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EDITORIAL

A round up of local news

Congratulations to Harbury Carnival Committee for hosting another successful Carnival Day. The weather was fabulous and so was the turnout. King Henry and Queen Emily, looked very regal as they led the procession throughout the village. We have a number of photographs in the magazine this month highlighting the Carnival and Wheelbarrow Race. Our thanks go to Anthony and Graham Allcock, Ken Stephenson and Bill Timson for sending these in.



We have been asked if the magazine with its glossy paper and coloured inks can be recycled. We have confirmed with our printers that should you wish to do so, you can put your copy in the blue recycle bin ready for collection by Stratford District Council.

Following the recent elections, Harbury Parish Council is still looking for villagers to join the council and fill their three vacant seats. If you feel you would like to do your bit by helping to improve the quality of life and the environment in your local area, then do get in touch with the Clerk.

If your child will be looking for something to do in the long school holidays, Harbury Village Library will once again be running the national summer reading challenge with a theme of 'Ready, Set, Read' which launches on 8th July.

In Ladbroke the boules tournament is commencing in July. Also, if you would like to receive details about the forthcoming supper and film night, join their mailing list.

Finally, we extend our condolences to the family of Michael Hare.



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HARBURY DIARY

For local events

JULY

- Sat 1 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Myton Hospice
- Garden Walkabout, 10.00am - 6.00pm, tickets can be purchased in advance or on the day. Buy through TicketSource or from the Library

Sun 2 TRINITY 4

Said Holy Communion, 9.00am, Church

Icon Youth Club, 7.00 - 8.30pm, Tom Hauley Room

Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall

Garden Walkabout, 12 noon - 6.00pm, tickets can be purchased in advance or on the day. Buy through TicketSource or from the Library

Concert by Warwickshire Singers, 4.30pm, the Church

Mon 3 Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall

Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall

Tue 4 Chair based Activity Class, 10.00 - 11.00am, Village Hall

Bumps and Bundles, 10.30 - 12.00 noon, Tom Hauley Room

Harbury Heritage Centre open, 7.00 - 9.00pm, Harbury School - (Park Lane entrance)

Wed 5 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car park - Bishops Itchington (4 miles)

Mothers' Union, visit to Chedhams Yard

Spellbound Dance Classes, 5.00 - 5.30 & 5.30 - 6.15pm, Village Hall

Ballroom Dancing Royalty themed summer party, 7.30 - 10.00pm, Village Hall

Thurs 6 Said Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room

Folk Club, 8.00pm, Village Club

Fri 7 Meeting Point, 12.30pm, The Crown Inn

Sat 8 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Southam Twinning

Reading challenge begins, 10.00am, Harbury Village Library

Sun 9 TRINITY 5

Holy Communion with activity for children, 10.30am, Church

Messy Church, 3.00 - 5.00pm, Tom Hauley Room

Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall

Mon 10 Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall

Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall

Tue 11 Chair based Activity Class, 10.00 - 11.00am, Village Hall

Bumps and Bundles, 10.30 - 12.00 noon, Tom Hauley Room

Wed 12 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car park - Hampton Lucy (4 miles flat)

Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room

Spellbound Dance Classes, 5.00 - 5.30 & 5.30 - 6.15pm, Village Hall

Hereburgh Morris Practice session, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall

Thurs 13 Said Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room

Harbury WI, 7.30 for 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room - Gin Tasting by Daniel Beckett of Pinnock Distillery

- Sat 15 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Harbury Village Show
The Warning - Live music, 9.00pm, Village Club
- Sun 16 TRINITY 6**
Holy Communion, 8.00am, Church
All Age Service, 10.30am, Church
Icon Youth Club, 7.00 - 8.30pm, Tom Hauley Room
Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall
Harbury Heritage Centre open, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Harbury School - (Park Lane entrance)
Children's Bingo, 2.30pm, Village Club
Harbury Theatre Group pantomime script read-through, 7.30pm, Farley Room, Village Hall
- Mon 17 Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall
- Tue 18 Chair based Activity Class, 10.00 - 11.00am, Village Hall
Bumps and Bundles, 10.30 - 12.00 noon, Tom Hauley Room
Harbury PCC, 7.30pm, Tom Hauley Room
- Wed 19 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car park - Venue to be arranged
Connections (Dementia) Café, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
Hereburgh Morris Practice session, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall
- Thurs 20 Said Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
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- Fri 21 Bingo, 8.00pm, Village Club
- Sat 22 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Children's Air Ambulance
Repair Café, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Village Library
- Sun 23 TRINITY 7**
Holy Communion 10.30am, Church
Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall
Merv's Trains, 12 noon - 4.00pm, Village Club
- Mon 24 Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall
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- Tue 25 Chair based Activity Class, 10.00 - 11.00am, Village Hall
Harbury Theatre Group, 7.00 for 7.30pm, Village Club
- Wed 26 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car park - Cropredy (4 miles)
Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
Hereburgh Morris Practice session, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall
- Thurs 27 Said Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
Parish Council, 7.30pm, Village Hall

- Sat 29 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Church - Heat, Light & Stone Appeal
Harbury Local Market: 10.00am - 12.30pm, Village Hall
Black Flowers - Live music 9.00pm with Urban Greek Food Van - Village Club
- Sun 30 **TRINITY 8**
Holy Communion, 10.30am, Church
Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall
- Mon 31 Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall
Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall

AUGUST

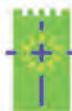
- Tue 1 Harbury Heritage Centre open, 7.00 - 9.00pm, Harbury School - (Park Lane entrance)
- Wed 2 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car park - Venue to be arranged
Hereburgh Morris Practice session, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall
- Thurs 3 Said Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
Folk Club, 8.00pm, Village Club
- Sat 5 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Tracheo-Oesophageal Fistula (TOFS)
- Sun 6 **TRINITY 9**
- Mon 7 Harbury WI trip to Hampton Court
- Tue 8 Tennis Club BBQ Tournament, 6.00pm, Tennis Courts
- Wed 9 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car park - Venue to be arranged
Mothers' Union - hosting the Southam Branch, 2.30pm, Tom Hauley Room
Hereburgh Morris Practice session, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall

Refuse Collection Rota

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

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

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**All Saints
HARBURY**

FROM THE RECTOR

Rev. Andy Batchelor

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Whether in the country or just passing neighbours' gardens or public parks, summer reminds us of the overwhelming generosity of God. Trees and plants flower and fruit in a way that can seem almost criminally wasteful. Bumble bees amble past, drunk on nectar. Neither animals nor humans can eat and use all the fruit that emerges from the trees and bushes.

Often this is the time of year when things slow down around the church. People are on holiday, schools break up, the pews are emptier, and if meetings or work can be put off or avoided - they are! It's often a reprieve, a time of rest and renewal. As I write this we are just a few days away from the summer solstice on Wednesday 21st June, and as a Deanery we will be celebrating the wonder and majesty of Gods creation in Napton churchyard at the regular Forest Church gathering at 7pm - all welcome.

Many who are parents will have summer memories of a child standing on the beach with a bucket and spade making their first sand castle and watching it being washed away by the tide, only to start all over again. Perhaps that memory can become a kind of metaphor for our lives: endings and beginnings as the tides of life swirl around us, and finding the strength and resilience to stand there in the midst of it all, ready to begin again. So may you find the opportunity to be refreshed and renewed this summer, and may we cherish the special memories and joys that summer can bring.



MOTHERS' UNION

Gillian Hare

Unfortunately, our listed speaker for the June meeting was unwell. However, Chris more than saved the day with a quiz; most of us were slightly chagrined when we discovered our knowledge of the Bible, particularly some rather obscure Old Testament characters, was not what it used to be!

Our July meeting will be a visit to Chedham's Yard - the restored forge in Wellesbourne. If you want to go but haven't been contacted about car sharing, please speak to Chris or Jo as soon as possible.

In August, we do not have a regular meeting, but we shall be hosting Southam branch on 9th August, at 2.30pm to celebrate the life of our founder Mary Sumner.

Thank you to all who supported our coffee morning, which raised £147.

Enjoy the sunshine!

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JULY

Sun 2 TRINITY 4

Family Service, followed by refreshments, 10.30am

Tue 4 Photography Club social meeting

Thurs 6 WI, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Sun 9 TRINITY 5

Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am

Tue 11 Table Tennis, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Wed 12 Parish Council, 7.45pm, Village Hall

Sun 16 TRINITY 6

Holy Communion (BCP), 9.00am

Tue 18 Table Tennis, 7.30pm, Village Hall

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Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am

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Tue 25 Table Tennis, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Sun 30 TRINITY 8

Holy Communion (said service), 9.00am

AUGUST

Tue 1 Table Tennis, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Thurs 3 WI Outing to Hill Close Gardens

Sun 6 TRINITY 9

Family Service, followed by refreshments, 10.30am

Tue 8 Table Tennis, 7.30pm, Village Hall



LADBROKE CHURCH NEWS

Peter Rigby

www.ladbrokechurch.org.uk

The period in the church calendar that started at the end of May is called "Ordinary Time" by the Church of England. "Ordinary" because we have been through the cycle of the major festivals - Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter and Pentecost - and now carry on as ordinary Christians. So, in one sense, nothing out of the ordinary has happened in the last month and the plans for next month are as usual.

But as we all know, life has a habit of not staying normal for very long. Events that are beyond our control will happen - we just don't know when. And when they do, your village church is here to help you find the security that only God can provide, and to show love to all. And some might say that that is extraordinary.

Services and events this month:

Sunday 2nd July	10.30am	Family Service
Sunday 9th July	9.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 16th July	9.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 23rd July	9.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 30th July	9.00am	Holy Communion (said)
Sunday 6th August	10.30am	Family Service



Photo by Bill Bosworth

All things bright and beautiful

During June the rambling rector rose at church put on its usual magnificent display. Dawn's equally impressive cut flowers, and produce from other gardens will be on sale for church funds over the summer. Look out for details on ladbrokechurch.org.uk and the Ladbroke Heritage Facebook page.

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LADBROKE & DEPPERS BRIDGE WI

Carol Lane



Anyone passing Ladbroke Village Hall on Thursday, 1st June in the evening would be forgiven for being totally mystified by the gales of laughter, virtually unbroken, for 40 minutes!

The title of our presentation this time was 'Laughter Yoga' which was led by Janice from Pu-Tai Wellbeing.

None of us knew what to expect but within the first two minutes, this totally uninhibited leader had us standing up, clapping above our heads and when she started laughing, it was completely infectious and the whole room joined her.

The theory behind this activity, is that positivity and laughter produce endorphins in the brain which make you feel good. The body does not distinguish between real and artificial laughter so if you force yourself to find something to laugh at, even if you are by yourself, you will start to feel better.

Janice took us through a range of situations, for example, the supermarket queue, where at least a smile to the person behind you can improve everyone's experience.

I personally cannot see myself starting a chain of laughter in the Tesco queue but that says more about me than the technique!

Janice can be contacted on 07566 235577 or at PutaiWellbeing@gmail.com

Dianne led the business meeting which followed coffee.

The coffee morning had been successful and had raised funds which are needed to pay for the Hall and speakers.

The Friendship group had enjoyed lunch at The Herb Centre.

The Annual Warwickshire Federation meeting will be on 26th July from 7pm. Nick Bailey from BBC Gardeners' World will our main speaker and all members are welcome to join.

The Federation Grand Day Out this year is on 2nd August and it is to Cambridge. More information can be found about these and other events at www.warwickshirewi.org.uk

It was suggested that we could have Sale Table at meetings to which people could bring items for sale.

There is still time to book your place on our Summer Outing to Hill Close Gardens on 3rd August.

The next meeting will be held on 6th July when Lucy Morgan will share her experiences of the Travel Industry.

All are welcome.



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.



Our long-awaited **boules tournament** is to be held during July and August culminating in a final match and barbeque on **Saturday 9th September** at the village hall. Team registration is open from early July. More details will be available via our contact list and the Ladbroke e-news email. Alternatively email Helen Morten on shmorten@gmail.com.



Our next supper and film night will be on **Friday 11th August** in the village hall. The film is yet to be decided, but those on our mailing list will receive more information soon. Contact Nicky Lewis on nicolalewis1958@gmail.com if you wish to be added to the email circulation list.



The children's play area on the Millennium Green is over 20 years old and, although quite safe and useable, it is in need of significant refurbishment. We are developing plans and obtaining proposals from various suppliers. This project will require substantial funding and we will therefore be seeking grants and planning fundraising events. If you have comments or ideas please contact one of our trustees.



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). Despite rising costs we have been able to keep our hourly booking rates for 2023 at £15 per hour, or £12 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 Ladbroke website).

Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Draw for May 2023

£50	Sue Moore	£25	Russel Griffith
£50	Andy Hay	£10	Kevin and Kate Picken
£25	Gray Lewis	£10	Josh Robison
£25	Kip Warr	£10	Tracy Juba

Margaret Bosworth



LADBROKE PHOTOGRAPHY

Mike Todman

The June Photoclub meeting was a little different as we all were encouraged to wear some rather fetching glasses. However, these turned out to be the key to enjoying a very interesting talk and presentation from Dr Bob Pryce on stereo (3D) photography.

He started with local history 19th century photographs of Warwick that he had restored (eg. the Lord Leycester Hospital with top-hatted figures standing outside - so real you felt you could see around them), and the modern equivalent shots. He explained how the 3D imagery was created and how he made a lot of his own equipment. Then he showed us natural history macro time lapse photography of the life cycles of butterflies and moths, and 3D photography of some of our cathedrals and churches - particularly stunning were close up shots of roof bosses - wonderful 3D medieval sculptures which are rarely noticed when up to 80ft above ground.

A really good and different evening!

For more information about the club please contact ladbroke.photoclub@btinternet.com



LADBROKE GENERAL NEWS



LADBROKE HERITAGE

Nicky Lewis & Jackie West

The Heritage and Friendship Group's June meeting was on the theme of toys and games. There were fond memories of dolls, a wooden lamb and an ancient lion. *Connect 4* must have had origins in *Pegity* (get five wooden pegs of your colour in any



direction on the board) and *Bagatelle* and *Devil among the Tailors* proved more difficult than they looked. The group are having a break over the summer, so there will be no meeting in July or August, we will resume in September. If you would like the dates or more information please contact Carol on 814715.

Our limited edition Ladbroke Heritage mugs arrived and are starting to grace the homes of the many volunteers and supporters who have helped us during the project. Jackie says, "Thank you each and every one - if I haven't offered you your mug yet, please do give me a nudge".



Congratulations to Caryl and her helpers for finishing the "Who's in the churchyard" project. You can find information and photos of all the legible memorial stones in Ladbroke churchyard on-line at www.billiongraves.com

There is also a printed list in alphabetical order for reference at church. We never cease to be amazed by the number and dedication of people who come to our churchyard to honour the dead or remember a loved one. Last week Jackie met a lady from New Zealand who had brought flowers to put on Christian Land's grave as she wanted his family to know that his friends still remembered him.

One of the project objectives was to promote slow tourism with visitors coming to appreciate what we have, here in Ladbroke. We have been delighted to share our favourite aspects of Ladbroke Church and the history of our village with friends, family and other visitors in person. It's good to see people exploring by themselves too, using our free leaflets or the Treasure Trail (still only £5, with a hefty discount for youth organisations). If you are looking for something to do at minimal or no cost during the summer holidays, come to Ladbroke on a fine day and enjoy all it has to offer. The Millennium Green is a great open space and good for picnics while the church is a fascinating place to explore and has drinking water and a loo, facilities which may be useful if you are here all day. Take a look at www.ladbrokeheritage.org.uk for information, ideas and downloadable leaflets.



Finally, even though it is only June, we are already planning the next Heritage Open Days. At Ladbroke church, these will be on Friday 8th, Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th September and, in keeping with the national theme of "Creativity Unwrapped", our special exhibition will be of photos and artwork by local people. More details next month but if you can't wait till then please speak with Jackie or email ladbrokechurch89@btinternet.com



HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Alison Biddle

Local Council Elections - May 2023

Following the recent elections, we now have just seven parish councillors and three vacant seats. Without a full complement of councillors, it will be more difficult to deliver village services at the same level that residents have become used to over the years.

We are keen to hear from anyone who might be interested in joining the council.

This is a great opportunity to serve your local community and can be very satisfying. Please talk to any of our existing councillors or the parish clerk to find out more.

Susan Ostrander was elected as our new district councillor and we are looking forward to working with her. There was no election for the county council this time so Chris Kettle remains our county councillor. Chris was recently elected as the chairman of WCC, a post once held by his father. We would like to record our thanks to our former district councillor, Jacqui Harris, for all her hard work over the last few years. We wish her well for the future.

Car Park Consultation

We are consulting on a possible extension to the playing fields car park. Full details are on the flyer enclosed with Harbury copies of this edition of the magazine. We encourage everyone to respond.

Overgrown Hedges & Plants

There are a number of areas around the village where hedges and plants growing in gardens are hanging over the footpath and making it difficult for pedestrians to pass by. Please check your borders and if this applies to you, please cut back any overgrowth.

No Mow May

We were very pleased with the results of No Mow May, particularly in the cemetery and at Deppers Bridge playing fields where selected areas were left unmown, resulting in a wonderful display of wildflowers.

Parish Council Meetings

Members of the public are always welcome at parish council meetings. There is a public forum when people can talk directly to the council on any matter on the agenda. The agenda and minutes are published on our website along with lots of other information. Please visit www.harbury-pc.gov.uk



HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL

John Holden & Nicola Thompson - H&L News Correspondents

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

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL - 18TH MAY 2023

Two consecutive meetings were held, the first being the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council. Here the new Council arrangements were determined. Tim Lockley continues

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as Chairman but as Keith Thompson was standing down as Vice Chairman, Julie Balch was voted in to that duty. As our Council is three Councillors short, there are fewer to sit on the six working parties resulting in additional duties for them. The Chairman was hopeful that the vacant seats could be filled over time.

The ordinary council meeting then followed on. Our new District Councillor had sent her apologies as she was having induction training that evening. The only Public Participation item was Rich Fowler, who firstly reported that the annual review with Warwickshire CC had gone well and our library is considered an exemplar of a volunteer run library within the County! He then handed round a 'sensory toy' which the Library is purchasing from a grant made by the W.I.

Planning - with the meeting being held in the Tom Hauley Room, Councillors were able to view the chimney concerned in an application by the Church to remove the Victorian stone chimney and carry the roof slope over the top. Councillors decided to object as they felt the removal was an unnecessary alteration to what was now part of the fabric of the building. The only other application for consideration was the installation of an underground cable on farmland on the edge of the Parish near to Bishops - No representation.

Properties - after a discussion on how best to do a consultation on a possible extension to the Village Hall car park. Councillors agreed to produce a leaflet which would be distributed in the Harbury and Ladbroke News. They also would meet again with the football club, to see if more could be done to encourage visiting away teams' parents to car share. Also whether car park marshalling could be provided on match days. The Chairman also suggested having an electronic diary which could show; Football, Tennis and Netball fixtures as well as major Village Hall bookings to give visibility on potential car parking peaks.

There was someone who might be interested in becoming the co-ordinator for the Allotments Well-being project. The clerk reported that another of the raised beds had been taken.

A number of potential designs for the Binswood End bus shelter had been researched and the favoured design was for a wooden shelter with a Sedum roof. A window would be incorporated on the side looking down Binswood End, so passengers could see the bus approaching. A final decision was still to be taken.

Next Meeting: Thursday 22nd June, 7.30pm in the Village Hall

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - 25TH MAY 2023

The Annual Parish Meeting is hosted by the parish council and is a chance for residents to meet their local councillors, parish, district and county and find out about things that have been happening in the village over the past twelve months. The parish council itself was rather depleted on this evening as three long-serving councillors had stood down at the recent elections. Chairman Tim Lockley said this was a common problem in neighbouring villages and also nationally, and encouraged anyone interested in filling these vacancies to find out more, as being a councillor is a rewarding and interesting experience – please contact the parish clerk on clerk@harbury-pc.gov.uk or speak to any parish councillor.

Planning: Cllr Allen reported that the council was still waiting for the new combined

South Warwickshire Local Plan to be finalised; following this the PC can update the Neighbourhood Plan for Harbury again. For some interesting bedtime reading residents can look at the emerging combined plan website at www.southwarwickshire.org.uk Currently, Harbury has exceeded the number of required new homes allocated to it but this will undoubtedly be revised upwards in the new Local Plan.

Environment: Cllr Lockley said that a notable achievement had been the new Swift boxes. This is an initiative funded by the parish council and supported by a number of village volunteers led by Amanda Randall, which has seen nest boxes installed at around forty sites in the village. Looking ahead, the Environment WP would like to concentrate on planting more trees for the village focussing on using more mature specimens.

Properties: The Properties WP had been busy during the year on a number of projects including replacing the cemetery hedge with a new fence (planting to soften the visual effect is planned), maintaining the play area including weekly visual inspections and initiating the wellbeing allotment project which now has three users tending the newly installed raised beds. There has also been work to improve the drainage on the path at the far end of the playing fields resulting in a significant decrease in flooding. The Council had asked Stratford District Council to empty the bins in the village centre more frequently but, unfortunately, this request had been declined. However, a new bin of modern design to replace the existing very old one, is planned for Church Street.

Finance & General Purposes: The council budget has been subject to significant inflationary pressures not least the increase in the cost of electricity; Harbury is slightly unusual amongst parishes in that it owns all of its 120 streetlights and consequently pays for its own electricity. Most of the lights are LED however which have lower running costs. The lights are kept on all night and the council had previously discounted the option of turning them off during the night as the modifications needed to do this were prohibitively expensive. Due to economies made in other areas however the PC precept increased by 7.9% this year which is less than the current rate of inflation. During the last year, the council distributed some £8900 in grants to local organisations including a £3000 grant to Harbury School PTA for new books. School Headteacher, Lucy Bosley, thanked the council for their support.

Climate Working Party: This has been the first full year for the Climate WP which was formed after the parish council formally recognised the climate emergency. The working party, which also includes representatives from outside organisations including the Harbury Energy initiative, Harbury Repair Cafe and Harbury Future Energy, organised an Eco-Fair held at Harbury Carnival. The aim of the fair was to understand what residents needed help with in order to save money and become more environmentally friendly. Data collected at the fair led to a second community event organised and run by HEI on behalf of the parish council. This was attended by over 200 people who were given advice on home improvements, keeping homes warm and identifying any available grants to help with this.

After hearing reports from the working parties, the Chairman invited contributions from the County and District Councillors. **County Cllr Chris Kettle** said that the biggest source of recent complaints had been three successive contractors digging up the roads and pavements in the village in order to lay high fibre cables. Whilst broadband provision in rural areas undoubtedly needs to be improved, this is excessive and highly

inconvenient for residents, particularly as the first company to lay cable has not even gone live to date. Unfortunately, any private company can apply to WCC for a license for this work provided they meet certain criteria and standards, however there had been a recent incident of the county council withdrawing the license from one particularly poor contractor. Cllr Kettle also highlighted the ongoing road works at the Fosse Way which, whilst inconvenient in the short-term, will make the junction much safer.

District Cllr Susan Ostrander is new to council life as she was elected in May. She was enthusiastic about getting to grips with the role and working collaboratively with the parish council. She thanked her predecessor, Jacqui Harris for all her hard work.

The parish council produces a report every year which features the work of the council and other village organisations. Copies are available from the parish office.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Current Parish Council members contactable via the Parish Office are:

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

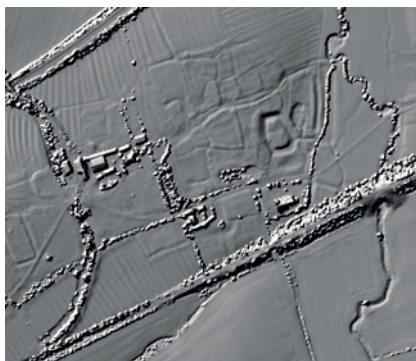
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HARBURY SOCIETY

David Turner

On Tuesday, 16th May, Harbury Society paid a visit to the ancient hamlet of Wolfhampcote, which lies on the Warwickshire/ Northamptonshire borders. Accessed through gated roads in delightful countryside, Wolfhampcote is the site of an abandoned medieval village, its population, most probably, decimated by the Black Death. Evidence of a once thriving community can clearly be seen by the many humps and bumps in the fields around the church, as shown in the Lidar image, though some of them are the result of canal workings dating from the early part of the 19th century.



The village was listed as Ufelmscote in the Domesday Book but today all that remains is a cottage, a farm, the old vicarage and the Church of St Peter. Wolfhampcote was in the possession of Turchill, the Saxon Earl of Warwick, who owned large areas of land in Warwickshire before the Conquest and was the only Saxon to increase his lands after the invasion.

By 1248 the manor is held by Geoffrey de Langeley, who placed a chaplain in the church.

In 1331 the manor passed by marriage to the Peyto family of Chesterton but in 1614 Sir Edward Peyto sold the land to his tenant Robert Clerke and the manor remained with

this family until 1800 when the last male heir died.

In 1826 the estate was bought by Charles Tibbits of Barton Seagrave, Northamptonshire. Later in the century Mary Tibbits married the third Viscount Hood and she still owned the manor at the time of her death in 1904 when it was sold and the manorial rights finally lapsed. Monuments relating to several members of this family can also be seen in the church.

The area of the medieval settlement is listed as a scheduled ancient monument. Archaeological excavations carried out at the site in 1955 established occupation from the Anglo-Saxon period with pottery dating from the 13th to the 15th century, whilst the height of the population is thought to have occurred during the 12th and 13th centuries.

The area around the old village is rich in industrial archaeology. In the 19th century the tranquillity of the area was shattered by the arrival of navvies employed in the construction of two canals and two railway lines. The Oxford Canal passes to the north of the site and this links to the Grand Union Canal at nearby Braunston. The remains of the two dismantled railway lines can be found running through the site. The first is the old Weedon to Leamington Spa (via Daventry) railway, part of the London and North Western Railway (later the LMS), which passes quite close to the south side of the church; this closed in December 1963. The second is the Great Central Main Line which closed to all traffic in September 1966.

In 1221, three murders were recorded in Wolfhampcote: Nicholas de Sawbridge killed his brother, Robert, and fled the scene. As was the medieval custom - a financial penalty was placed on his household and friends. A second case states that Reginald, brother of the chaplain of Sawbridge, killed William del Val, who, striking back, killed Reginald. The third murder case states that a man called Geoffrey killed Robert, son of Richard de Flecknoe, and fled into the church. Acknowledging his crime, he swore an oath to leave the country immediately and not to return, unless by permission of the sovereign.

The Church dates from about 1330, although there were probably earlier churches on the site and possibly even a temple as there were indications of Roman activity in the area. It was changed in 1690 when the top of the tower was altered and it was re-roofed; this was confirmed by finding the date and the initials of the churchwardens at the top of the tower. Some of the pews date from the 14th century. The church then remained virtually unchanged until 1848, when a restoration was carried out by the Hood family, and the mausoleum was added to the east end of the church.



A Royal Coat of Arms of Queen Anne hangs over the chancel arch. It is dated 1711 when celebrations were held to commemorate her birthday and coronation and its style suggests the painting is by a local sign-writer rather than a professional artist. It's possible she came to Wolfhampcote at some point, as she led many 'processions' around the country during her reign, to meet the people.

The church closed in 1910 but reopened two years later at the request of the local residents, however, it was only used occasionally for services. There are two bells in



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the tower; a small one dated 1780 was cast by Pack and Chapman at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry and a larger 15th century one inscribed 'John Sturdy London'. Both bells were repaired in the 1970s by John Taylor and Co of Loughborough.

Unwanted attention was drawn to the church after featuring on a 1950s BBC television programme called 'Stranger than Fiction' when vandals broke in and extensively damaged it. The stained glass windows, the Victorian pews (though, mercifully, not the 14th century ones), the fount and the pulpit were all wilfully smashed. However, the charity, the 'Friends of Friendless Churches', was granted permission to carry out repairs. The pulpit was painstakingly restored and the fount was also re-assembled and repaired. The windows were replaced with plastic, but these are now showing signs of wear and it is planned to re-install new stained glass windows.

John Betjeman, took a great interest in St Peter's church which he visited shortly after WWII, with his friend, the artist, John Piper. He described it as 'a perfect un-restored village church, with traces of painting on the walls, fading monuments, old woodwork'. Writing about their visit, in the Spectator in 1958, he relates how the key they had borrowed wouldn't work, so they had to climb in through a broken window.



Following a talk, the group explored the church and its churchyard and then enjoyed some refreshments kindly provided by the Friends of the church.

Chairman Ed Wilson thanked the Friends for their hospitality and for a thoroughly interesting afternoon.



Harbury Society shared a stall with Harbury Heritage Centre at the Carnival on 10th June

Congratulations to Maureen Handle who recently won 1st and 3rd places in a WFWI photographic competition..

Anyone walking past the Tom Hauley Room on 25th May might have heard a lot of laughter. Eleven members learnt how to play Mexican Train Dominos. We had a really enjoyable afternoon - thanks to Heather and Joan who taught us how to play.

Our speaker on 8th June was Cat Weatherill who described herself as a storyteller, author and poet who lives in a small black and white cottage in Alcester.

Cat had been married for 16 years, living in a hill farm in Wales but never going on holiday.

She found herself single in her 50th year and went on holiday to South Goa. She spent three weeks over three winters in Goa, meeting Roger, Carlos, and Frank, who was German.. She rode pillion on their motor bikes and met Frank again in the fourth year. Lockdown ended Cat's travels and Frank met and married Tanya who had a motor bike of her own. Cat became very lonely and her friend Georgina suggested Cat buy her own bike and have her own adventures. She also read a book called "Fear the Fear and Do it anyway".

Cat asked members what would you do? She suggested you can't overcome fear only manage it.

So Cat bought a bike and booked some training. Hence, Cat now rides on her own and joined a group of women riders called the Curry Group. She has ridden to Lanzarote and Italy.

Frank and Tanya didn't last long so Cat and Frank have had adventures in Spain, France and Thailand.

Cat proved to be an enlightening speaker which we all enjoyed and we know she has more adventures to come.

A group of members walked in the Carnival procession highlighting "Women of The World" - they came 2nd. Thank you to members who provided cakes for our cake stall



and to members of the public who bought the cakes The cake weighed 4.44 kg.

On 22nd June members are planning to visit the Pavilion in Lighthorne for afternoon tea.

At our next meeting on 13th July we look forward to welcoming David Beckett from the Pinnock Distillery, when we shall indulge in gin tasting.

In August we have a trip to Hampton Court on Monday 7th and our Annual Garden Party on Thursday 10th.



HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

Celia Stockdale

Hello once again from a busy Theatre Group! On Carnival day 10th June we performed three songs at the Village Hall, 'We don't talk about Bruno', 'Carol Brown' and 'Love is an Open Door', which we hope you all enjoyed. Also, two poems and three comedy sketches. Thanks to all those who took part and of course to you lovely audience for watching. In addition, we are pleased to say that the group the Drama Queens came fourth in the Carnival games!

Looking ahead we are starting to think about our **November Pantomime, *Jack and the Beanstalk***. The dates for the performances are **23rd, 24th and 25th November** so you have plenty of time to put these in your diaries! We always welcome new members and would encourage anyone who would like to get involved to join us for a read-through of the script on **Thursday 29th June in the Tom Hauley Room or Sunday 16th July, 7.30pm in the Farley Room in the Village Hall**. Even if you aren't sure about being on stage there are many other roles which you may be interested in, for example, singing, backstage, support etc. Check Facebook or look on www.harburytheatregroup.com. Don't be shy, give us a try!

Our next monthly meeting is Tuesday 25th July at the Village Club if you would like to join us. It's a social occasion where we will discuss, amongst other things, the next production as well as enjoying a convivial drink or two.





FOLK CLUB

Ian Hartland

“Repent Ye Sinners’ they shouted. But to no avail. Eleven acts all performed material in praise of the Seven Deadly Sins, the theme for Folk Club number 437 on 1st June.

The evening opened with The Harvesters singing Lazy John (*Sloth*), followed by “Lily Of The West” (*variously featuring Wrath, Lust and Envy*). To follow, Ric gave us “Three Drunken Maidens” (*Gluttony*) and a revised version of a Jake Thackeray song, renamed “The Harbury Ladies’ Magic Circle” (*Pride?*). Robin and Sally were next to the stage with The Small Faces’ “Lazy Sunday Afternoon” (*more Sloth*), and then John Lennon’s “Jealous Guy” (*Envy, obviously*). We were delighted to see Norman Wheatley back at the Folk Club and he commenced his set with “Life Gets Tee-jus, Don’t It?” (*Sloth*), and then Jesse Winchester’s lovely song “No Pride At All” (*Pride*). Debbie was next reading a couple of her self-penned poems. The first, “Under The Radar” (*Wrath*), and then “Forbidden Fruit” (*Lust and probably Gluttony*). The first half was brought to a fine conclusion by Peter McDonald with Tom Paxton’s “I Thought You Were An Arab” about an FBI ‘sting’ operation (*Greed*), and he performed “The Trunch Temperance Marching Song” which asks: “are you dry?” (*Gluttony, most likely*),

The second half began after a relaxed break as we had only five more acts to feature. Don kicked off proceedings with Gretchen Peters’ “When All You’ve Got Is A Hammer” (*Wrath*), and the appropriately-named Fairport Convention song “Sloth”. Des commenced his set with what he described as a ‘Stevadore Shanty’, “Fire Marengo” (*Lust*), and followed that with “Rolling Back The Welfare State” (*Wrath, Greed and Gluttony*), Dave was next to entertain us and commenced with one of the shortest Beatles’ songs of all, “Her Majesty” (*sin not identified*). He then sang Harry Champion’s Music Hall favourite “I’m Henery The Eighth I Am” (*probably all SEVEN sins accounted for in that monarch’s lifetime!*). Keith Donnelly followed and may have veered away from the theme a smidgeon with his “Invisible Bob” and then his technology-assisted “What Use Is A Loop Pedal”, proving that with just four repeated chords you could sing a seemingly endless medley of hit songs. To complete a thoroughly enjoyable evening, Pete Grassby provided an unaccompanied Scottish song detailing how a group of unarmed women defeated a small army (*almost certainly Lust*). To close the evening he sang “It’s A Sin To Tell A Lie” (a hit for ‘The Ink Spots’, amongst others) which wrapped up the evening’s theme nicely.

The raffle raised £52.00 for Myton Hospice. Thanks must go again to Harbury Club for providing such an ideal venue for live music which is, after all, what a Folk Club is all about. Next month’s Club will be on Thursday 6th July when Peter McDonald will host proceedings with the theme of “Pleasant And Delightful”.



HARBURY TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Ron Temple

A good number of our members visited Samoio-sur Seine at the end of May for our first exchange meeting since before the Pandemic. On arrival at the very picturesque village we were greeted by the Mayor with a drink and a finger buffet. What was nice to note was that this is the twenty fifth year that our villages have been twinned.



HARBURY HERITAGE CENTRE

Bill Timson

The 'cost-of-living' crisis is very much a talking point at the current time. Energy and food bills have risen sharply over the past year and affect us all. This month I thought the reader might find it interesting to look at food prices over the years and how they compare with today.

Harbury has been blessed with many shops and, at one time, residents would not have had to venture out of the village for all or most of their needs. In the heritage collection we have copies of 'Kelley's' and 'Spennell's Trade Directories from the past. Kelley's Directory was first printed at the start of the Victorian era (1837); due to a lack of demand the last one was printed in 1980. Yellow Pages may well have been its successor. We have a Spennell's Directory dated 1924 in our collection (HM 323). It provides a fascinating insight into village life and families, supplementing the censuses which were only compiled every ten years.

The first name on the list is GT Alcock - Butcher - High Street. The photograph above right shows the shop (now Phoenix House opposite the Co-op), about one hundred years ago.

Right, a little later, a similar view with the butcher's van on the left and a new shop sign.

Recent posts on 'Harbury in Pictures' Facebook page showed the Co-op in 1937 decorated for King George's Coronation. This prompted me to get in touch with the owner, Martin Major, whose mother Isabella Major (nee Fletcher) lived in Pineham Avenue. Martin kindly lent me some family photographs and documents so that we could make copies and add them to our collection.

On returning the items, Martin gave me his mum's grocery order book from 1963 which was



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used at 'The Stores' in Church Street; known affectionally as 'Top Shop' and run by the Taylor Family until it closed in 2003. The list would be made in the book and handed into the shop. The groceries would be supplied and the prices added. The bill would be paid and a receipt issued. The prices of course are in £.s.d, pounds, shillings and pence.

If you don't remember 240 old pence (d) to a Pound (£).

So, let's have a look at those prices from sixty years ago and compare them with 1985 when the same shop was selling 'Peacock' branded goods. Today's comparison is shown in the right-hand column.

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Biscuits 1s 5½d (7 pence)	Biscuits 20 pence	Biscuits 55 pence (Tesco)



An interesting exercise and yes, I know, all relative. If you want to find out more about Harbury and its shops, we have a book available to buy titled 'Let's go shopping in Harbury', compiled by Nigel Chapman and the children at the primary school (2013). Come and buy a copy at the Heritage Centre.

We are **next open** to visitors on Tuesday 4th July 7-9pm and Sunday 16th July 2-4pm.

FAMILY TREASURE HUNT- we have decided to move this event into September.

It will be on Sunday 17th September from 2pm. Make a note in your diaries for a fun afternoon. **Cost per family ONLY £5**

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HARBURY RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Steven Kittendorf

Forty-one tourists, from 18 to 80 years of age assembled at The Gamecock at 10.00pm on Thursday 11th May, for their 60th Anniversary **Blind** Tour to the announcement that they would be flying to Perpignan in the South of France. Landing at 8.00am local time, the tourists checked into their apartment before spending time by the pool. Mid-afternoon the group moved onto a local hostelry to entertain the locals with a full repertoire of songs. Deprived of sleep for over 20 hours, the tourists travelled to French club, Les Zespoirs, to play in a somewhat hazy match, kicking off at 8.00pm. Saturday was spent at the beach-side bars before travelling to Toulouse late in the afternoon. Sunday was spent at the Stade Ernest-Wallon stadium for the HSBC World Rugby Sevens. A quiet Monday saw the tourists arrive back at the Gamecock when the tour was officially drawn to a close at 8.30pm.

For the second year running, HRFC supported the Harbury Local Market on Saturday 27th May held at the Village Hall. Joe, Alisha, Rachel, Julian and Mike manned the

kitchen, providing bacon butties, tea and coffee to market goers. Anne and Tricia were very persuasive running the raffle stall. Thanks to Harbury's team (Captained by Ben Linnet) and the Local Market team for making it a very successful morning.

Saturday 3rd June found HRFC manning their usual stop at the corner of Farm Street with Park Lane for the annual wheelbarrow race, supplying half pints to the competitors. On Monday, the village games kicked off with table skittles at the Crown with HRFC sharing the top spot. On Tuesday, HRFC hosted the games for the first time and claimed a win with the Horseshoes. Back-to-back wins at the Shakespeare playing Aunt Sally on Thursday. The Quiz on Friday showed that we are not just athletes with pretty faces coming in a respectable 3rd place to wrap up the games as overall winners and collect the first silverware of the season!

HRFC entered a "**Rugby World Cup 2023**" float in Saturday's Carnival procession marshalled by Linno. Pete Westland came up with the trailer and drove Ian Mann's shiny new tractor through the village. The float was manned by members from all sections of the club, embracing our "**# One Club**" vision. The Carnival honoured life-long villager and Club stalwart Adrian 'Pecker' Exton, his shirt on full display on the float.

With the Floats finally making it to the park, the crew disembarked and went to join others at the HRFC '**Rugby Challenge**' stall. TK and crew proved popular with over one hundred families taking on the challenge of an inflatable set of posts, passing targets, and an obstacle course,

On a sun-soaked Sunday, the M&Js combined their end of season awards with a 60th Anniversary Funday at the Club with bouncy castles, live music, BBQ and best of all, coaches in the stocks! A great time was had by all teammates and fellow side-line supporters.

A new award was introduced this year this year called the Jerry Birkbeck **TREDS** (Teamwork. Respect. Enjoyment. Discipline. Sportsmanship). Each age group nominated a player that represented those core values best throughout the season. This year it went to U15 Tyler Angove, great work!



HARBURY TENNIS CLUB

Colin Mercer

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

This year, members Dan, Emma, Jeunine, and Josh have decided to build on their 2022 12-hour challenge and go for Sunrise to Sunset on Sunday 16th July, that's 16 hours and 16 mins (ish!) They are raising money for Birmingham Children's Hospital & Mind, two charities close to their hearts, and would very much appreciate any donations via www.justgiving.com/team/HarburyTennisathon

The Club welcomed 15 Harbury Cubs for a Tennis Taster session with Coolsportz coach, Dan James. The session was organised by the Cubs' Leader David Bristow and gave them the opportunity to get a Challenge Award badge.

The Banbury Summer League fixtures are now underway with Harbury's "A" team



playing in Division 2 and the “B” team in Division 3. After 5 matches the “B” team are in second place despite losing the last 2. The first was a narrow 4-5 defeat for Jeunine Crabtree, Clare Callaghan, Mickey Hurtubise, Nigel Eaton, James Edge and Ian Reynolds when Byfield “C” were the visitors. Next up was a long away trip to Charlbury the division’s runaway leaders with Clare, Nigel and James being joined by Sue Panton, Hannah Benjamin and Tom Woodhead who made his debut for the club in a 2-7 defeat.

The “A” team have only played two, both away, winning one and losing one. The first was at Middleton Cheney and Emma Brangwin, Jane Minchin, Jeunine, Rick May, Ed Lockley and Ash Chand suffered a 2-7 defeat. For the trip to Deddington Lucy Ewen, Ben Fish and Nigel Eaton teamed up with Emma, Jane and Ed and chalked up a first win of the season 6-3.

The coaching programme delivered by Coolsportz coaches, Lianne Candappa and Ian Shorrocks, offers sessions on Mondays and Fridays for all age groups including Cardio Tennis on Fridays. All sessions are open to non-members, if you’re interested, please contact Lianne Candappa on 07919 104093 or lianne@coolsportz.co.uk



HARBURY TODDLER GROUP

Lynne Barton

Hello from everyone at Toddlers

We are now back and in full swing.

It was great once again to welcome familiar and new faces. Our parents are always warm and welcoming and make a point of chatting with ‘newbies’. Thank you for your continued support.

Space the final frontier

Not quite the Starship Enterprise but the children enjoyed colouring the hideaway rocket, exploring the purple glitter dough, foam rocket tray and sensory cube.

We had the story of Meg and Mog, borrowed from the Library, for the occasion. It’s Mog’s (that’s the cat for those not in the know) birthday and he decides he’d like to go in a space ship for his birthday treat. One quick spell and we all were transported and transfixed.

Carnival



July 2023



We were so pleased to have some siblings join us as Harbury school had a training day.

In response to our shout out for help in the previous Harbury News magazine we have a new volunteer join the team. We are sure some of you will recognise Gill. It was her first session and she was presented with our version of a space suit and she was completely unfazed, what a morning; it was only supposed to be her introductory session !! but she is coming back for more adventures.



Plans for the future

We have a lot to look forward to until the end of the Summer Term including:

- Secret Dens with Deb Dutton
- Music with a singer from 'The Pips'
- Mini Bamboo soft play

Summer Trip

Our end of term summer trip is booked for Hatton Country World, with tractor rides, magician, animals and much more.

And finally

With much affection, stay safe and we look forward to seeing you all very soon. Monday @ 9.30 to 11.15am. Our cost per session has remained constant for almost a decade and £1.50, we feel, presents good value particularly in a cost of living crisis. We wish you all a lovely summer break. See you in September.

Love from Lynne, Selina, Debbie and Judi x x



HARBURY PRE-SCHOOL

Staff and Committee

Carnival - 50th Celebration for Harbury Pre-School

Harbury Pre-School is fifty years old and what better for the carnival float than a birthday celebration theme! The children and staff dressed up in their party clothes and the float was decorated with balloons, self-portraits that the children had painted of themselves, a big birthday cake with 50 candles coloured in by the children and some hanging cardboard '50s, again coloured in or collaged by, our lovely pre-schoolers.





The children looked fabulous and rode the float in style from Sutcliffe Drive to Harbury Park. Well done to the children on such a hot day.

A Huge Thank you!

On behalf of Harbury Pre-School staff and Committee, we would like to express our sincere thanks to the following organisations and individuals for their support with the Carnival. In no particular order: Heather and George Clarke for lending and driving the tractor, the Co-op and Tesco's for their generous food donations, the Hadley family for lending us the trailer, the Gamecock for the loan of the BBQ and Shane (fruit and veg man) for the onions.

Thank you all the parents, grandparents and carers who helped decorate the float, helped with the BBQ and provided amazing costumes for their children.

A huge thank you also to our wonderful pre-schoolers for coming along on the day and producing all the artwork on the float. Our carnival float would not have happened without them.

Museum Role Play

The children have been really taken with our museum role play. We have a number who love to play 'explorers' and discovering items so we set up some different 'artefacts' on trays in the role play area with some magnifying glasses and binoculars. The children had the opportunity to dress up as explorers and look at the objects which included pinecones, shells, leaves and a collection of 'minibeasts' The children were asked to bring objects from home and items received so far include an owl feather and a bone found in a garden.



Butterflies

Right on cue, in the final week before half term, the first Pre-School butterfly emerged from its cocoon! The rest emerged in the days that followed. The children looked after them extremely well, feeding them fruit and sugar water.

On the last Friday before half term, they were ready to be released. They needed a little encouragement to leave their net but were soon fluttering around the Pre-School garden.

Places filling fast: We have a record number of pre-Schoolers currently enrolled and some of our sessions from September 2023 are already full. If you are considering Harbury Pre-School for your child, please do get in touch.

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

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Alive 2023

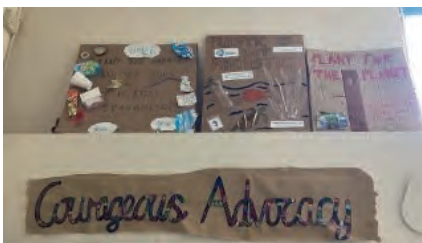
Years 4 and 5 went to this amazing event which was organised by the Coventry Diocesan Board of Education in partnership with Imagine Ministries and Feed the Hungry. The event was hosted by singer, songwriter, author and presenter. Shell Harris. The iSingPOP team brought life and energy to the party as they lead in songs and interactive worship. Chip Kendall and his 'Orbitron Crew' took everyone on an intergalactic worship journey.



The Great Big Green Week!

During The Great Big Green Week, we had a parent with a group of children lead worship! It was interactive and engaging. It really made us think about how we can make a difference and be courageous advocates.

The Great Big Green Week is the UK's biggest ever celebration of community action to tackle climate change and protect nature. It is a time when people across the UK will celebrate the heartfelt, brave, everyday actions being taken to stand up for nature and fight climate change. The Great Big Green Week will take place between 10th-18th June. Our world is being affected by climate change and we can see its effects here in the UK and in all parts of the world. There is lots that is being done to tackle climate change and protect nature but there is still lots more that can be done. The Great Big Green Week is a



time to show our leaders that we care about our planet and need to work together to do what we can to protect it.

This is something that we will have as a priority for next academic year. If anyone would like to help us care for our planet better at Harbury CE Primary School, please get in touch.



HARBURY VILLAGE HALL

Andy Rutherford

Our summer events at the Hall have been going very well so far! The weather has been co-operating very nicely. There is still the beer festival to look forward to at the beginning of September and, this year, it will also feature a specialist GIN tent. The Village Show is also just around the corner.

We are working on plans to get the roof cleaned, the main Hall floor sanded and resurfaced, and curtains replaced. There will be some disruption but we hope it will be very limited.

There is a misconception that the Village Hall is well off, with plenty of spare cash. We need to be clear that we have funded all of our building work by chasing particular grants, and the terms of the Grants do not allow their funds to be spent on running costs. In the middle of last year, with running costs rising very rapidly, and income remaining stagnant, we took measures to protect our future by increasing our hire charges. As our new Treasurer has pointed out, we ended the year with a small surplus. The Village Hall is obliged to maintain a significant contingency fund against severe need - to protect the future of the Hall.

We have had some Committee changes during the last year, with Sue Littlewood and Pam Keane resigning the posts of Treasurer and Booking Secretary respectively. These are both very busy roles, and replacements were hard to find. We are more than pleased with our new recruits Clare McGurk and Stephen Friling. Our longest serving Trustee, Janet Thornley, has also resigned, but having considered a move to Cornwall it looks like she will be staying to keep an eye on us.

Looking to the future I would like to see a modern projector installed, better equipped for streaming, and easier to use for presentations. More grants to find!



HARBURY LIBRARY & BIBLIO'S CAFE

Rich Fowler

Sensory Toys

The sensory toys purchased thanks to a grant from Harbury WI are now in regular use in the library.

Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge launches on Saturday 8th July. This year, the Reading Agency has teamed up with the



Youth Sport Trust to create 'Ready, Set, Read!', a Challenge that's all about sports and games. Children will join a fictional team and their animal mascots as they use their skills to weave their way through a summer obstacle course.

During the school summer holidays there will be displays of children's books about sport, games and exercise, and we'll be running two children's craft workshops and, we hope, an extra event based around the Ready, Set, Read theme.

To keep people informed about Summer Reading Challenge events and activities we'll be sending out three emails during the course of the summer. If you'd like to receive the emails please email us at library@harburyvillagelibrary.org.uk, or fill in our online sign up form at:

www.harburyvillagelibrary.org.uk/frm/src2023



Harbury Carnival

Thank you to everyone who visited us at Harbury Carnival this year. We received £46.83 in donations which will go towards the purchase of new books.

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Tunes and Tales

Continues on Thursday mornings from 9.15 to 9.45am. Stories and songs for babies and toddlers.

Board Game Fridays

Come along with friends to play some of the board games in our collection, or bring your own. Board Game Fridays start at 1.30pm. Tea, coffee and biscuits available.

Classic Book Group

Our group meets in the library on the third Thursday of every month. We aim to read, and discuss, those "classic" books you always meant to read, but never did. If you're interested in joining us please email BookGroup@harburyvillagelibrary.org.uk.

Warm Welcome

When Biblio's is closed you can still drop in just to work using our WiFi or public access computers; print, copy, scan and laminate; sit and read, including a daily copy of the iNewspaper and the weekly copy of the Leamington Courier. All while helping yourself to free tea, coffee and biscuits.

Biblio's

Why not meet friends for a hot drink and homemade cake? Our friendly volunteers will be waiting to serve you in Biblio's Cafe on any of the days and times when the Cafe is open, as stated in this article.

REGULAR OPENING TIMES

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

Biblio's Cafe

Wednesday to Friday - 9.15am to 12 noon, Saturday - 10am to 12 noon

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



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HARBURY CLUB & INSTITUTE

Club Committee

It was a great turn out for the wheelbarrow race; there were some brilliant costumes coming by to grab their beers/water before the big push up hill to the Crown.

Good fun was had by all the club team members who took part in the carnival games. The Village Club was so proud and excited to have been awarded 1st prize for their float "Monopoly". A big thank you to Pina from Kleinman Properties for sponsoring us and Mary-Anne for the loan of the trailer and pulling it on the day.

Please join us on the 15th at 9pm for Live music with The Warning. (Non-members £2 entry for Live music). Bring the children along on the 16th at 2.30pm for a game of bingo and win some great prizes. Adult bingo with snowball and cash prizes on the 21st at 8pm.

If you have missed them before, Merv's Trains (clockwork) will be back on the 23rd 12pm - 4pm.

Back by popular demand on the 29th Black Flowers Live music 9pm with Urban Greek food van in the carpark. (Non-members £2 entry for Live music).

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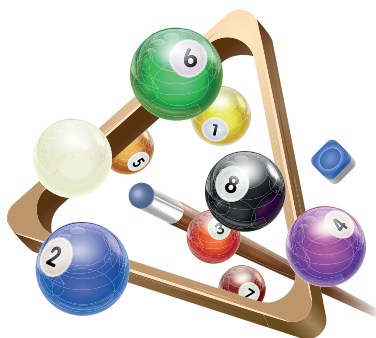
Thursday 7pm -11pm

Friday 7pm -12am

Saturday 1pm -12am

Sunday 12pm -11pm

We are licensed for parties and functions both within and outside of these hours.





GARDEN JOTTINGS

Christine Dakin from Bridge Nursery

After complaining about the weather last month I shall continue to grumble because there were just a handful of days when the ground was not too wet to plant new plants. I daren't plant anything now, it's too dry.

I grew up on a small holding where my parents grew salad crops commercially. From a very young age, my brothers and I helped and got our hands dirty. We worked in a couple of acres of glasshouses and the jobs were stringing, side-shooting, de-leafing and then picking and grading tomatoes. Then they were sent off to Covent Garden wholesale market. Filthy work, I still hate the smell of the plants but like the fruit. Interestingly the small fruit were not considered desirable so local Italian families would come and strip the plants at the end of the season to make tomato sauce and passata. My 93 year old dad still grows half a dozen plants each year!

- Dead-head roses and regularly pick sweet peas.
- Feed tomato plants use 'Tomorite' or liquid seaweed
- Pick peas and beans before they get too big.
- Dig up early potatoes.
- Sow more carrots (but not too thickly like I did).
- Try growing some mixed salad leaves in a pot so you can cut them regularly.



Later this month the onions, shallots and garlic might be ready; wait til the leaves have died down.

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



NATURE NOTES

Martin & Amanda Randall

At the end of May, we were fortunate to be invited to stay in a relative's house in Andorra. Andorra is a tiny, landlocked principality situated between France and Spain in the Pyrenees mountains. It's best known for its ski resorts and tax-haven status. There's stunning scenery and, once the snow melts, outstanding walking to enjoy; the average elevation is almost 2,000 metres (over 6,500 feet).

Officially called the Principality of Andorra, this sovereign microstate is thought to have been created by Charlemagne in the Middle Ages. The principality has been ruled jointly by the leader of France and the Spanish bishop of Urgell (in



www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-17028050

Catalonia) for more than 700 years; they are still joint co-princes and heads of state, but the roles are honorary. The official language is Catalan. Though not a member of the EU, Andorra has a special relationship with it and uses the Euro.

Andorra's dry climate is typical for a mountainous country; it has cold winters and mild summers with a large number of sunny days. Nonetheless, our first excursion into the mountains of Sorteny Natural Park began very wet and rather chilly! This did not detract from the spectacular scenery and superb spring flowers in the high alpine meadows, and when we reached the mountain refuge building we were rewarded with a roaring log fire! There is a network of mountain refuges in the Pyrenees where you can stay the night if you are trekking.

Andorra is known as the 'Flower Garden of Europe'. Our mountain hikes took us through alpine meadows full of wild flowers including a variety of orchids, gentians, and narcissus.

The Poet's Narcissus (also known in the UK as Pheasant's Eye) is the national flower of Andorra and as we walked through the Juclar valley, we were treated to meadows full of these delicate, highly fragrant flowers. The Poet's Narcissus has several mythical links. Eighteenth century Swedish botanist Carl Linnaeus gave the flower its name perhaps because he believed it was the one that inspired the tale of the Greek hero Narcissus, a story handed down by poets since ancient times. In one version of the myth, the exceptionally handsome Narcissus was cruel and uninterested in anyone who sought his affection, rejecting all romantic advances. He eventually fell in love with his own reflection in a pool of water. He was punished for his cruelty by Nemesis the Goddess of vengeance who turned him into a Narcissus flower. Another story relates how Persephone was gathering Narcissus flowers when Hades abducted her into the Underworld.



Field of Narcissus



Elder orchid

The Pyrenees have an abundance of orchid species, including Greater Butterfly orchid, Early Purple orchid and Elder-flowered orchid. The latter is the most common in the Pyrenees, preferring the high meadows. Curiously, Elder-flowered orchids either have purple or yellow flowers and the two colours frequently occur together - yet both types are the same species. Their name refers to the flowers' slight scent, which resembles that of elder flowers.

These mountains are also famous for gentians; we spotted two different species: the stemless trumpet gentian and smaller spring gentian. Sometimes, hidden among the short vegetation, spring gentians may go unnoticed, but when you do find them you

will be surprised by their startling deep-blue flowers. Spring gentians are sun worshippers, closing as the weather becomes dull, leaving nothing to see but small, dark-blue spikes. However the flowers quickly open again when the sun emerges from behind the clouds. In Britain, spring gentians are very rare,



Trumpet Gentian



Spring Gentian

occurring in only a few places such as Teesdale in the north Pennines. If you watch BBC Countryfile you may have recently seen 96 year old Dr Margaret Bradshaw talking about the very special Teesdale flora, including gentians!

The climb up the trail up to Juclar Lake, the largest lake in Andorra, was moderately challenging as there was still snow lying quite deeply in parts. Near the snow line, we came across the yellow Spanish daffodil which occurs higher up the mountain than Poet's Narcissus.



Wild daffodils

Another interesting plant find was Butterwort. This insectivorous plant has leaves that produce a sticky liquid that attracts unsuspecting insects. Once trapped, the leaves slowly curl around the prey and digest it. The plant grows in nutrient-poor environments and evolved this carnivorous mode of life to supplement its diet. It gets its name from the time when people believed that rubbing the juices of its leaves into the udders of cows would protect against evil and bad butter!

While we were in Andorra, we heard cuckoos calling in the valleys, but we were delighted to receive reports at the same time that a cuckoo had been heard in Harbury! Sarah Smith and Hugh Tottle both heard one towards Temple End and Chris Sherman heard a bird calling on consecutive days down by the railway line! The cuckoo is another of our increasingly rare summer visitors from Africa, with a loss of three quarters of the British breeding population in 25 years. Scientists believe that habitat loss and also drought caused by climate change, are making the cuckoo's epic journeying more hazardous.



Butterwort

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HARBURY GENERAL NEWS



HARBURY DISTRICT COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Susan Ostrander (Cllr Harbury Ward)

Election

The administration formally handed over to the majority Liberal Democrats in an Annual Council meeting on 24th May 2023. Some of you may be interested in how the Council is run. Employed staff operate the day-to-day services of the Council, whereas strategic direction and policy are set by the elected Councillors. In many ways it is like national government where there is a Leader (Prime Minister) and Cabinet. In the case of Stratford District, the Cabinet now has a Leader and six other members drawn from the majority Liberal Democrat group. At the formal handover from the Conservatives, Dr Susan Juned was appointed Leader of the Council. Nigel Rock, previously District Councillor for some of this ward, has been appointed Deputy Leader. Further details of other Cabinet appointments may be found in the press release here:

www.stratford.gov.uk/news/press.cfm/current/1/item/137984

Funding for Community Projects

Up until the 14th July Stratford District Council is inviting project submissions to be considered for two alternative funding streams. These are, firstly, the Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF)/Rural Shared Prosperity Fund and, secondly, the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Fund. The themes for the SPF include projects for Community and Places and Support for Local Business. Further details and an application form can be found here: www.stratford.gov.uk/people-communities/ukspf-update-december-2022.cfm

Questions regarding this funding stream can be sent to UKSPF@stratford-dc.gov.uk

CIL income is generated from a levy on new development such as housing. Applications are expected from statutory infrastructure providers and not-for-profit organisations such as state schools, community group, parish councils and registered charities for projects that demonstrate a wider community benefit. Projects must relate to infrastructure and meet six other mandatory criteria.

More information in relation to CIL Funding may be found here: www.stratford.gov.uk/planning-building/spending-the-cil-2.cfm. The online form may be completed here: online1.snapsurveys.com/sdcccil

If you have any questions regarding CIL Funding then please email: Planning.policy@stratford-dc.gov.uk

Warwickshire CAVA (Community and Voluntary Action) may also be able to help with other funding sources for your community project: www.wcava.org.uk

HS2 News

We have been notified of a road closure for ecology surveys to be carried out. The B4452 (the road from Bascote crossroad to Harbury) on 3rd and 4th July 9.30-3.30.

The HS2 Helpdesk Team may be contacted on 08081 434 434 or emailed at HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk. Any changes will be on www.hs2inwarwickshire.co.uk

In some positive news relating to HS2, it has been reported that HS2 has moved over 10 million tonnes of materials over two years by train, far exceeding its targets to reduce HS2 construction freight from our roads. This represents a very significant cut to carbon emissions which is welcome news.

Chesterton Windmill Update

The sails were removed in November 2021 as they developed a large crack in two of the sails and one stock. This work needed to be done quickly to avoid the risk of one of the sails falling off and hurting someone. As the structure is a Scheduled Ancient Monument, Historic England have been consulted regarding permissions for the replacement of the sails. This process has taken some time as consideration must be given to both the historic perspective, with a number of different sail designs in use, as well as maintenance and safety. Shortly, Heritage & Culture Warwickshire will submit their preferred design to Heritage England for consideration, which will then take a few months to approve. Once this is agreed they can begin sourcing the wood to undertake the building of the sails. This may take up to 1/2 years as wood was previously sourced from Russia (now not possible!) and there is a shortage of the type of wood required. The wood will also then require seasoning. Unfortunately, the result of this is that it may take up to two years to see the sails back on the Windmill.



I have had some queries regarding the type of wood and sourcing it which I am currently following up. I am disappointed to be reporting this delay.

Contacting your Councillor

I will be attending as many Parish Council meetings as possible; there are four in this ward. Unfortunately, some in July fall during a time when I am on a holiday (8th July - 22nd July) that was booked before I decided to run for District Council. This will affect Ladbroke and Harbury PC meetings.

I aim to attend the Councillor's Corner events on the last Saturday of the month at Harbury Indoor Market in the Village Hall. This is a great chance to have a chat with me.

The best way to contact me with any resident queries is by email and I will try to help. Please remember that I will be away from my 'desk' from the 8th - 22nd July.

Cllr Susan Ostrander@stratford-dc.gov.uk



HARBURY GARDEN GROUP

Jacqui Temple

The garden group has met every month since February, usually in one of our gardens to discuss various topics (chosen by the host). We started the year with a trip to Evenley Wood Garden and their beautiful display of snowdrops. More recently we have visited Avening Garden in Kenilworth through the National Garden Scheme where we explored

a beautiful and extensive garden in the sunshine followed by some refreshments.

Our last meeting was held on a lovely early summers day, the garden was very interesting and attractive with a kind host, what better for a garden group meeting, held on 25th May, when the members present discussed, among other topics, how seeds are being preserved for posterity at the Heritage Seed Library, courtesy of Sheila who is a volunteer at the centre. Also discussed were fungi 'fairy rings' and how mushrooms spread, pinching out, or not to, of seedlings, cutting back geraniums and lupins, and 'good' fungus in compost. All this followed by a walk around the garden before the visit concluded.



HARBURY WHEELBARROW RACE

Heather Clarke

Sunday 4th June saw the return of the Harbury Wheelbarrow Race. We had both fantastic weather and a fantastic atmosphere at the Gamecock who were this year's hosts. The race got off to a great start and followed on to the Village Club, the Crown, the Shakespeare, Harbury Rugby Club @ the Old New Inn, finishing up back at the Gamecock. We had 17 teams racing this year with an interesting array of fancy dress on show.



The men's beer race trophy was won by George Simpson and Mark Jones in a time of 10 mins 20 secs and the women's beer race was won by Vicky Gladden and Heather Clarke in 17 min 16 secs. Latifa Lindsey-Clarke and Adam Grey won the mixed team beer race in 19 min 33 secs and Amelie and John Mortimer won the water race in a time of 16 mins 49 secs. Tim Matthews and Steward Gidney had the fastest time of a team with a combined age of over 80 years with a time of 13 min 35 secs., while Sam Gasgoyne and Josh Gimson won the best fancy dress trophy.

Thank you to the Gamecock, Harbury Village Club, the Crown, The Shakespeare and Harbury Rugby Club for their continued support, without you the event would not be possible. Thank you also to Moira and Sue for their tremendous timekeeping again this year and Sheila Burt and Alison Crowley for their help stewarding. And finally thank you to all the teams that competed and all of the spectators that turned out to cheer the competitors on. We look forward to seeing you all again next year!

Harbury Wheelbarrow Race 2023





Pub Games

This year, we had EIGHT teams take part in the games and 73 people competed in one or more of the games and supported by many. The eight teams this year were: The Crown Inn, The Gamecock, Girls-R-Loud, The Shakespeare "1", The Shakespeare "2", Drama Queens, Harbury Rugby Club and the Village Club. The winners of the individual events were as follows:

Horse Shoes	-	Harbury RFC
Table Skittles	-	Shakespeare "2" and Harbury RFC
Aunt Sally	-	Harbury RFC
Quiz	-	Crown Inn

A pleasant surprise this year was that the weather allowed us to play the outside games outside - no rain, but a bit chilly.

At the end of the competitions the winners were Harbury RFC with 59 points, followed by The Gamecock with 44 points, The Crown Inn with 40 points, The Drama Queens with 38 points, The Shakespeare "2" with 33 points, The Shakespeare "1" with 31 points, Harbury Club with 25 points and Girls 'R' Loud with 20 points.



The winners were presented with the Dan Killian Pub Games Shield. If you want a bit of fun playing games, not too seriously, on early June evenings and want to put a team together, please get in touch with the organisers when the games are advertised in 2024. You only need four people for each event out of a maximum 12 players per team - and they could be the same four who enter them all. It's good fun and gives you a chance to meet many fellow villagers and to visit our well-known hostleries. Perhaps those teams who have taken part in previous years will enter again? You could start planning now.

Also, our thanks must go to all the teams for taking part. Along with the team players each evening and the supporters it was great to have so many people come along. Last but not least, we would like to thank the licensees for letting us use their premises; it would be difficult to hold the events without you.

For a bit of history, we have included a list of past winners below.

Year	Winning Team	Year	Winning Team
1997	Shakespeare	2011	Dog Inn
1998	Dog Inn	2012	Twining and Dog Inn
1999	Shakespeare	2013	Harbury RFC
2000	Gamecock	2014	Old New Inn
2001	Old New Inn	2015	Wednesday Club
2002	Shakespeare	2016	Wednesday Club
2003	Shakespeare	2017	Wednesday Club
2004	Fosseway Fossils	2018	Wednesday Club
2005	Fosseway Fossils	2019	Wednesday Club
2006	Fosseway Fossils	2020	Covid
2007	Fosseway Fossils	2021	Covid
2008	Wednesday Club	2022	Crown Inn "J"
2009	Twining	2023	Harbury RFC
2010	Dog Inn		

Perhaps those teams who have taken part in previous years will enter again?

We look forward to seeing you in 2024.



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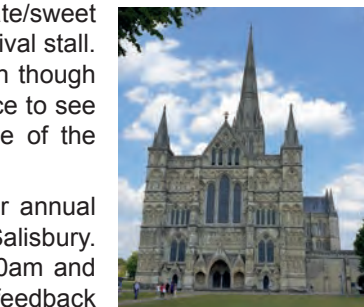
Julie Clarke



Thank you for all the chocolate/sweet donations we received for the carnival stall. It was a successful afternoon even though the chocolate was melting!!! So nice to see so many of you. Guess the name of the Teddy, the answer was Candy.

On the 14th June we went on our annual day trip, this year we went to Salisbury. It was such a lovely day. We left the village at 8.30am and arrived in Salisbury at 11.00am. According to the feedback from many of you, you all enjoyed it.

We had a lovely river walk, saw Arundells the home of Sir Edward Heath also Mompesson House, an enchanting National Trust property where Sense and Sensibility was filmed, both situated in Cathedral Close next to the magnificent Cathedral. We strolled through the town and found some lovely places for coffee and lunch and, of course tea and cake before heading home.



We arrived back in Harbury at 7.00pm. A good day had by all.

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There will be only one remaining ballroom session this summer term and that will be our 🎉**Royalty**🎉 themed **Summer Party** on Wednesday 5th July from 7.30 - 10pm (for everyone).

All ballroom dancers past and present are most welcome to join us. Please bring a sharing plate of food and something to drink.

Fancy dress is NOT obligatory, so dress up or down as you wish!

This is an opportunity to try out the steps you have been learning over these last weeks and months, but in a fun social setting - no lesson tonight! Teacher Anni will have some party dances and games for us to participate in, too.

As we reach the end of another year of dancing, this is an opportunity to say very many thanks to our wonderful, patient teacher Anni for her enthusiasm and encouragement, and for another great year of Ballroom and Latin classes. We look forward to the start of a new term in September.

If you have friends who would like to join us in the autumn term, do bring them along. Just remind them that they will need to bring a partner to dance with. We look forward to welcoming them in September.

Dates for your diaries:

5th July Summer Party

Autumn Term: 6th/13th/20th/27th September and 4th/11th October

1st/8th/15th/22nd/29th November and 6th December
(Christmas party).

Dances: To be announced.

Fee: £15 per couple, per session, 'pay as you go'. Bring someone to dance with - we don't swap partners.

Contact: Email: harbury.ballroom.dancing@gmail.com

Phone: Jacqui Powell: 01926 612887 or 07769683888.

Follow us on Facebook (Harbury Ballroom Dancing Group) or Instagram
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WEDNESDAY WALKERS

Gillian Hare

We have certainly not been paddling in mud lately! We have been delighted to welcome some new walkers, and there is always room for more - even if you just have an odd free Wednesday or are taking a "staycation".

We have seen some impressive wild flower meadows, but sadly not many butterflies yet.

In the summer, the regular leaders take a break and others lead the walks. All the dates are covered but the venues may not be fixed as this goes to print. But rest assured, if you turn up at the village hall before 9.40, someone will be there.



BUMPS & BUNDLES

Carol Jackson and the Bumps Team

Bumps and Bundles meet each Tuesday from 10.30am to 12 noon in the Tom Hauley Room (behind the church).

The group is for parents, carers, grandparents and childminders as long as they bring along a small child from newborn until they are about three. Pregnant mums are also most welcome to come and find out what it is all about!

There are play mats and lots of toys and jigsaws for the children.

There is a rota of adults who make the coffee/tea and serve biscuits. If anyone would like to join us they would be most welcome. Please call in to the Hauley Room any Tuesday morning or phone 01926 941784 for more information.

Our last session for this term is on Tuesday 18th July and we will start again in September.



REPAIR CAFÉ

Rich Fowler

The next Harbury Repair Cafe will be on Saturday 22nd July from 2pm to 4pm in Harbury Village Library.

Are you getting ready for your holidays? Why not give your tent, air mattress, sleeping bag, backpack or holdall a new life?

Repair Cafes are worth a visit if you have camping equipment that you would like to have fixed. Think of a tent or an air mattress with a hole in it or a sleeping bag with a broken zipper. These kinds of problems are often easy to solve, after which you can continue to use your equipment.



If you plan on bringing camping equipment to the next Repair Cafe, please let us know in advance so we can check that we have suitable equipment to make the repair. Either email us at repaircafeharbury@gmail.com or fill in our online form at <https://sites.google.com/site/repaircafeharbury/repair-details>



HARBURY LOCAL MARKET

Steve Ekins

Is normally held on the last Saturday of the Month in the Village Hall 10.00 until 12.30pm. The next Market is Saturday 29th July, up to 30 stalls selling local produce, food, gin, art and crafts.

Free admission, tea, coffee and bacon rolls available.

The community group we are supporting this month is Harbury Junior Football Club.

Please come along and "Shop Local". We are also on Facebook @Harbury Local Market join for regular updates.



HOMES FOR UKRAINE

Chris & Cathy Gibb, High Street, Harbury

Our family has been hosting temporarily displaced Ukrainians in Harbury for ten months under the Homes for Ukraine scheme, administered by Warwickshire County Council. We have really enjoyed their company and feel we are doing something practically useful for them in their country's hour of need. We have been well supported by other people in Harbury - for example in teaching english - for which we are all grateful.

Homes for Ukraine are looking for new hosts in the area now, for families and individuals of all ages. If you have space, can consider helping, and commit for six months, please look at their website <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/ukraine-2> and get in touch with them. Unfortunately the need to help has not declined.



HARBURY VILLAGE SHOW

Show Committee

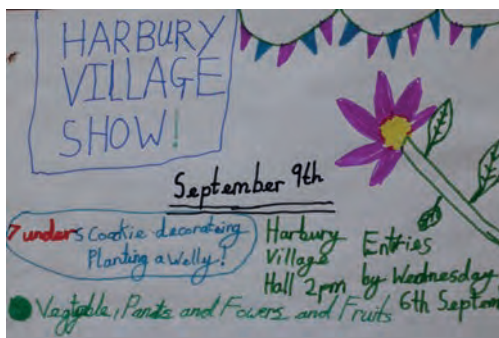
The Brownies were asked to create a colourful 'Show Poster' and there were many great entries, the artistic winner was Marley winning a £20 Amazon Voucher, seeds and sunflowers.

(See the winning poster right).

Before the show we are hosting a coffee morning in The Tom Hauley room Saturday 15th July.

Schedules for The Show are available at the Library, the Milk Shed, and the Post Office or download schedules at hnews.co.uk/harbury-village-show.html

Finally, we would like to collect all the trophies from last year's show. Please return to 49 Mill Street for engraving and to get them ready for this year's show.





The Harbury Swift Village project has received some excellent publicity recently, with articles in the Courier, District Advertiser, Observer and even Country Life magazine!

Although the first swifts were spotted on 2nd May, high in the sky above Harbury, the birds have been slow to return in any numbers. Several people have mentioned to me that they have seen up to eight swifts flying over the Bush Heath Lane area, and half a dozen over Mill Street, but these are not large numbers when compared with previous years. This lack of returners is not just limited to Harbury. There are widespread reports of fewer swifts this year from people in the countrywide Swift Local Network group. We don't know how much of this is lower numbers returning from Africa or how much it is that they are out feeding somewhere where they are not seen. Probably both explanations are at play. Throughout the end of May and into the start of June the prolonged, cold northerly wind must also have had an impact on returning swifts.

In contrast, as I type, we are now experiencing a heat wave, and I have definitely been aware of a more swifts in the sky. As it says in the Action for Swifts blog: "Swifts and warm sunny weather go together like strawberries and cream! The better the weather the more swift activity and the better your chances of (nesting) success in any given year!"

It's not often easy to get swifts to nest in new locations straight away because young swifts breeding for the first time find potential nest sites by following swifts that are already breeding. Ideally, if there are no swifts nesting near you, playing calls will help your nest boxes to be used within a reasonable period of time. There are various recordings and small speakers available, which I mentioned in the February Harbury News article, or you can make your own call box system, as at least one Harbury resident has done! There is a link at the end of this article to the Action for Swifts website which gives further details. Alternatively, you could download the Swift Calls MP3 file for £2 from Action for Swifts and play it on a loop from an old mobile phone, near to your nest box. In the vicinity of our house, swift activity close to our box has definitely been due to the swift calls that have been playing from a bedroom window!

Prospecting young swifts usually begin to arrive in mid-May, so it's worthwhile starting to transmit the calls from then. (Make a note in your diary for next year!) I am informed that playing calls during the second half of June and the first three weeks of July gives the most positive results. Play the calls from just after dawn until just before dusk. Early and late seem to be best, though any time of day in fine weather can be successful. Although a loud volume is ideal for swifts, it is not for your neighbours. Apparently it doesn't have to be very loud to be heard by swifts.

Consider your neighbours: explain to them why you are playing the calls (if they can hear them) and maybe encourage them to install a swift box, too, if they haven't already done so.

By the time you read the next edition of the Harbury News in August, the swifts will have begun their autumn migration back to Africa!

<p>Recordings can be purchased from www.swift-conservation.org/Shopping!.htm Calls CD (£7.00) or MP3 (£2.00)</p> 	<p>DIY call box information can be found here: actionforswifts.blogspot.com/p/attraction-call-systems-for-swifts.html</p> 	<p>Country Life Magazine article</p> 
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GALANOS HOUSE

Shelley Fardon

All events take place at the Community Hub and Café (Next to Galanos House, Banbury Road, Southam)

<p>Armed Forces Veteran's Breakfast Club Last Wednesday of every month. Come along, purchase your own Hub Breakfast, and join in with the banter Next dates: 26th July and 30th August 10am - 12noon.</p>	<p>Galanos House Dementia Café (Free) Dementia support group with music and refreshments Last Friday of every month Next date: 28th July & 25th August 2:30pm - 4pm. Open to everyone, come along on the day.</p>
<p>Sporting Memories (Free) Reminisce about all things 'sport' and some gentle exercise with guest speakers. 2nd Wednesday of each month 10.30am – 12.30pm. Next date: Wednesday 12th July and Wednesday 9th August Light lunch available afterwards for only £2.00. Open to everyone, come along on the day.</p>	<p>Silver Sunday (Free) Join us, bring a friend, and have a dance. Andante Music will be here to entertain us. Everyone is welcome to come along. Please telephone 01926 812185 Ext 5365 to book your place. Every other month - next date: Sunday 13th August & National Event Sunday 1st October, 2.30pm</p>

Nosh and Natter

Cost £10 - 2 Course homemade hot lunch and dessert. Everyone is welcome to come along, booking is essential.

First Wed of every month. 12 noon - 1.30pm. 01926 812185 ext 5365 to book your place. *Free transport available from Southam library to the Community Hub - Please book. Collection outside Southam Library: 11.45 Return to Southam Library: 2.00pm

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Saturday 8th July, 10am - 4pm.

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READERS' LETTERS

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My family and I have felt hugely supported and encouraged by the very many cards, letters and messages; the practical help; and the amazing attendance at the funeral following the death of my husband Michael. I understand that donations in the region of £950 have been forwarded to the Children's Society in his memory.

This outstanding generosity acknowledges the many times, both in Harbury and in our previous Church, when he played for the Christingle Service. Thank you all so much, as well as to Rev Andy who led the service, Wendy Hancox for her faultless catering, and Deeleys funeral director.

Gillian Hare



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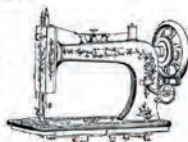
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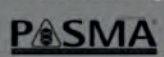
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