway route near Deppers Bridge. Other options for development include more development around Southam intended to be business led. I suspect local people will be keen to make representation, given the amount of new housing we already have in our area.

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HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Linda Ridgley - H&L News Correspondent

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

November 2022 Meeting Report

Public Participation: A Petition for a Bus Shelter at Binswood End from 284 residents (especially the children and pensioners who had no alternative but to use the Bus) stated that it was cold and windy being 455 feet above sea level! Chairman Tim Lockley was impressed and had already looked into who might provide the Shelter and the costs.

Funding: Children who played rugby were seeking £550 for flags and bibs. As the Parish Council still had some reserves this was agreed. It was not clear whether the Council was allowed to fund £300 for the Primary School Christmas Trees. In the past these requests had come via the PTA. The Chairman said that both the School and the Church could not be “directly funded by the Parish Council” but that it would support them both with £300 if the request was resubmitted from the PTA.

Library: There was a need to insulate the ceiling and install a more efficient heating system. The library committee had had a meeting with Ed Wilson (who had knowledge in this area) on how this could be achieved.

Village Hall: This had been reinsured. There was discussion about where the Flagpole could be sited and the need for some tree work. Keith Thompson explained that the Hall had raised its hire charges for outside groups and tried to keep fees lower for Village organisations.



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Harbury Energy Project was interested in the “Solar Together” project which it might work on next year, perhaps with other like-minded organisations. They intended to use a Thermal Imaging Camera to show which homes required insulation. The School’s Solar Panels which were not working properly had now been fixed.

Jacqui Harris our Stratford Councillor reported on the lack of Health Facilities for the development at Lighthorne. She would try to engage other villages impacted by this and would pressure MPs to try to get on-site health facilities. At present the new residents were registering with other Surgeries (including Harbury), but there was no public transport available out of the development. Local Authorities were not helping to set up the facilities that were needed and she would keep up the pressure on them.

Environment - Trees: Chairman Tim Lockley agreed to be the temporary Chair of the Swift Box and Tree Planting Projects after Cllr Rutherford’s resignation. The Council would need owners’ consent to be able to plant some of the trees. The Green next to the Dovehouse Autos site and the Mound at the top of Bush Heath Lane were considered to be suitable. Help from the public would be needed to keep the trees well watered.

Swift Boxes: Twenty-one people had so far offered to have these on their homes, but Amanda wanted the PC to help set them up. She wanted the PC to give additional boxes to the Old New Inn. It could cost up to £800 to £1K to install all the boxes.

Facilities: The Playing Fields Car Park had improved signage so that Drivers would know where the entrance to the Playing Fields Car Park was and were warned about the Alligator Teeth! Tennis courts are 50 years old next year! The Chairman wanted the users to be part of any celebrations.

Lighting by LED was cheaper in the longer term. Some columns needed painting. Street lights were still out in parts of Manor Orchard and at the Spinney. Paving at the Chapel Street Garden needed attention.

There were six new members of the Allotments Group who will keep the PC informed on what improvements would be made.

Residents would be kept informed about work on the coping stones on the Manor Orchard wall.

Councillors pondered on where to reallocate the Village Hall Flagpole. They knew that “servicing it” was expensive, and that a light flag was needed to allow it to fly easily.

It was agreed the Cemetery Hedge next to the footpath was an obstacle to pedestrians and would be taken down.

Climate: Julie Balch would publicise the Eco Fair responses to try to help other organisations deal with Climate change.

Other Matters: The Village Club has been relisted as a Community Asset. It needs solar panels and an extended stage and would in future be part of the Council’s reports.

Next Meeting: 26th January in the Village Hall.

Current Parish Council members contactable via the Parish Office are:

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



HARBURY SOCIETY

Sue Turner

As there wasn't a Harbury Society meeting to report on in December, I hope you find these ghostly tales of interest. These first appeared in the December/January 1974 edition of the Harbury & Ladbroke News.

Harbury Haunts

Were you aware of Harbury's ghostly attachments? Perhaps the following will remind you and maybe you know of other spirit friends in the village that would be interesting to hear about.

The old mill down Childyke has a horrifying story of the miller's son who met his death by being mangled in the machinery and is reputed to return to the mill occasionally.

The old infants school behind the church boasts its own spectre. It is said he had to approve of the headmaster or mistress or he made their lives unbearable. I have been told there are holes in one of the doors - the result of his trying to shoot one headmaster whom he disliked. The last headmistress, Mrs. Watts, must have passed muster as he lived a quiet life (?) while she taught there.

The other end of the village doesn't want to be left out and the story is told about a young couple returning from their baby's christening, passing the village pond, at that time on the green by The Old New Inn, - the husband suddenly pushed his wife in and she drowned. He was hanged for his crime but is supposed to return to the scene of his crime. So, when crossing the green some dark night full of a more pleasant spirit, if you get that spongy feeling under your feet walk a little faster!



Village pond at junction of Bush Heath Lane and Park Lane - 18th December 1952

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We supposedly had a witch in Harbury. Before the supermarket was built a row of cottages occupied the site, the first cottage being the home of the witch who used to turn herself into a rabbit, of all things, and wend her way down Childyke. One day a dog chased this 'rabbit' and managed to bite its leg. Being a witch she, of course, escaped but for days after the old lady was confined to her bed with a badly bitten leg. Funnily enough, it isn't long ago that the present occupier was suffering with leg trouble. Again, perhaps we could blame spirit trouble?

Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 17th January: Harbury Society social meeting. Details will be sent to members in early January.

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

Tuesday 21st March: AGM followed by a talk by David Howe. Meeting in the Tom Hauley Room. Doors open 7.30pm. All welcome - free to Harbury Society members - guests £1.

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



HARBURY WI

Mary Thompson

The Christmas meeting on 8th December took place in the Farley room as the Tom Hauley room wasn't available.

Members were welcomed with wine and nibbles. Our speaker for the evening was John Butterworth MBE, a long time journalist who was editor of the Shrewsbury Chronicle for 12 years. John proved to be an excellent speaker and he gave us an entertaining talk about the Lion Hotel in Shrewsbury. The Lion Hotel benefitted from the fact that Shrewsbury was a staging post for stage coaches as they went from London through Southam and onward to Wales.

He told us stories of famous guests including Charles Darwin, Charles Dickens, Niccolò Paganini, Benjamin Disraeli and Jenny Lind. In more modern time artists who were appearing at the Granada Theatre stayed at The Lion - they included Helen Shapiro, Cliff Richard, Morecombe and Wise and the Beatles. In 1984 the film of A Christmas Carol was filmed in Shrewsbury and the entire cast stayed at the Lion Hotel. In 1778 a beautiful ballroom was added to the hotel by John Ashby and it remains very much unchanged today.

John gave each member a copy of his book "Four Centuries at The Lion hotel" which has proved fascinating reading.

Ann reported that seven members had attended the Southam Group Carol Service in Napton on 1st December.

The evening ended with mince pies and coffee and members were able to take a gift from the bran tub.

We look forward to 2023 with an outing to Moreton Hall Gardens on 25th April and the start of a lunch club for members.

We look forward to returning to the Tom Hauley room for our first meeting of the year on 12th January when the speakers will be Michael, Emma and her Medical Detection dog Nula. The meeting is timed 7.30 for 7.45 - visitors are very welcome.

Our New Year Party will be held in the Village Hall on 20th January - 7pm for 7.30pm. Members are invited to bring a guest and either a savoury or sweet dish to share. Please ensure that you let Ann or a committee member know what food you are bringing. The speaker will be David Kelham who is the High Sheriff for Warwickshire.

The Rural cinema commences again in the Village Hall on Saturday 14th January - doors open at 6.15 and the film starts at 7pm. A bar selling reasonably priced drinks will be available as usual. The film will be "Fishermen's Friends 2", a sequel to the 2019 film - the next instalment of the uplifting true story.

Tickets cost £11.50 with fish and chips and two raffle tickets or £6 for film only and one raffle ticket. The tickets can be purchased at the Village Library - cash or card payment. Numbers have to be limited so please don't leave it too late to get your tickets. We have to order the fish and chips in advance so the final day for purchasing tickets will be 11th January at 4pm. N.B no tickets will be sold on the door.



HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

Lynn Macwhinnie

Happy New Year!

The last HTG gathering of the year was our jolly festive singalong at The Shakespeare which resounded with favourite carols and popular seasonal songs, that brought in passers-by too. It was great fun.

Our next event is an open evening in February (date tbc). This is an opportunity to find out how you can get involved with HTG, whether performing, production or front of house. While experience is always welcome, so is the enthusiasm to get stuck in and learn by doing.

In late March (date tbc) we'll be giving a special fund-raising performance of amusing sketches in Harbury Church to support their Heat Light Stone campaign. A warm invite awaits you.

As well as HLN, you can also stay current with our plans by joining us on Facebook and Instagram. Look for @HarburyTheatreGroup and our logo.

Thank you so much for your support in 2022. We're delighted our audiences have enjoyed our performances as much as we do in producing them. From all of us to all of you, every best wish for a Happy and Healthy 2023.



FOLK CLUB

Peter McDonald

1st December was a murky evening but that didn't stop singers coming from far and wide to perform at the 431st session of Harbury Folk Club, celebrating the theme of "Tis the Season to be Jolly".

I started the evening with a little jollity by singing Les Barker's parody (with a Brexit flavour), 'The Hard Cheese of Old England'. Rik followed with the poignant 'Lovers for a day' and then the hilarious 'A Polar Bear Sang in Berkeley Square', both skilfully accompanied on concertina. Recent newcomers to the Club, Dave and Shirley, sang 'Man of Constant Sorrow' followed by 'Blue Christmas', most famously recorded by Elvis Presley (who couldn't make it to Harbury because of the fog). Pete Grassby also presented two contrasting songs - 'The Stranger' (about Jack Frost) and 'The Higgler' (who does a lot of jogging along).

Making his debut at Harbury was Dennis from Lutterworth who started with a Hawaiian Christmas song, 'Mele Kalikimaka' (made famous by Bing Crosby) and then showed great initiative by getting the audience to sing the backing vocals for the House Martins' 'Caravan of Love'. Clearly this was not an evening for folk purists but that's never been a problem for our folk club where anything goes. Bob was up next with Joni Mitchell's sad song, 'River', before singing 'Do You Hear What I Hear', another hit for Bing in 1963. Regular singer Robin teamed up with keyboard player Sally, whom we haven't seen for a long while, to sing 'Winter Wonderland' then Chris de Burgh's 'A Spaceman Came Travelling' with its catchy melody. By now we were thoroughly immersed in seasonal thoughts and it was left to Don to finish the first half with two well-chosen songs - 'Winter Flowers' and a very tasteful version of 'In the Bleak Midwinter'.

The Folk Club Choir started the second half in a seasonal vein with an alternative choral arrangement of 'The Holly and the Ivy' and then revived one of their greatest hits, 'The Giving Song' by Graham Kendrick. I followed with 'Christmas in Australia', which could have benefitted from the addition of a wobble board, then it was time for more lunacy from the Daft Dames. Though missing Maureen, they just about managed to make sense of a set of hand-bells as they sang 'Ring Out Wild Jingle Bells' by the Kipper Family. I introduced Debbie as "our resident poet" but she fooled me by singing two songs: the carol 'Gabriel's Message' and 'Oom-pah-pah' from the musical 'Oliver'. Des brought a little more gravitas to the evening with his distinctive *a cappella* singing of 'Babe in the Manger' and that great song, 'The King', referring to the ancient tradition of hunting the wren.

Still very much in the Christmas spirit, Pete and Liz sang 'Come Love Carolling' then Liz left Pete to perform his amusing seasonal monologue, 'Twas Christmas Eve in Trunch', a version of the original Kipper Family song modified by Pete with local references. There was only time for one song from Frank but his clear, effortless voice made 'The Jolly Tailor' a real treat. Patiently waiting for his spot was Dave Fry who gave a polished performance of 'Santa Claus Is Coming To Town' and then Richard Thompson's great song, 'Don't Sit On My Jimmy Shands', with its irresistible chorus. Finally, it was time for Keith Donnelly to finish the evening as only he can. His first was

'We're Splitting Up for Christmas' which featured his unique split-able guitar (you had to be there!) and his second an original masterpiece, 'The Twelve Songs of Christmas', which was almost impossible to join in with!

The charity raffle raised £78 which was split 50/50 between Cancer Research UK and Ovacome (a support group for people affected by ovarian cancer). The next Folk Club will be at 8pm on 5th January, in the Village Club as usual, when Ian will be the host and his theme will be "Times of the Day".



HARBURY TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Ron Temple

The Association held its Annual General meeting in mid-November where we discussed a number of issues including next year's visit to Samois sur Seine amongst many others. The existing Officers and Committee members were re-elected and Vivienne Little volunteered to join the Committee and was elected. After the formal part of the evening was over members enjoyed some cheese and wine.

Friday 16th December saw our Christmas party being held where we had a number of games and a quiz. An enjoyable evening was had by all.

On the 7th January June and David Eaves have kindly volunteered to host our Fete des Rois party.



HARBURY HERITAGE CENTRE

Bill Timson

As we start a new year some of you may have received a Christmas present of a subscription to one of the on-line genealogy websites such as 'Find my Past' or 'Ancestry'. Compiling a family tree can be very rewarding and interesting but also very time consuming. It also tends to be an activity for the older generation of the family who generally have more time. Unless you have a specific interest in history; in which case come and join the Heritage Group!

At the Harbury Heritage Centre we do not have the necessary software to carry out work on family trees but we do have other resources to help you find out more about your past, especially if you or your relatives originate from or lived in Harbury at one time.

We acquired a copy of the Harbury Cemetery Burial Records last year and we have now had the original photocopies digitised so that searches can be made for family relatives who were buried in the cemetery after it opened in 1875. The record goes right up to 2020.

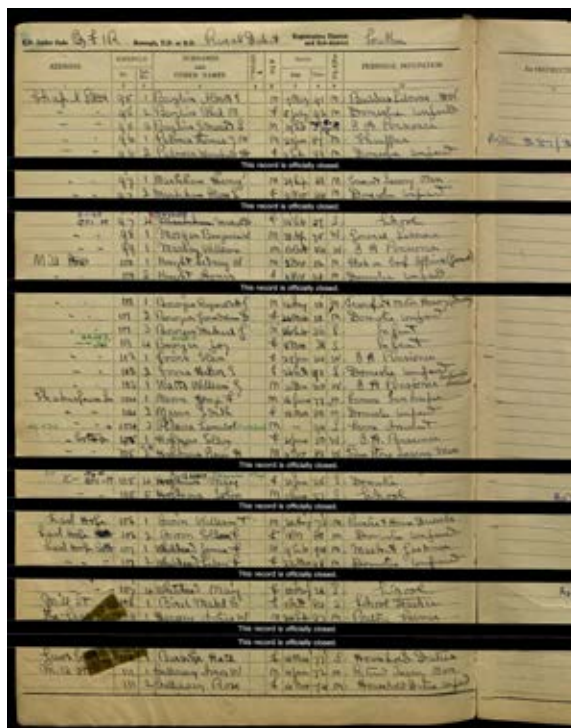
Similarly we have a copy of the 1939 Register for Harbury. This too has been transcribed so that it can be searched much more easily. It not only provides people's names but also the houses and streets in which they were living.

The 1939 Register is the most recent major record of English and Welsh family history. Following the start of the Second World War on 3 September 1939, the British government needed to conduct an accurate count of Britain's civilian population to enable issuing of ration books and ID cards for the direction of labour and conscription into the armed forces. The 1939 Register is therefore the most complete snapshot available of the English and Welsh population on the eve of war. It lists the names, addresses and other details of over 45 million people. The original 7000 volumes of the 1939 Register are held at The National Archives in Kew.

Two days after war was declared the National Registration Act was passed. This announced a 'National Registration Day' on which everyone must register their personal details. The 1939 Register was subsequently taken on the 29th September. The registration details collected would enable the immediate issue of National Identity Cards and, once rationing was introduced in January 1940, to issue ration books.

Although the 1939 Register is not officially a 'census' it has become an important document in terms of reference. The reason for this is because the 1931 records were destroyed during the war and no 1941 census was taken owing to the ongoing conflict. As such, the 1939 Register was the only complete online record of the population of Britain after 1911 until the release of the 2021 Census in 2021. However, access to the 1921 census is limited geographically (currently only available to view free in London, Manchester and Aberystwyth). A paid subscription can give you access on line.

Shown below is a page from the original Harbury Register.



Some of the names blacked out on this page is to protect the privacy of people who are still alive in 2015 when the record was made public. Individuals' records remain closed for 100 years from their date of birth or until proof of death - marked as 'Record Officially Closed'.

The records of the 1939 Register were subsequently used by the National Health Service at its inception in 1948 and became the NHS Central Register, transferred to the Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC) in 2007, and now called NHS Digital.

Thanks go Nicola Thompson and John Holden who have given freely of their time to digitize the Cemetery Records and the 1938 Register respectively for the Heritage Archives.

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CHRISTMAS PARTY 2022



Other News:

If you realise that you need a calendar to record all those appointments in 2023 it's not too late! You can still buy one of our 'Scenes around Harbury' calendars at the library or by calling 01926 713389. We will be making a generous donation to Myton Hospice from the profits.

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HARBURY ENERGY INITIATIVE

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A date for your diary - Saturday 11th March. We are hoping to run a free event in Harbury Village Hall to give information about all the different ways you can make your house more energy efficient, with a definite emphasis on the ways that will save you money as well as help fight global warming.

We are planning that this event will answer many of the questions that were logged with us at the Eco-Fest last Carnival.

Our intention is to have five minute introductions from a range of different presenters, followed by the opportunity for people to talk in detail to these presenters at stalls around the hall. These presentations will cover as many different household energy issues as we can manage, such as government grants, draught proofing, loft, cavity wall, external, internal and floor insulation, heating controls, heat pumps, smart meters and consumption meters, solar PV and hot water panels, battery storage, and the use of an infrared camera for finding out where your house is losing heat. We are planning to run from 12 noon to 3.30pm, probably with the overview presentations at 12.30 and repeated at 2pm. This is so that you can drop in during late morning or early afternoon, hear an overview and visit any stalls that are of interest. At least some of the presenters should be from commercial companies that will be able to organise quotes if appropriate.

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USE of the gas in conventional engines is now happening. Toyota have a hydrogen rally car and Loop Energy of Vancouver are producing a 100kW fuel cell for use in heavy transport. VW have suddenly decided they can make an economical hydrogen car using fuel cell technology from Kraftwerk Tubes. As this has no precious metals it is cheaper, and as it also has no liquid it is not troubled by freezing or drying out. In the UK Toyota are teaming up with Ricardo to produce a hydrogen-powered pickup truck.

Phew! Those are only some of the new ideas, and more information can be found by searching the company names.

A Big Thank You!

This goes to HEI's former chair and now president, Bob Sherman. He has written our articles for the Harbury and Ladbroke News every month for the last ten years! He retains his links with HEI, but as he is now chair of the Low Carbon Warwickshire Network, which is supported by the RSA (Royal Society of Arts and Manufactures) and which aims to bring together all the environmental groups in South Warwickshire, he feels that it is time to pass on the baton. The rest of us do not have his commitment, imagination and fluency with words, so I am sure that we will not be able to maintain his standards. HEI remains active, but we will be able to write only when the muse inspires us!



HARBURY RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Steven Kittendorf

Harbury 13 Coventrians 24

Harbury converted a penalty after five minutes following an off the ball tackle. Injuries to Talamini and Whelan followed shortly after forcing an early reshuffle and Coventrians taking advantage to score two quick goals. Bostock became the third home player to limp off and after some sloppy defence the visitors scored their third try. Harbury rallied from the restart and from the base of a ruck, scrum half Holland sniped over to score his first try for the Club; 8-19 at the break. With a number of yellow cards shown to Coventrians, Harbury put together a sustained attack and were rewarded with Kittendorf going over in the corner. Another off the ball tackle saw Hunt leave the field injured before the visitors dived over in the corner to seal the match.

Upton on Severn 0 Harbury 29

A cagey start to the game saw both sides send probing kicks into the backfield searching for territorial advantage before the visitors slotted an early penalty. Harbury's forwards worked through their systems to gain ground before releasing centre Steve Alford to cut through the home defence and score under the posts. Fellow centre Higgins and

Alford both ran in a try apiece and brother Ricky converting both to leave the score 0-24 at half time. Harbury spent most of the second half stoutly defending their try line giving away a number of penalties as well as being shown a string of yellow cards. The visitors finally managed to break free and score their fourth bonus point try to travel home on the Fun Bus – five league points secured.

Old Yardleians 7 Harbury 24

Harbury's forwards started the match in dominant form with Winchester crashing over by the uprights early on; converted by Alford. Yards immediately replied with sustained attacks on the visitors try line forcing a number of infringements and a yellow card inevitably being shown. A massive defensive effort repeatedly kept the home pack from crossing the try line before the ball was eventually turned over and Harbury cleared their line. Territory gained, penalty slotted and the visitors regaining possession to score a goal before the break; half time 0-17. The second half found Harbury conceding penalties; collecting three yellow cards, giving Yards the upper hand and a converted try. Holland sent up a clever box kick and from the ensuing ruck Milburn claimed a try with Alford converting. The remainder of the match finished without further score leaving the visitors unable to grab a fourth try bonus point.

Harbury sent twenty additional players with the first team on the coach trip over to Solihull. Despite pulling in players from other clubs, Yards could only muster a total of ten players so Harbury players swapped sides throughout the match to even up the contest. With two such mixed sides neither Club could realistically claim a W.

December's cold spell ruled out Harbury's home game against Pershore and the trip over to Rugby Welsh, both being rescheduled in February 2023.



Harbury Rugby Football Club



HARBURY TODDLER GROUP

Lynne Barton

Hello from everyone at Toddlers

Thank you to all the families who continue to support our Toddler Group which runs during term time, Monday morning (9.30 - 11.15am) at the Scout Hut located at the rear of the Library, there is always plenty to do, a warm welcome, a nice cup of tea or coffee

and all this for just £1.50 per session. All welcome you don't have to be 'toddling' to attend.

We look forward to seeing new and familiar faces in 2023 and take this opportunity to wish you all a happy, healthy and fulfilling New Year.

We have a great deal to look forward to in the New Year, many more friendships to make, and we are in the process of preparing our Annual Calendar of events and visitors. Printed and electronic versions will be available at our first session back on 9th January 2023 when we will also be joined by Jessi from Jessi Illustrates, a published Author of Children's books and good friend of ours who will be reading her latest story and signing books which will be available for purchase.



Christmas Party



We organised a very different Christmas Party this year as the Tom Hauley room remained out of action.

We went to Little Monkeys Fun House in Warwick for soft play adventures, climbing, bouncing and sliding. We had a great party room, the place to ourselves and a lovely picnic so all in all everyone was happy.

Father Christmas heard all about our move and came all the way from the North Pole to give out presents and say a cheery Ho Ho Ho.



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



Christmas Crafts

The children have been busy with a wide variety of Christmas-related activities.

We have made some lovely Christmas cards to take home to our families and decorated CDs to hang on our Pre-School Christmas Tree.

The children have also made some fabulous Christmas crowns to wear at our Christmas Songtime and musical shakers which they played at the Nativity Songtime.



As well as our upright tree, the children also had a lot of fun decorating playdough trees with buttons and a tree on the tuff tray.

We added some masking tape in the shape of a tree on a tuff tray and provided lots of pom poms, buttons, mini baubles and tinsel for the children to add carefully to the tree with tweezers. We had some lovely creative designs.

Snow

We were very excited to wake up to a covering of snow at Pre-School this week.

The children had a fabulous time making snow castles and sweeping up the snow together. We also threw a few snowballs at the fence. It was a lovely treat on a cold Monday morning!



Nativity Songtime

It was especially lovely to be able to welcome our Pre-School families into the Pre-School garden for our traditional Christmas and Nativity Songtime.

The children dressed up in their costumes and sang the Nativity songs beautifully. We added a few traditional Christmas songs at the end and the children signed the



Makaton version of Silent Night. We then invited their parents to join in with the signing at the end. We are extremely proud of all of them!

Thank you

The staff would like to say thank you for the Christmas gifts and cards that we have received from parents.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to all the parents and children for their support this term. We are very excited about welcoming back the existing children and meeting some new faces in January.

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



HARBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Lucy Bosley - Headteacher

To love, learn and grow together.

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

My first term as headteacher at Harbury has flown by... it has indeed been action packed but also fun! A highlight of last term, was our Infant Christmas nativity called Innspectors! Luckily, the inn was judged 'fit for a king!'. We also enjoyed singing carols outside in the amphitheatre on a frosty, winter's evening. Thank you to all of our amazing staff for all their hard work. Also, thank you to our parents and carers, who helped support learning lines, songs and providing costumes. Our school choir also managed to visit Galanos house in Southam and sing to the residents some traditional and fun Christmas songs.



For our January staff training day, we are having whole staff Thrive training. Thrive is about supporting children and young people become more emotionally resilient and better placed to engage with life and learning. The Thrive approach looks at a variety of evidence-based practice to help all of our young people. This includes attachment theory, child development theory, neuroscience, play, creativity and the arts.

For the Spring term, we also have a whole school focus reading and would like to increase the number of volunteers coming into school to hear children read. Reading regularly to an adult has been shown to significantly increase the rate of progress that children can make with their reading. As there are many parents, grandparents and carers within the school community, we are hoping that there would be some who would enjoy coming into school to listen to some children read. The more they get to share books with adults, the more fluent their reading will become and the more their love of reading will grow!



Typically, you would work one-to-one with two or three children spending time with each child talking about the book that they are reading and listening to them read. You would work with the same children each week getting to know them and watching them progress. Ideally, you would be able to come into school twice per week. For safeguarding reasons, all volunteers must have enhanced DBS clearance in order to work with children. For schools to apply for DBS checks, there is a cost of around £15, so it is important that volunteers can commit.

Please get in touch, if this is something you could help support with.

A big thank you to **e-Wheels** for helping us to move our **Reverse Advent collections** to local Foodbanks. We had an overwhelming response and it took a few car journeys to move all the food! Thank you to all the families who contributed.



HARBURY LIBRARY & BIBLIO'S CAFE

Rich Fowler

Happy New Year

We wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year, and hope you find plenty of things to interest, entertain and inform you at the library in 2023.

Winter Mini Challenge

As an extension of the Summer Reading Challenge, the Reading Agency in association with the Science Museum are running a Winter Mini Challenge. The challenge runs until 20th February, and children can sign up, online, at summerreadingchallenge.org.uk. They can then set reading goals and unlock digital badges and earn virtual rewards. The Science Museum has created a number of science based activities for children to try at home or in their local library. We have added the things you need for two activities to our collection of children's craft materials, so please come along and make your own Rocket Mice and Bottle Top Shapes.



Spanish Classes will be starting again on Tuesday 10th January. The Intermediate Class will run from 5.30 to 6.30pm, and the Conversation Class from 6.30 to 7.30pm. If you're interested in taking one of the classes please email us at spanish@harburyvillagelibrary.org.uk

FindMyPast – From January you will be able to access the FindMyPast system from the public access computers in the library. Findmypast is a searchable online archive of over 10 billion records, covering everything from parish and school records to migration and military collections from across the globe. Subscriptions also include access to the 1921 census and to the 1939 Register. Our subscription also includes access to the British Newspaper Archive.



Regular Activities

Tunes and Tales will take place on Thursday mornings from 9.15 to 9.45; on Friday afternoons you can come along with friends to play some of the board games in our collection; when Biblio's is closed we will continue to have free "help yourself" tea, coffee and biscuits available.

Sheep Dip Sessions at Harbury Library will resume from March 2023. Please add the following dates to your calendar:

Friday 24th March 2023, Harp & Monkey

"Somehow they produce rousing, heart-warming performances from their odd collection of material, underpinned by fine musicianship. A glockenspiel, mouth organ, banjo, viola and, of course, a harp feature throughout their compelling performances." Manchester Evening News.

Friday 21st April 2023, Jim Crawford

A delight to have one of the finest blues and country blues guitarists in the UK back at the Sheep Dip.....Jim plays the blues with a deftness of touch most can only dream of...

Friday 19th May 2023, Owen Spafford and Louis Campbell

"Rising stars of the folk scene" - Katie Derham, BBC Radio 3.

"Beautiful, swirling, modern English folk music" - Mark Radcliffe, BBC Radio 2.

Tickets for Sheep Dip Sessions £10, all monies go direct to the artists. For ticket enquiries and bookings email michael.luntley@gmail.com or go to the contact page of www.sheepdipmusic.co.uk

Biblio's

Biblio's Cafe will be closed until Wednesday 4th January. We thank you for your loyalty and wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year. We look forward to welcoming you to the Cafe during 2023.

Regular Opening Times

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

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



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



HARBURY CLUB & INSTITUTE

Club Committee

Dates for the diary:

6th January - Bingo

14th January - Quiz

20th January - Bingo

28th January - Kirstie Storer LIVE!!

Happy New year to all our members and friends. 🎊 As we step into 2023 we have a few little changes to inform you of. Memberships are due to be renewed and our secretary and/or our assistant secretary will be in the club Sunday lunch times throughout January between 2 - 4pm if you would like to call in personally and stop and say hi.

There will be a minimal increase to the memberships this year but we are also offering junior memberships, couples memberships and free membership for anyone over 80.

Our chairman sadly resigned recently, we would like to thank him for all of his efforts. Until the AGM our vice chairman, Chris Bradley has stepped into the role.

Another exciting change is we are updating and extending our licencing hours. We will soon be able to offer our facilities for all of our members' functions, events and celebrations, in the day time too! We have a fabulous function room complete with dart boards and a newly covered pool table. A meeting room for smaller gatherings/groups, and our snooker room, it is regularly used but we always welcome new players.

Throughout the winter months we will also be adding an extra bingo, so there is twice the chance to win some cash or try your luck in our raffle. We are your club and always welcome you with a warm environment and a friendly face. 😊

Thank you all for the support, see you soon and here's to a hopeful 2023. 🎊



GARDEN JOTTINGS

Christine Dakin from Bridge Nursery

Do you make new year resolutions? Perhaps have a few plans to do something new or be more organised? Gardening seems to be an activity which is full of hope and optimism. The beginning of each new year will have the potential to be more productive, the weather will be perfect (surely it will), there will be few pests and diseases and all our plants will be glorious throughout the growing seasons.

For those of you who want an easier way of life try the 'no-dig' way of gardening. I'm learning this new method from Nicola and Heather who are both using space here to grow flowers for cutting. They simply put a layer of cardboard on the ground then

add well-rotted manure, recycled green waste or bought in top soil. This can be planted into immediately without having to tackle our horrible sticky wet clay soil. The results (their first year) have been wonderful. An extra layer of compost can be added each year. This will work really well for vegetable growing too.



Do try to avoid using chemicals on your plants and let nature run its course. I'm sure there are fewer flying insects than there used to be, this will affect other creatures further up the food chain. Aphids will get eaten by birds and ladybirds, slugs and snails are also for birds plus frogs and toads but there are nematodes which can be used as a natural control.

Many people are sowing wildflower seeds to attract more bees and butterflies. Leaving parts of the garden a little bit untidy for places for them to hibernate is also worth thinking of doing.

Happy New Year everyone.

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



NATURE NOTES

Martin & Amanda Randall

The crab apple tree that we can see from the front of our house is a real magnet for birds at this time of year. The tree itself is a shelter for blue and great tits as well as a resident gang of house sparrows which all fly from there to nearby garden bird feeders. But now the small red apples are particularly favoured by the visiting fieldfares and redwings that come to this country from northern Europe to overwinter here.

Fieldfares begin to arrive in October and numbers build up as the winter progresses. We saw our first fieldfare in Harbury on 26th October. The fieldfare has a chestnut-



Fieldfare by Kev on Pixabay

brown back and underparts heavily streaked with black. It has a black tail, dark wings and pale grey rump and head. The redwings arrived a little later. They are smaller members of the thrush family; uniform dark brown above and lighter below, with a black-streaked breast, a creamy stripe above the eye and distinctive orangey-red flanks and underwing.



*Crab apples by
Martin Randall*



In winter fieldfares and redwings are very social birds, spending their time in flocks of anything from a dozen or two to several hundred strong. Sometimes the flocks are a mix of both species, which can make identification a little difficult. However, in these flocks fieldfares are noisier, making a “chacker, chack, chack” call as they fly. Redwings are much quieter though in summer they have a pleasant trilling song, much



Redwing by Kev on Pixabay

simpler but harsher-sounding than a song thrush. Only a few pairs of each species nest in northern Britain so you need to travel much further north to see them in their breeding areas. We were fortunate to see and hear redwings singing from telegraph poles around villages in northern Norway when we visited last year. Fieldfares nest in small dispersed colonies. We saw them nesting in willow scrub noisily defending their territories, which they do to deter egg-thieves - often by bombarding them with their faeces (we escaped that particular humiliation!). Smaller birds often nest close by to benefit from some extra protection.

Another member of the thrush family, and one most familiar to us, is the blackbird. It is one of our commonest garden birds. We tend to think that they are all residents, staying in our gardens throughout the year, and it is true that most of the blackbirds that we see from day to day here in the UK do not stray far. But blackbirds are actually partially migratory both within the UK (Scottish populations visit Northern Ireland, for example) and strongly migratory within Europe, with birds from Scandinavia and the Baltics joining our UK residents in winter. In this way, like the fieldfares and redwings, they avoid the colder climate further north, which makes food hard to come by, compared to our less severe winters.

UK blackbirds often change their distribution and habits over the year. After breeding, many of them leave their garden breeding grounds and move to the local fields and hedgerows to feed on the natural berry and fruit bearing trees. The UK resident blackbirds, and some of the continental visitors, start to return to our gardens (and our crab apple tree) later on in winter and then in early spring the migratory birds will fly back to their breeding territories.



Waxwing by David Mark on Pixabay

Aside from the various thrushes, undoubtedly the most exciting winter visitor to the crab apple tree is the waxwing or, more properly, the bohemian waxwing. Slightly smaller than a starling, the waxwing has a prominent crest, peach-brown tones to the plumage, a black throat, a small black mask round its eye with yellow and white in the wings and a yellow-tipped tail. Waxwings get their name from the small red tips at the end of some of their wing feathers, which look like drops of melted wax.

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Their migratory behaviour differs from fieldfares and redwings. Those two species have a set annual cycle of travel between northern Europe and the UK each year. However, waxwings are not seen in the UK in great numbers every year but only occasionally arrive in some years, in what is known as an 'irruption', when large numbers come here. The main reason for this behaviour is because, in a given year, a population of Waxwings in northern Europe may be too large for the available food, resulting in a sudden migration south to the UK. Waxwings in the winter can eat up to 1,000 berries a day, roughly twice their body weight! Consequently, supermarket car parks are also a good place to see these birds as they often have ornamental shrubs with berries.

Remember that 2023 RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch is on the weekend of 27th to 29th January. More details at <https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/>. It is a great way to spend an hour over coffee watching and counting the birds from your window.



HARBURY GENERAL NEWS



HARBURY YOUTH CLUB

Ann Clucas

Harbury Youth Club is for anyone in years 6-13. We meet in the Tom Hauley Room from 7 - 8.30 every other Sunday evening in term time. Come along and enjoy games, crafts, chatting and hanging out with friends. For more information, contact Ann Clucas (07810 874133).



BUMPS & BUNDLES

Carol Jackson and the Bumps Team

After a lot of uncertainty the Tom Hauley Room now has heating that works!

Bumps and Bundles will return on Tuesday 10th January 2023 and on 17th January we will have a small party to which you are all invited.

We would love to see all who have previously come along, Mums, Dads, Childminders and small children and any new people. We also welcome Mums who are pregnant who would like to come along and chat with other people and exchange ideas.

There is no need to "book in", just come along on Tuesday mornings to the Tom Hauley Room, behind the church. We start at 10.30 until 12.00 noon. There are plenty of toys for the little ones to play with and coffee, tea and biscuits for the adults. There is no charge for this but a donation for the teas would be welcome.

We would also welcome any other adults to join our rota of helpers, no great commitment just come along about once a month and help prepare the teas and coffees, (we do occasionally get a cuddle with a little one!).

We look forward to welcoming you all back. Our contact number is 01926 941784.



HARBURY BALLROOM & LATIN AMERICAN DANCING

Amanda Randall

Your New Year Resolution!

Harbury Village Hall Wednesdays - Beginners 7.15pm Improvers 8.30pm

It's official! Dancing does wonders for you!

Not all of us have what it takes to be a Strictly Come Dancing contestant, but if you like to dance you are in luck. Apart from helping to burn off calories and get those joints moving, here are some of the benefits that scientists have discovered about dancing:

- Dancing can boost coordination, spatial navigation and memory – particularly if you are trying to master a new step or routine!
- Dancing releases feel-good endorphins into the bloodstream which improve your mood and relieve anxiety and depression
- Dancing has multiple effects on the brain, including improving thinking skills and increasing creative problem-solving
- People who danced had the smallest cognitive decline of all when compared with cerebral hobbies such as reading and doing crossword puzzles
- It doesn't matter when in life you take it up, any time is the right time to dance *

**Information taken from the New Scientist magazine 18th December 2018.*

No excuses - What are you waiting for?

Come and join us on Wednesday evenings at Harbury Village Hall.



Improvers revising the Cha cha cha

Plan for 2023

Terms will be six-weeks long with a two week break at the end of February.

DATES & DANCES

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

Beginners: Mayfair Quickstep /Waltz
Improvers: Rumba /Quickstep

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

Dances to be announced later

There will be no immediate increase in fees this term, despite an increase in our overheads. The fee remains at £15 per couple per session and is 'pay as you go'.

Make ballroom dancing your New Year Resolution!

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

Follow us on Facebook
(Harbury Ballroom Dancing
Group) or Instagram
@harburyballroomdancing
for further updates.

“KEEEEEP Dancing”!!



Christmas Party



SENIOR CITIZENS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Mike McBride

We ended up with 96 guests this year so thank you all for coming out on a very cold night. We did have some new people this year who thoroughly enjoyed the evening. It would appear that everyone else enjoyed it too, given the thank you cards, letters and your thanks on the night.

The entertainment was provided by Ken and Lol. Ken would normally have played with Phil, but Phil has finally retired, so we were very happy to welcome this “new” duo. The music was great.

We would like to thank Phil for all his



Harbury Scouts

many years of giving us some great memories and entertainment.

We must also thank everyone who donated raffle prizes, there were many of them to give out which were all much appreciated.

As a committee, we could not run this event without the help of all the volunteers that set up the hall and serve the meals and clear up afterwards. In addition to the Harbury Scouts who helped with the setting up, we were also joined in the evening by five young people from the Explorers group who helped serve the tables. As usual we also had partners and family members and friends of the committee who helped out. Thank you one and all and we hope to see you again next year. Please.

The committee would like to wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year and we look forward to seeing you at our events during the year and for giving us your support. Look out for our schedule of activities in the Harbury and Ladbroke News and occasionally on Facebook and the first will be a coffee morning in the Tom Hauley Room on Saturday 18th February!!!



REPAIR CAFÉ

Rich Fowler

The next Repair Cafe will be on Saturday 28th January, from 2pm to 4pm at Harbury Library. You can send us information about items you're interested in having repaired by filling in the form on our website: <https://sites.google.com/site/repaircafeharbury/visit/repair-details>

Repair it Yourself

Did you know that the web is full of guides for repairing all kinds of things. Repair platform iFixit offers tens of thousands of free repair guides in words and pictures. These are all available from the Repair Cafe International website: www.repaircafe.org/en/community/repair-guides/

You can use these step-by-step guides to get started at home, or you can use them to prepare a repair at Repair Cafe Harbury.

Wanted!

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



HARBURY SWIFT VILLAGE - UPDATE

Amanda Randall

Many thanks once again, for all the offers of properties where swift nest boxes could be put up, ready for next spring's arrivals. We now have a waiting list! There are still a few locations that require checking out to see if they are suitable - please don't be upset if your property doesn't have the correct aspect or accessibility for swifts. It is important that the boxes are located only in places that we know swifts would find attractive and

can readily access. However, this doesn't mean your property would not be attractive to other bird species, so you could always purchase an alternative type of bird box. Wild birds need our help, especially with the devastating effects that bird flu will be having on numbers of birds.

Below is a link about siting a whole variety of nest boxes. Position depends on the species you want to help.

www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/advice/how-you-can-help-birds/nestboxes/nestboxes-for-small-birds/making-and-placing-a-bird-box/

If you have further questions or want to report that you have had nesting swifts on your property or a neighbour's, please contact me. That's really useful information which can help us put the boxes in the best possible locations to attract swifts.

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



SOUTHAM MONTHLY INDOOR MARKET

Pam McConnell

Is held on the third Saturday of the month at The Grange Hall, Southam 10am - 12.30pm. Dates coming up are Saturday 21st January, Saturday 18th February, Saturday 18th March and Saturday 15th April.

There is a wide variety of stalls / local produce / refreshments. Admission is Free and so is parking. Contact southamfirst@outlook.com

February Edition - Harbury & Ladbroke News



Adverts to: 36 Manor Orchard, Harbury or e-mail to advertising@hlnews.co.uk by Friday 20th January



Articles to:

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

We have lots of exciting events planned for 2023!

Follow us on Facebook for updates, offers, and events.

Facebook: @RBLCommunityHub Call: 01926 812185 Ext 5365.

<p>Armed Forces Veteran's Breakfast Club</p> <p>4th Wednesday and Saturday of every month</p> <p>10am – 12noon</p>	<p>Café Muse (Free)</p> <p>Dementia friendly Music Café</p> <p>Last Thursday of each month</p> <p>Next dates: Thursday 26th January and Thursday 23rd February 11am - 1pm</p> <p>Call 01789 267567 to book your place</p>
<p>Compassionate Conversations (Free)</p> <p>If you're living with grief and loss, serious illness and bereavement and you want a place to talk about what that's like, this is for you.</p> <p>Times and Dates TBC, follow our Facebook page for updates.</p>	<p>Galanos House Dementia Café (Free)</p> <p>Dementia support group with music and refreshments</p> <p>Last Friday of every month</p> <p>Next date: January 27th, 2:30pm - 4pm</p> <p>Open to everyone, come along on the day.</p>
<p>Nosh & Natter in Association with Warwickshire East Primary Care Network</p> <p>2 Course lunch with a good old natter. Everyone is welcome.</p> <p>Every second Thursday of each month</p> <p>Next date: Thursday 12th January 12 noon - 1:30pm</p> <p>Tickets £10, available from your local surgery</p>	<p>Sporting Memories (Free)</p> <p>Reminisce about all things 'sport' and some gentle exercise</p> <p>Every Wednesday 10:30am - 12:30pm</p> <p>Light lunch available afterwards for only £2</p> <p>Open to everyone, come along on the day.</p>
<p>Winter warm Hub (Free)</p> <p>Every Monday 11am - 3pm</p> <p>Enjoy free teas and coffees, hot soup, and a fresh bread roll.</p> <p>We also have free newspapers, books and boardgames etc. No need to book, just come along.</p>	

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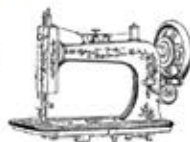
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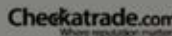
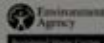
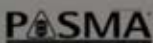
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