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EDITORIAL

A round up of local news

With the summer months upon us we can look forward to spending more time outside and enjoying the events held in our villages. June traditionally sees Harbury Carnival and Pub Games. If you aren't taking part in the carnival parade, do find time to give your support by watching the procession or by spending your hard earned cash at the fete on the playing fields. The Wheelbarrow Race will be taking place too, on Sunday 4th June.

During the first weekend of July the Harbury Garden Walkabout will be held, with nearly 30 gardens opening up for the public to look around. Usually a lovely weekend to admire the hard work gone into tending some beautiful gardens.

Talking of horticulture, our Parish Footpaths Team were hard at work recently clearing the overgrown bushes on footpath SM62/a behind the Harbury Surgery and leading to the railway cutting. Thank you John, Peter and Terry. A job well done!

The Boules Tournament in Ladbroke will be taking place in July and August, you can register to take part in early July. The children's play equipment at the Millennium Green requires updating. Plans are being worked on, contact the Trustees if you have any ideas or comments with regard to acquiring funding for the project.

Recently one of our longstanding distributors of the magazine retired. Helen Johnson had been delivering the magazine to subscribers on the Thwaites Estate and in Chesterton for over 40 years. We wish Helen a well-earned rest and we welcome her replacement who is taking over the round.

We have a number of Coronation photos in the magazine, we hope that you all enjoyed the celebrations. One of our villagers, Bob Sherman, was lucky enough to be invited to the proceedings and he has written an article about his day.



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HARBURY DIARY

For local events

JUNE

- Sat 3 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge WI
- Sun 4 **TRINITY SUNDAY**
Said Communion, 9.00am, Church
Icon Youth Club, 7.00 - 8.30pm, Tom Hauley Room
Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall
Harbury Wheelbarrow Race, starting 12.30pm, The Gamecock
- Mon 5 Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall
Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall
Carnival Games Week - Table Skittles, 7.30pm, The Crown Inn
- Tue 6 Bumps and Bundles, 10.30 - 12.00 noon, Tom Hauley Room
Harbury Heritage Centre open, 7.00 - 9.00pm, Harbury School - (Park Lane entrance)
Carnival Games Week - Horseshoes, 7.30pm, Rugby Club
- Wed 7 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car park - Combrook - Butlers Marston (hilly - 4 miles)
Mothers' Union, Communion Service and Tea, 2.00pm, followed by speaker from Women's Aid, Tom Hauley Room
Spellbound Dance Classes, 5.00 - 5.30 & 5.30 - 6.15pm, Village Hall
Carnival Games Week - Aunt Sally, 7.30pm, The Shakespeare
Hereburgh Morris Practice session, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall
- Thurs 8 Said Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
Harbury WI, 7.30 for 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room - A new life in leathers after 60! - Cat Weatherill
Carnival Games Week - Quiz, 7.30pm, Village Club
- Fri 9 Ben and Soph's Jazz, tickets - 07515 275655, 7.00pm, Village Hall
- Sat 10 Extended Clinics, 9.00 - 3.00pm, Harbury Surgery (pre-booked appointments only)
Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Mothers' Union Harbury
Harbury Carnival - entrants for parade assemble in Sutcliffe Drive, 12 noon, procession starts at 1.00pm. Fete opens 1.45pm on Playing Fields
- Sun 11 **TRINITY 2**
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 12 Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall
 Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall
- Tue 13 Bumps and Bundles, 10.30 - 12.00 noon, Tom Hauley Room
- Wed 14 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car park -
 Thurlaston Wildflower Meadow (flat 3½ miles)
 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 15 Said Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
- Sat 17 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of
 Church Flowers
 Harbury Heritage Centre open, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Harbury School -
 (Park Lane entrance)
 Quiz, 7.30pm, Village Club
- Sun 18 TRINITY 3**
 Said 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
- Mon 19 Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall
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 Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall
- Tue 20 Bumps and Bundles, 10.30 - 12.00 noon, Tom Hauley Room
 The Collective - Topic: 'Finding Peace', 7.15 for 7.30pm, The Shakespeare
 Harbury Theatre Group, 7.00 for 7.30pm, Village Club
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- Wed 21 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car park - Hidcote with picnic
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 Connections (Dementia) Café, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
 Spellbound Dance Classes, 5.00 - 5.30 & 5.30 - 6.15pm, Village Hall
 Ballroom Dancing, beginners 7.15pm, improvers 8.30pm, Village Hall
 Hereburgh Morris Practice session, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall
- Thurs 22 Said Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
 Parish Council, 7.30pm Village Hall
- Sat 24 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of
 Harbury Pre-School
 Harbury Local Market: 10.00am - 12.30pm, Village Hall
 Repair Café, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Village Library
 "52 North" Live Band, 9.00pm, Village Club

- Sun 25 TRINITY 4**
 Holy Communion and Muddy Church for children, 10.30am
 Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall
- Mon 26 Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall
 Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall
- Tue 27 Bumps and Bundles, 10.30 - 12.00 noon, Tom Hauley Room
 Tennis Club Strawberry Tournament, 6.00pm, Tennis Courts
- Wed 28 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car park - Baddesley Clinton
 (flat - 5 miles)
 Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
 Spellbound Dance Classes, 5.00 - 5.30 & 5.30 - 6.15pm, Village Hall
 Ballroom Dancing, beginners 7.15pm, improvers 8.30pm, Village Hall
 Hereburgh Morris Practice session, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall
- Thurs 29 Said Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
- Fri 30 Bingo, 8.00pm, Village Club

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 5**
 Said Holy Communion, 9.00am, Church
 Garden Walkabout, 12 noon - 6.00pm, tickets can be purchased in advance or on the day. Buy through TicketSource or from the Library
- Mon 3 Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall
 Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall
- Tue 4 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, Communion Service, 2.00pm, followed by meeting at 2.30pm, Tom Hauley Room
 Hereburgh Morris Practice session, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall
 Ballroom Dancing Group 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

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Week Commencing Monday	Thursday Collection - Harbury	Wednesday & Friday Collections - Ladbroke Friday Collection - Deppers Bridge
5 June	F - W	F - R - W - G
12 June	F - R - G	F
19 June	F	F - R - G
26 June	F - R - W - G	F - W
3 July	F	F - R - G
10 July	F - R - G	F
<p>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</p>		



FROM THE RECTOR

Rev. Andy Batchelor

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

You might be aware that the church marks different times of the liturgical year with different colours. Easter was white or gold, symbolising joy and celebration, Lent and Advent are purple, representing penitence and preparation, Pentecost is red, as in fire and passion. Right now we are entering the ‘Green’ season - otherwise known as ‘Ordinary time’.

This stretches from Trinity Sunday, the 4th June, right through until almost the end of October. Its sometimes described as ‘The great green, growing season’, and that is perhaps particularly resonant in our rural communities. During this season perhaps we can also look for the shoots of new growth in us and around us. We are celebrating the end of the building project at Ladbroke church, and the completion of the first phase of the work at Harbury with the installation of a new heating system.

We have begun new initiatives such as ‘Muddy Church’ for youngsters, and ‘The Collective’ at the Shakespeare pub. These are new shoots, and they run alongside established activities and we look forward to the new opportunities we will have in the future. Our spiritual health (as well as our physical and mental wellbeing) need our attention too. Real growth and health requires commitment throughout the seasons of the year.

This great green growing season stretches ahead of us, full of potential. What shall we do with it?

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FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

Liz & Andy

We have heating!

After three years without heating and nearly six months of not being able to hold services in the church itself, we were very thankful to be back inside the church for Pentecost Sunday - very fitting with Pentecost being the day that we celebrate the birth of the church following Jesus' Ascension.

We now have a heating system within the church which is both eco-friendly and future proof given the boilers are hydrogen ready.

The good news is that whilst the scaffolding was up within the church, we were able to take the opportunity to have the lighting wiring upgraded - we are now testing new lights and we hope that we will have the funds to replace the current lighting with LED lower energy lighting within the church.

The bad news is that whilst the scaffolding within the church was up, the extent of some of the work required in relation to the stonework became more apparent, particularly in relation to the East window. We are hopeful that the faculty required to undertake the stonework will soon be confirmed, but given the new information garnered about the extent of the work required, the cost is expected to be significantly higher than previous estimates, and all the funds raised to date have been spent on the heating and lighting in both the church and Tom Hauley Room. We are grateful to all that have donated to the Heat Light and Stone appeal to date. Thanks also to the Harbury Theatre group for donating the proceeds of their recent performance.

We are now looking forward to the performance of Warwickshire Singers on 2nd July in church where 50% of the proceeds will go towards the HLS appeal - please do come and join us. Tickets are available from Warwickshire Singers via Ticket Source but if you cannot access this then please contact Alan Guy (614242) or just come along on the day and pay at the door. The concert begins at 4.30pm.

Now that the church is back open, Children's church will recommence in the Tom Hauley Room on the second Sunday of the month. Families will continue to meet outside as Muddy Church on the fourth Sunday of the month going forward (except for June where it will be inside!)

The Collective

The next meeting of the Collective will take place in The Shakespeare on Tuesday 20th June. This is a great opportunity to come and meet others in a very relaxed environment and discuss a topic at the forefront of minds today.

And welcome to Andy Dean who has stepped up (?) to become churchwarden. Liz is very grateful!



MOTHERS' UNION

Chris Rutherford

Our speaker at the May meeting was Mandy Williams who, with her husband, runs a project in Azerbaijan for women who are outcast for some reason - from domestic abuse or who have children outside marriage. The stories of these deprived women horrified her - and us - as we heard of Mandy's long fight to get a house for these women. It seemed very reminiscent of the tales of abandoned orphans in Romania we saw on television 30 years ago. As a Muslim country, like its neighbour Iran, it is firmly misogynistic. Although the capital Baku is a prosperous modern city, the villages suffer much deprivation. We hope to hear more from Mandy and how best we can help.

When you read this, some of us will have had a 'coronation' tea with Southam MU and we are looking forward to welcoming a speaker from Women's Aid in this country on June 7th. We would be delighted to see anyone interested in this work - or the work of MU generally - in the THR at 2pm for communion followed by the meeting at 2.30. Our coffee morning on 10th June - the same day as carnival so anyone who can be in two places at once is very welcome. We are also looking forward to visiting Chedham's Yard for our summer outing in July.



LADBROKE NEWS & DIARY

JUNE

Sat 3 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room Harbury in aid of Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge WI

Sun 4 TRINITY SUNDAY

Family Service followed by refreshments, 10.30am

Tues 6 Photography Club - 3D Photography by Dr Bob Pryce, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Wed 8 Friendship & Heritage Group (topic: toys), 10.30am - 12.00 noon, Village Hall

Sun 11 TRINITY 2

Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am

Tues 13 Table Tennis, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Sun 18 TRINITY 3

Holy Communion (BCP), 9.00am

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Tues 20 Table Tennis, 7.30pm, Village Hall

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Sun 25 TRINITY 4

Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am

Tues 27 Table Tennis, 7.30pm, Village Hall

JULY

Sun 2 TRINITY 5

Family Service, followed by refreshments, 10.30am

Tues 4 Photography Club Annual Buffet (details to be confirmed)

Wed 5 Friendship & Heritage Group, 10.30am - 12.00 noon, Village Hall

Thurs 6 WI, 7.30pm, Village Hall



LADBROKE CHURCH NEWS

Peter Rigby
www.ladbrokechurch.org.uk

As a Church, we are often helped by volunteers who give of their time to help make our church building a place of welcome, some regularly and others more occasionally but always willing to respond to a need. So thank you both to those who help regularly by cleaning, bellringing, stewarding and opening and locking the church, and also to Simon West for changing light bulbs, to Peter Baker who has kindly secured and made safe the altar rail for future use and to Jenny Barrett who has made and donated a birthday bag for use in our All Age Services.

The coronation weekend also saw our team of flower arrangers busily working to ready the church for the big day! The church looked beautiful so thank you ladies. Thanks also to Martin Neal for raising the Union flag and to the bell ringing team who rang out a welcome to our new King.

Services this month:

Sunday 4th June	10.30am	Family Service
Sunday 11th June	9.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 18th June	9.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 25th June	9.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 2nd July	10.30am	Family Service

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms:

7th May Beatrice Emily Afford

Evie Louise Jenkins

21st May Ralph Victor James Taylor

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LADBROKE PARISH COUNCIL

Jackie West - H&L News Correspondent

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

There was an extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council on 26th April to decide their response to the planning application for change of use and stable block on the triangular piece of land at the end of Windmill Lane. This was followed by a general discussion of the topic by villagers.

The regular council meeting was held on 17th May. It started with the annual meeting which covered various administration issues. The key ones were to elect Martin Neal as chairman for the coming year and to confirm the names of the four councillors who had been appointed without need for election as we have five positions available. These are Martin Neal, Valerie Copley, Erica Kemp and Judy Groves. Then it was on to the main Parish Council meeting when the chairman gave a vote of thanks to outgoing Councillors Derek Batty and Steve Morten, and the council co-opted Carl Holloway to become Ladbroke's fifth Parish Councillor.

WCC – Our ward member, Chris Kettle, told us he is the new Chair of WCC, a poignant appointment for him as his father held this post over 40 years ago. The speed reminders as you come in to Ladbroke from Deppers Bridge, that is a new 30mph sign (which I think is going to be painted on the road) is approved but the “gates” on the verge are still to be confirmed. Primary school offers have been made, there were about 6500 applications and 7000 places with only 80 not receiving an offer for one of their first 3 choices. WCC is also responsible for the county fire service who are warning people not to charge electrical items on beds as they may catch fire. Each WCC Councillor has £8000 to fund a number of specific projects that benefit their communities, previously they have been given for music schools, to a scout troop, allotments, projects to reduce loneliness and social isolation, improve the environment etc. The closing date for applications is 18th June, see www.warwickshire.gov.uk/cllgrants

SDC – Ladbroke changed wards at the last election and we are now with Harbury. Our new councillor, Susan Ostranger was not present at the meeting. I see on the SDC website that our previous councillor, Nigel Rock, was re-elected and is now the deputy leader of the council.

Planning – Tree works at Dovecote had been approved. The triangular land at the end of Windmill Lane was discussed in depth. The Parish Council acknowledged the widespread local concern amongst residents - especially those who would be directly affected. Detailed discussions ranged from grounds to object to issues of concern and support. In summary, an objection has been submitted and Councillors unanimously agreed no further amendments. The primary reasons being material inaccuracies and lack of detail and importantly, that the land in question is inappropriate for Equestrian use. The Clerk was also asked to write to the Head of Planning at Stratford District Council to advise that the Parish Council and local residents are not convinced that the land is going to be used for Equestrian Purposes, given the extent and nature of the substantial work undertaken to date and the current site status which is not in line

with putting up two stables, a tack room and a toilet. The site status and activity will continue to be kept under review and good communication with Community Safety teams maintained. Any residents with noise concerns should contact Environmental Health on 01789 267575.

HS2 – Derek Batty was our representative at meetings with contractors but as he is no-longer a member of the parish council it should be one of the current councillors. It was wondered if the council could appoint him as their representative or the meetings make him an honorary member to maintain continuity. Otherwise a handover period was recommended.

Communications – People in Ladbroke say they don't know what's going on! Parish Council information is shared with villagers by the minutes on the noticeboard / parish council website and the HLNews correspondent's report in this magazine. Key and urgent information put in e-news which also shares village event publicity etc. Councillors use email and have a whatsapp group for internal information. Technology moves on (though not all of us with it!) and Cllrs Groves and Holloway will look into what might be best for both internal and external communications.

Note: the old parish council website, which is very out of date, cannot be updated. It is being retained until the clerk has transferred all appropriate information to the current website at www.ladbroke-pc.gov.uk

Training – The clerk and all the parish councillors will take up the offer of free training on how to work best together.

Next meeting - 12th July



LADBROKE & DEPPERS BRIDGE WI

Carol Lane

May's events started with the AGM on 4th May. This had to be held in the church as polling was taking place in the village hall. Reports from the president, secretary and treasurer were received and Dianne thanked the hard working committee for all they had done over the year which included our 50th anniversary party as well as the Queen's Jubilee. The committee was re-elected, Carole Rhodes being welcomed onto the committee, and from that number, Dianne was again elected for her 3rd year as our president. Two of our number made headwear inspired by the Coronation. After drinks and nibbles, Jackie gave a wonderful presentation on Lady Alice Dudley. The talk was well illustrated and we were also able to see the replica of part of the communion set which Lady Alice donated to Ladbroke Church.

On 12th May Napton hosted a fascinating presentation on the Land Girls from WWII. We had some of the "girls" dressed in original costumes which had been moth balled and still in very good condition. A range of tools that they would have used were on display and demonstrated with detailed explanations. Our host Bert interacted with the "girls" with humour and intriguing facts, making this a very entertaining evening.

I think the Group meeting for seven WIs, held at Napton Village Hall on Monday 15th was particularly popular this year as Lesley Smith, the well known historical dramatist, was depicting Katherine of Aragon. Dressed in authentic costume, which weighed

4.5 stones she enacted Katherine's life from before her entry into this country to marry Arthur first and, on his death, Henry VIII until her death. There was so much detail which Lesley had carefully researched, making the talk personal.

The competition for the best Coronation head dress was judged and the food was the usual high WI standard.

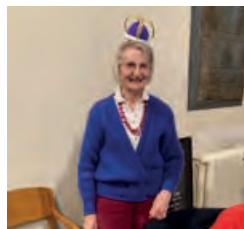


The pictures show Jenny and Dianne in their Coronation themed head wear, Lady Alice Dudley and Lesley Smith as Katherine of Aragon.

The Food and Friendship Group met at the Herb Centre where we had a very enjoyable lunch and some of our number took the opportunity to stock up their gardens from the wonderful display of plants on show. Arrangements for our next outing will be made at our meeting on 1st June.



We look forward to our coffee morning at the Tom Hauley Rooms in Harbury which takes place on Saturday 3rd June and hope for a successful event.



WFWI have a good number of interesting events coming up so do check their website for details.

Our Summer outing is to Hill Close Gardens on 3rd August and there are still spaces if anyone wishes to go.

Our June meeting promises to be fun as it is entitled Laughter Yoga Workshop but as it is on the 1st, I fear it will be over before this edition is distributed.

The July meeting will be held in the village hall from 7.30pm when Lucy Morgan will talk about the changes and dramas over 35 years in the travel industry.

We are a very friendly group and as ever we welcome new members to join us.



LADBROKE MATTERS

Alan Lord

The Ladbroke Matters team looks after the Village Hall and Millennium Green. We organise regular events and raise funds in order to offer both facilities for the benefit of our community.



The Boules Tournament will now be held during July and August. Registration of teams will be open from early July and the final will be on Saturday 9th September to include a village barbecue. More details will be posted and sent out to our contact list and via the village E News. You can also contact Helen Morten from 1st July on her email (shmorten@gmail.com)



The next Supper and Film Night will be mid August. Exact date and details will be announced in the July magazine and via the film circulation list.

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We are working on having a quiz night in October. More information to follow.



The children's play area on the Millennium Green is over 20 years old and, although quite safe and useable, 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 fund raising events. If you have comments and ideas please make contact with one of the trustees.



To book a special event or hold classes or meetings in the village hall please contact Debs (07779 225105 or email debs.dptv@gmail.com). In spite of rising costs we are holding our booking rates at £15 per hour (£12 for Ladbroke residents)

If you would like to join the Ladbroke Matters team or have suggestions please contact one of the trustees.

Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Draw for April 2023

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LADBROKE PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Kip Warr

Chedham's Yard in Wellesbourne opened their gates for a special evening session for us. Their volunteer blacksmith and wood turner demonstrated their skills, kindly generating sparks and shavings to satisfy our need for action shots. We then enjoyed refreshments in their modern coffee shop. The Yard was a going concern for more than a hundred years from the 1820s but was then left unused until volunteers restored it and it won BBC2s Restoration Village competition. We were free to wander into their sheds and puzzle over mysterious old tools used for such activities as making the wooden hubs and spokes of cartwheels. They have demonstrations of other skills such as wheelwrighting, spinning and longbow making which would be worth a visit.



Chedham's Yard volunteers in action

June's meeting will be open to the public with Dr Bob Pryce demonstrating 3D photography and on 4th July we shall have our annual buffet with a mystery competition. We shall have a break in August but expect everyone to come back with some good summery photographs to display in September. For more information please contact ladbroke.photoclub@btinternet.com

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LADBROKE GENERAL NEWS



LADBROKE HERITAGE

Nicky Lewis & Jackie West

....the home straight!

"There were so many cars, I thought there was be a funeral". This comment was made by a gentleman who came to tend his wife's grave on the 13th May. How wrong he was. It was a celebration eight years' hard work; fund raising, church repairs and sharing our heritage. He was right about the number of visitors though; 150 people came to see the birds from Arden Falconry. Danielle, their owner, obviously loves them though this is not always reciprocated. The birds are only motivated by the food she gives them, or which is put into the gloved hand of her many willing volunteers from the audience. Bird Flu precautions meant that the birds of prey couldn't fly free range but were attached to a training cord and did only short flights. So sitting on their perches or flying to morsels of chicks, they were close to the audience, a little too close when the barn owl decided she wanted to go over people's heads. The birds had been bred in captivity and had names, there was a harris hawk (Ceasar), a merlin (Lance) and three owls of very different sizes, an Indian eagle owl (Edgar), a barn owl (Portia) and long eared owl (Moth). Arden Falconry are based at Hatton Country World and have nearly 40 birds of prey there, though not all fly. The older birds are canny, they realise that they will still be fed even if they don't perform and retire themselves! It's a good job our volunteers are more willing; special thanks to all those who helped on the day, cut grass beforehand and lent the stakes and rope for the arena.

The birds of prey were only here that Saturday but some of Ladbroke's birds and other winged creatures can be enjoyed any day of the year. Come to church, it's open daily from 10am to 4pm, and pick up a quiz and/or an I spy sheet and find birds, bats, angels and even a dragon. Bird lovers and those curious to see life inside a nest box should go to the (Discover) Nature page of our website www.ladbrokeheritage.org.uk. There are links to four short videos, just minutes in total showing a brood of blue tits from eggs to fledging filmed in Ladbroke last year.

The Birds of Prey Day was not all that happened in May. Six of our team Nicky, Carol, Margie, Sue L, Sue M and Kathryn went on a thorough, and long, training day and are now certificated First Aiders, and by the time you read this many of our volunteers will have met our evaluation consultant to give feedback for his report on the project. This



BIRDS OF PREY DAY

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is required by our major sponsors, The National Lottery Heritage Fund. It's thanks to Lottery players, other generous donors and more than 80 volunteers that we have been able to complete this round of church repairs, created the new maps, leaflets and booklets, put our gravestone information on www.billiongraves.com and held a wide range of special events. Not forgetting the talks, tours and school sessions which continue and our monthly Heritage and Friendship Group too. The H&F group meets next on Wednesday 7th June in Ladbroke Village Hall and will be on the theme of toys. For more information please phone Carol on 814715.



BUNTING AND BELLS

Jackie West

I didn't hear of any street parties in Ladbroke to celebrate the coronation but it was an opportunity to get the bunting out again. At the church the flag was raised in honour of King Charles and the ringers rang out the bells too. Here they are celebrating afterwards, If you would like to join the group please get in contact with Martin (812668), you don't need to be a churchgoer and training can be given.



BROUGHTON GRANGE

Carol Lane

The Gardens at Broughton Grange, Banbury, OX15 5DS (www.broughtongrange.com) will be open between 6pm and 8pm on the evening of Wednesday 28th June. The entrance fee is £10 (under 16s free) and light refreshments will be available. This is a special evening to raise funds for the residents of Agnes Court, (Leonard Cheshire) Home and your support will be greatly appreciated.



HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL

John Holden - H&L News Correspondent

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

Parish Council Report - April Meeting

Cllrs, Ekins, Mancell and Thornley were standing down from the Parish Council this month, although only Cllr Ekins was present to receive a farewell gift in recognition of his 10 years serving as a Councillor. Cllr Thornley had received her gift at the March meeting. The meeting was chaired in Tim Lockley's absence by Cllr Thompson. All who spoke to the public participation agenda items were speaking about their planning applications, which were to be considered later on the agenda. The Council agreed to making a grant to cover the Village Hall hire costs for the Village Show. Neither our County or District Councillors were present and no reports had been submitted, so no updates!!

Planning – Cllrs agreed to make no representation to a self-build house near to Northfields in Mill Lane, a double garage to a property in Farm Street and a storage barn at Temple House. For a breach of an agricultural occupancy restriction at Clock Cottage, Bush Heath Road there would be no comment registered.

Amanda Randall thanked the Council for their support with her Swift boxes initiative, saying that around 50 boxes had been installed in the village. There were only a few locations in the Country that had so many boxes fitted. Cllr Thompson in turn thanked Amanda for her work in co-ordinating the project.

There was a discussion on the Village Hall car park and how a wider consultation should be taken forward on a possible extension. Any extension would lead to a loss of an area of the playing fields and would be fairly costly. The Council were also mindful to issues at certain times of overspill parking on Constance Drive. Agreed this to be

considered at the next Council meeting. Cllrs then discussed the ‘Well Being Project’ at the allotments. Five raised beds had been created there, with the intention that they could provide an activity area for Villagers with health issues. There had been little take up and no one had stepped forward to manage the project on an ongoing basis. Further publicity on the availability of the beds would be undertaken.

To support ‘No Mow May’, parts of the Cemetery and Manor Road Green would be left uncut until the 14th June (when the grass mowing contractor was first due to mow in the Village in June). The bottom end of the recreation ground at Deppers would be similarly left.

There were then a number of financial items on the agenda, relating to the financial year end. However, the Council did agree to pay the increased rent for the Parish Office.

Next Meetings: Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, Thursday 18th May and Annual Parish Meeting, Thursday 25th May 2023.

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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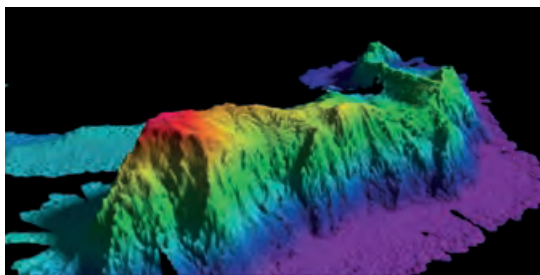
HARBURY SOCIETY

David Turner

Mapping the Oceans

On Tuesday 18th April, Catriona Hubbard spoke to us about her life as a marine biologist. She grew up in Harbury and, after leaving school, she studied marine biology at Bangor University in Wales and is a keen rugby player and horse rider. After graduating, she gained employment at Quality Positioning Services (QPS) who are world leaders in maritime software and spends much of her time training people. Although it wasn't the career path she expected to follow, it has enabled her to travel the world to far flung places such as Kazakhstan and South Africa.

The presentation surprisingly started with a global image of Mars and Catriona explained that the reason for this was that more is known about the surface of Mars than the floor of the oceans. To address this, the United Nations has set a target for as much as possible of the ocean floor to be mapped by 2030. As world leaders, QPS supplies much of the software to meet this challenging task. The technique that is predominately employed to gather the data is sonar because, unlike lasers or lidar, which cannot function below a certain depth where light won't penetrate, a sonar signal is able reach the floor of the ocean.





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Sound, navigation and ranging, or sonar as it is more commonly known, was used as early as WW1 to detect U-boats. There are two types: passive sonar - used to detect noise from marine objects (such as submarines or ships) and active sonar - where a signal or pulse of sound is transmitted into the water which bounces off an object and returns an echo and, by measuring the strength of the signal, the size, shape and depth can be determined.

As late as the 1970s, mapping the ocean floor was mainly done with the use of a plumb line to measure depth.

Initially a single beam of sound was transmitted but in the 1970s, multi beam technology was developed enabling a greater amount of information to be relayed back. Currently, as many as 256 beams are employed for mapping. The centre of a ship is the most stable part of a vessel and the signal is transmitted from that point. Many factors have to be factored in with the data, such as tidal effects, the sway of the ship, the strength of the signal, etc. before an accurate analysis can be delivered. Nowadays, the data can be converted into a realistic 3D image, making the results more recognisable.

Accurate mapping is essential for the safety of navigation in ports, enabling underwater hazards to be identified with amazing precision. Catriona showed an image that had been generated from the data of the SS Richard Montgomery, a wreck of an American Liberty cargo vessel that was sunk in the Thames estuary in 1944. She had been carrying munitions and the hull had split in two before the cargo could be salvaged. It remains a potential threat to this day and Royal Navy protection is constantly employed. The precision of the mapping software ensures that the threat of an accidental collision is minimised.



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Other applications for the technology:

- Sonar can be an effective tool for determining the habitat and distribution of commercially important species.
- Exploration of areas using sonar where sediment and rock layers indicate the presence of oil or gas deposits.
- Sonar is employed by the oil and gas industry to identify the acoustic signals of gas bubbles from pipeline leaks.
- Support for the renewable energy industry by monitoring and surveying the marine life that reside around or migrate through offshore wind farms.

It is thought that use of active sonar may lead to mass beachings of marine mammals as it can interfere with dolphins and whales own sonar abilities. As a result, vessels undertaking sonar activities are supposed to cease operating when marine life is detected.

Following one of the longest question and answer sessions we have ever had, Catriona was warmly thanked by Chairman Ed Wilson for a very interesting and informative talk, which kept the audience thoroughly engaged throughout.

Forthcoming Events:

Saturday 10th June: Stall at Harbury Carnival.

Tuesday 4th July: Talk/Tour of Lighthorne. Full details will be sent to members nearer the time.

Tuesday 19th September: 'The Last Man in the World' a presentation by local actor Peter Walshe throwing a spotlight on his acting career. Meeting in the Tom Hauley Room. Doors open 7.30pm. All welcome - free to Harbury Society members - guests £1.

Tuesday 17th October: Stuart Pierson from Wessex Archaeology will be giving a presentation featuring the excavations carried out Coleshill Manor. Meeting in the Tom Hauley Room. Doors open 7.30pm. All welcome - free to Harbury Society members - guests £1.

Tuesday 21st November: Watch this space! An event TBA to celebrate the formation of the Harbury Society 50 years ago.



HARBURY WI

Chris Rutherford

The May meeting agreed to support the current WI resolution to campaign for “Clean Rivers for People and Wildlife.” In the light of the recent news that the water companies are to spend £10 billion on cleaning rivers, it is up to campaigners to make sure that they fulfil this promise so that fish, animals and swimmers can enjoy rivers without bathing in sewage.

Our speaker was Harbury's own Janice Montague, and she was extremely interesting. In a talk entitled 'From Henry to Harry' she explained the role that divorce has played in the history of the royal family. In fact, Henry VIII didn't divorce anyone – strictly speaking, his two legally ended marriages were annulled: he shouldn't have married Catherine of Aragon and didn't consummate the marriage with Anne of Cleves. Other royal scandals followed such as George IV and Queen Caroline who detested each other. The law of criminal conversation (not just conversation was involved in this) was interesting, where a man sued another man for damages – not divorce – if he could prove an affair with his wife. The divorce laws favoured rich men and it was almost impossible for a woman to file for divorce successfully. Although the laws eased in the 20th century, up to the 1960s, a man or wife could withhold a divorce if only one party wanted it.

The Royal family has a recent history of divorces, and the latest ones were Prince Harry, who married the divorced Megan and of course, the King, whose Queen Camilla has an ex-husband still living. Modern students find it hard to understand the shame, the stigma once associated with divorce. Fewer divorces are happening now, perhaps because fewer people marry.

The Group Meeting was enjoyed by over 100 ladies. The highlight was a talk by the impressionist Lesley Smith, in full Tudor costume, giving the history of the life of Catherine of Aragon. We were very pleased to see that our member, Sue Grinstead, came 2nd in the Crown-making competition.

In June we are looking forward to learning about 'A New Life in Leathers After 60' with Cath Weatherill!



WI VISIT TO MORTON HALL GARDENS ON TUESDAY 25TH APRIL 2023

Pam Furnivall

Twenty-three of us were lucky enough to have an opportunity to visit the gardens at Morton Hall, near Redditch. We arranged to go in April as The Hall is renowned for holding a tulip festival each year in order to raise funds for the Royal Shakespeare Company.

The sun shone and the forecast of dull, cool weather did not materialise so we were able to stand in front of the Hall itself in glorious sunshine to listen to Anne Olivieri, the owner, tell us about the history of the house and how she went about creating the gardens.

She explained that each area is like a "room" which then leads into another taking into account the linear aspect of the paths and house and therefore planting and maintaining soft shapes around them.

She then took us through an arch of laurel - having explained that soon after their arrival at the Hall in 2007 they took out large laurel hedges to enable the gardens and spectacular views to be seen from the house - to continue through cherry trees and white roses, not yet in bloom, into a meadow of Fritillaries, tall white single daffodils and many Camassias, the latter soon to bloom. We then followed around to a Japanese garden - complete with a Tea House - containing a pond surrounded by Camellias, Narcissus, Japanese cherries and Anemone Blanda. From there the path took us up through a Rockery with two majestic staircases made from more than 100 tons of unhewn Kington Rock. Amongst the planting was a sculpture done by a chainsaw artist using the trunk of a Wellingtonia tree that had had to be removed from beside the house a few years before.

The path from the Rockery took us through the Wisteria arbour which was full of promise of a marvellous display of flowers to come. We then found ourselves in a formal garden planted with many tulips and we were given an entertaining explanatory talk by an enthusiastic head gardener.

They use over 4,000 tulip bulbs each year and these are lifted and discarded to the compost! He explained that they could not risk having any not bloom to their best potential! He also explained that each winter they take hazel and willow stems from the land and bend and weave them to create structures to support their roses and grow clematis around.

We followed through a gate in the red brick wall to an immaculate kitchen garden with



shaped beds planted with vegetables and attractive fruit cages. Through another arch in a laurel hedge we arrived on a grass path through the orchard with cherry trees on one side and tulips planted along the wall in groups of 40 tulip bulbs.

We then enjoyed the spectacular view across the Vale of Evesham to the Welsh mountains before having a home cooked quiche and salad lunch in the Orangery. Before leaving we had an opportunity to purchase cards of the gardens taken by well known photographers.

A thoroughly interesting outing enjoyed by all 23 of us!



HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

Becci Denny

Hello Theatre Lovers!

What a busy month we've had!

At the time of writing, we are just about to open the curtains on our fabulous May Production 'Ridiculous Allsorts', which will have, no doubt, played to a sell-out crowd, earning lots of money for the Church's Heat, Light & Stone fund! :)

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported our show by coming to watch, and an even huger thank you to our lovely theatre group volunteers, who tirelessly give up their free time to wear silly costumes and sing even sillier songs all in the name of entertainment.

Before this article is published, we will have also held our AGM - now made fancier and more enjoyable with cheese & wine! If you didn't make it along to that, but are keen to get involved, then fear not - we have regular monthly meetings (usually the 3rd Tuesday of the month, 7.30pm in the Village Club). These usually involve planning upcoming productions and drinking... not always in that order. Everyone is welcome and we promise not to nominate you to direct or sing a solo during your first meeting!

So what is next for the theatre group? There are exciting times ahead... starting with the Harbury Carnival on 10th June. We will be doing a short performance in the Village Hall (time to be confirmed), so keep an eye out for details on that!

And then work will begin for our 2023 pantomime! The rough schedule of events will be auditions in August, and rehearsals starting in September. Keep an eye out on Facebook or www.harburytheatregroup.com for more information!

And remember, we'd love you to come and get involved if you're interested - acting / singing / directing / back-stage wizardry / front of house help! And there's lots of support if you're up for trying something completely new.





FOLK CLUB

Stephen & Maureen Darby, Sue Crum

Number 436

It was the 4th May and it had to be said “May the 4th be with You”. The Coronation of Charles III was just 39 hours away as the Folk Club commenced the evening to the theme of “A Right Royal Occasion”.

Sue and Maureen opened the evening with Lavenders Blue, a song from 1670 which contained the words “When I am king, dilly dilly, you shall be queen”, “Camilla, Camilla” didn’t quite fit the music. They followed this with an Artisan song written by Brian Bedford “Left Right, Right Left”, with reference to “All the King’s Horses and All the King’s Men”.

Sally and Robin came prepared and sang the Lumineers song “Charlie Boy” and then “The Skye Boat Song” which tells a tale of Bonnie Prince Charles journey from Benbecula to Skye. Next came the Immanuel’s Ground West Gallery Quire making their debut with two harmonious songs “Glorious Apollo” and a local song “Brailes” which was a unique Warwickshire sound. Rik had everyone laughing with the humorous song about Isobel who was a passionate lady and enjoyed the pleasures of her men in both Westminster Abbey and the Royal Albert Hall and followed this with Jake Thackray’s “King Arthur”. The first half closed with the riotous return of The Daft Dames who were wearing their Sou’westers and sang reprisels from their recent performance in the Village Hall of Tomasz Schafernaker (yes, the BBC weather forecaster) and seamlessly went into “It’s raining Svens” which at one point involved tossing plastic figures into the audience. Loud applause with the odd cheer came from the audience.

The Folk Club Choir opened the second half with the appropriate “May Song” followed enthusiastically by “Queen of Waters” and then the injured and debilitated Peter McDonald played his piano and emotionally sang Carole King’s “Will You Love me Tomorrow” and then read Les Barker’s very funny poem “Voicemail” which was well received. Pete Mason recited a self-penned poem/story about Mary Temple, Charles I and II and The Indemnity and Oblivion Act of 1660. Pete had done a lot of historical research to produce it which everyone was fascinated by. Immanuel’s Ground returned to perform a wonderful shape note style song “Jerusalem” which was written by Isaac Watts. Ian and Sue sang a traditional song “Fair are the Flowers in the Valley” and paid tribute to Gordon Lightfoot who had just passed away by singing his song “Gypsy”. The evening closed with the brilliant Rumble-o band who firstly performed “Golden Vanity” which was a fictitious ship from the 16th century, think Mary Rose, and which was scuttled in battle and finished with the Proclaimers’ “I’m on My Way” - they really were good!

Steve looked at the clock and there was still plenty of time for another performance so to finish the evening for a second time and involve the audience, Peter and Graham got together for another reprisal from the recent village hall concert of Les Barker’s infamous “Ere we Go”, well actually its “Earwig O”. Everyone joined in, hands in the air waving from side to side in unison loudly singing along the chorus.

It was another great evening of entertainment; every performer was on form and we all went home with smiles on our faces.

The raffle raised £80 for Cancer Research

Next month’s Folk Club will be run by Ian Hartland with the theme of “The Seven Deadly Sins”.



HARBURY TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Tony Thomas

On Thursday 27th April we held another enjoyable film evening with cheese and wine. Our grateful thanks go to Gordon Robbins who lent and set up the projector etc for us.

In addition to the visit to Samoio-sur-Seine at the end of May we have plans for a number of activities for the rest of the year in which everyone is welcome to join us.

We plan a visit to the Severn Valley Railway, hold a Pétanque competition with Barbecue, and to tie in with Bastille Day celebrations, a Safari Supper.



HARBURY HERITAGE CENTRE

Bill Timson

The current work on the Old Chapel House in Mill Street is creating much interest to say the least.

The building had been a Primitive Methodist Chapel and was built in the early 1850s of red brick and officially opened in 1852. The inscription stone, now visible since the removal of the rendering, was provided by Mr R Mander of Banbury. Primitive Methodism has its roots in John Wesley's open air preaching, which began in the mid-18th century. Primitive Methodists differed from the Wesleyan Methodists primarily in encouraging camp meetings and lay participation and this branch was founded to cater for working class families who did not go along with the more formal Wesleyan doctrine. The farming community living in and around the village may well have found this style of worship more to their liking. The Primitives were also known as 'Ranters', after their enthusiastic preaching. Many people have Primitive Methodist ancestors. In 1906 there were 210,173 members in Britain alone and many thousands more around the world. (source 'Our Primitive Methodists').



The Primitive Methodist Chapel in Mill Street circa 1900.

Photograph courtesy 'Our Warwickshire'.

In 1932, an amalgamation of the United Methodists joined with the Primitive Methodists, who were a larger organisation and the Wesleyan Methodists, who were largest of all, to form the Methodist Church of Great Britain we know today. Consequently, the chapel in Mill Street was closed in 1933 and converted into a house.

In contrast the Wesleyan Methodist Chapel in Chapel Street was built in 1806. In appearance it was more 'traditional', built from local stone. It may well have benefitted from increased attendance after the closure of the Mill Street Chapel. Warwickshire

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Octogenarian and former Harbury resident Max Wilkins, who lived in Farm Street and later Church Terrace recalls memories of his childhood and his association as a member of the Methodist Chapel, he writes:

'the Chapel building was large and unimpressive with a gallery, timber wainscoting, large pulpit, seating and walls with a plain, light decor. I recall three modest plaques recording the Flecknoe family, the Bustin family and the fallen Harbury in the two world wars. Electricity had been installed but heating was from two 'Tortoise' stoves. There was a crypt to one side of the chapel and a timber Sunday school room at the rear of the crypt. Behind the chapel was a small cemetery, with aged gravestones, no longer in use.'

He continues,

'as well as starting weekday schooling at the Wagstaffe Infants School in 1941, I went to the Chapel Sunday School from 2 until 3pm. I walked from Farm Street to Chapel Street and back sometimes with a school friend; parents taking and collecting children did not happen in those days. A Mrs Morris assisted by Miss Nellie Ivens looked after 15 or so pupils'.

'The Chapel held services at 3pm and 6pm. The preachers were hosted by Mr Ethelbert Messer, also a lay preacher and owner of the confectionary shop in the Bull Ring run by his wife, also the chapel organist. Mr Messer passed away in the mid-forties so Mrs Messer ran church affairs and her daughter Margaret assisted as organist'.

Max's full and fascinating article can be found in the Heritage Centre. We are very grateful to him for passing on his knowledge.

By 1970 the Chapel, due to lack of support and deterioration in condition had closed and was offered for sale. It was bought at auction by Mr John Evetts for £2,800 with the intention of converting it into his family home.

However, things did not go according to plan! On commencement of the work John discovered the crypt which had been bricked up, together with its occupants!

In total 12 bodies were exhumed from the crypt and re buried in the cemetery at the end of the road. It took a lot of 'red tape' and diplomacy with the Home Office in London to obtain the relevant permission



A photograph of the chapel from the Leamington Courier in 1970



A view of the interior at the time of purchase



One of the 'Fish tail coffins' found in the crypt

for these events to take place. The obvious delicacy of 'waking and moving the dead' had to be done with the upmost care and discretion; some two years later John was able to continue building and eventually finished his home.

The entry in the burial register:

29/1/1973 - 'remains removed from Methodist chapel' and reburied'

John Flecknoe & William Flecknoe	Remains removed from Methodist Chapel	died 1835/47
Ann Flecknoe & John Flecknoe	Remains removed from Methodist Chapel	died 1872/49
Elizabeth Scotton & Henry Hinks	Remains removed from Methodist Chapel	died 1860/37

John renamed the old chapel 'Flecknoe House' in honour of the Flecknoe family.

If you have any photographs, comments, or questions about this article please contact us by email at 'group@harburyheritage.org.uk'

Other News:

We intend to have a stall at the carnival in June, please come and support us.

We are hosting the Brinklow, Bretford and Wolston History Group on Wednesday 26th July. They will be having a tour around the village followed by tea and cakes at the Centre.

Look out for information and a date for our annual 'Family Treasure Hunt' in August.

Next open days - Tuesday 6th June, 7 to 9pm. As the third Sunday in June is Father's Day we are opening on the day before, Saturday 17th from 2 until 4pm. Hopefully it will be warmer by then! Look forward to seeing you.



HARBURY ENERGY INITIATIVE

Alan Guy, HEI Vice Chair

Spare Energy Anyone?

Following the successful House Energy Event in March, HEI has given, and received useful feedback arising from it. In particular, a number of residents have confirmed that they will be carrying out insulation upgrade works. Others appreciated the wide knowledge shared at the event. For lists of contributors etc, go to www.harburyenergy.co.uk/energy-initiative/ and look for 2023 news.

HEI will again be displaying in the Parish Council-sponsored 'Eco Tent' at the Carnival, Saturday 10th June, along with other local environmental groups. Please come along and see us!

Meanwhile, Bob Sherman, our President, continues to spread the energy efficiency message around the county, through the Low Carbon Warwickshire Network. Please see their page on Facebook and get information on upcoming events, such as the ones in Leamington and Napton on 3rd June.

A question for the reader: have **you** got any (personal) energy to spare? HEI would love to have more members, to bring new ideas and pairs of hands to help show what Harbury can do locally to lower carbon and promote climate protection. HEI has already fostered, supported, or assisted, many projects, improving energy efficiency in many of

our public buildings and facilities, from Harbury School, to E Wheels to Harbury Church. If you are interested, use the Contact Form on the website (see earlier, above) or phone me on 01926 614242. Thank you.

Now something for the 'techies':- this month, Ted (Dowdeswell) has noticed that two European companies are about to start producing a completely new type of Heat Pump using "sound" to create the heat!

One of the biggest problems with current heat pumps is that they can generally only reach a maximum temperature of around 55° C which means that they cannot get many homes to a comfortable heat in very cold weather without major changes to the radiators system or by installing underfloor heating, both disruptive and costly - until now - if what these companies claim is true.

They claim that the new heat pumps can create temperatures up to 80° C. They are apparently very compact, quiet (about the noise of a domestic freezer), require little maintenance and, moreover, will be cheaper installed. See <https://www.equium.fr/en/home> and www.blueheartenergy.com.

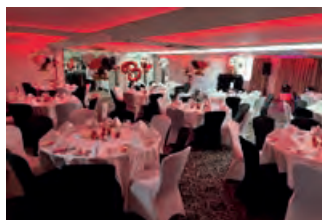
These new 'Acoustic Heat Pumps' can take heat from ground source, water or air, do not require a large hot water storage tank and, being smaller and quieter than existing heat pumps, can be installed inside the house. That is great news for the climate, if these pumps are as good, and economical, as they are claimed to be!



HARBURY RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Steven Kittendorf

Harbury Rugby Football Club's 60th Anniversary Ball was held at Hellidon Lakes Hotel and Spa on Saturday 29th April. Dressed to impress we were treated to a fine meal and took part in charity games before partying the night away - a fantastic night was had by all. Special thanks to Lindsey and Vicky for organising this massive event.



Harbury is a truly inclusive venue with Mini, Junior and Senior teams together with Ladies and Girls Touch Rugby teams. In addition, the Club hosts football clubs and Cricket Clubs throughout their playing season. Slimming World take over the Clubroom every Wednesday throughout the year and a cycling club holds a charity cycle event each February. We have two Caravan Clubs that have booked the grounds this year; one in early July and the other late August. We are seeing an increase in the number of enquiries to hire the venue for various meetings and parties all of which makes Harbury Rugby Club a popular place to come to.

With all the sporting activity going on throughout the year means the grounds had to withstand an awful lot of punishment. In order to re-establish a good playing surface, the grounds were airted/verti drained and seeded during early May. This was followed by sprinkling 60 tonnes of sand over the first team pitch and training area and the application of a fertiliser. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us with occasional showers to promote growth which will then need the application of a weed treatment around June/July time.



KING CHARLES III CORONATION PARTIES



Chapel Street



Queens Close



South Parade



Constance Drive, Margaret Close & Penelope Close



**KING CHARLES III
CORONATION PARTIES**



Hall Lane & nearby residents



Dickens Road



Honiwell Close



Manor Orchard



Mackley Way

The Mini and Junior season wrapped up at the end of April with some awesome performances by our U15s and U16s in their Warwickshire cup competition finals, although not coming home with any silverware. We are into touring season with a number of our age groups taking Harbury RFC across the country for fun filled weekends and some rugby to top it off.

During the off season we will be preparing for the season ahead with age groups doing summer activities to keep the team spirit up throughout the summer. One of the highlights will be the M&Js awards held during the 60th Anniversary Funday on the 11th June; come down to the club for live music, a BBQ, bouncy castles for the kids and a bar for the adults!

If you have kids that are interested in getting involved over the summer or at the start of the season, give our Chair, Chris, a call on 07834 972999 or drop us an email on harburyrfc.enquiries@gmail.com.

Harbury Ladies Touch Rugby continues throughout the Summer with Sunday Tournaments and Thursday fitness and training sessions.

Cricket continues every Saturday throughout the Summer season.

Give us a wave as we travel on a couple of floats in the Harbury Carnival and then join us for some games in the playing field.



HARBURY TENNIS CLUB

Colin Mercer

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

Our AGM was well attended and members enjoyed the facilities at the Village Club. We got the “dry” business sorted fairly quickly with the hardworking Committee being re-elected, and then concentrated on the social part of the evening with some good feedback and discussion on how to take the club forward. The courts were scheduled to be repainted last September/October but the weather was too wet and/or cold for painting, hard to believe after the hot dry summer, and the work had to be held over until this year. The early spring weather was also too wet and cold but there was an improvement and window of opportunity in the first week of May with Fosse Contracts turning out on the first Bank Holiday Monday to complete the job. Everyone is now very pleased with how smart they look now.



The Banbury Summer League fixtures have started with our “A” team in Division 2 and the “B” team in Division 3. At the time of writing the “A” have not played any but the B team have played three with one win and two losses. The first was a 2-7 defeat at Brackley C followed by a 6-3 home win against Deddington. The third match at Kings Sutton “B” was a 3-6 defeat but was very close with the score as 3-3 after two rounds but we lost all three of the last round including two that went to close tie-breaks.

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

This will be a brief Newsletter this month as Toddlers has been closed throughout May. We had a number of Bank Holidays and the Scout Hut was undergoing some refurbishment work.

We have really missed all the parents and lovely children who attend regularly but by the time you are reading this we will be back hurrah !

Plans for the future

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

- Pu Tai Wellbeing, relaxing Reiki or massage for parents
- Miss Chiara from Love Ballet.com
- Fairytale Journey with SpOt Drama
- Secret Dens with Deb Dutton

Could you be a Volunteer?

We had some response to our Volunteer 'shout out' last month but if it is something which would be of interest please do connect with us.

We are looking to expand our volunteer team.

- Do you have a little time on your hands? Would you like to be a special part of your local community's children's early years? We promise the smiles are well worth it.
- Could you be part of a team to help set up on a rota basis, would you like to support children's early years development and support the sessions on a regular basis?
- Could you be a 'stand in' when we are a volunteer down?

For more information please pop along on a Monday to see us. We meet at the Scout Hut each week (Term Time) or email lynnebarton@btinternet.com to find out more.

And Finally

With much affection, stay safe and we look forward to seeing you all very soon.
Monday @ 9.30 to 11.15am.

Love from Lynne, Selina, Debbie, Suzi and Judi x x





Carnival Planning

By the time you read this, we will be finalising all the lovely artwork the Pre-Schoolers have made for the Carnival Float! Harbury Pre-School has recently turned 50 so we are looking forward to celebrating in style on 10th June.

The Pre-Schoolers have also been celebrating themselves and have been creating some fantastic self-portraits. They have been looking in the mirror at their features and replicating them on card. They look amazing!



Coronation

Pre-School didn't miss out on the Coronation Fun! We have been learning all about the King and where he lives. We had our very own 'Street Party' in the role play and even a throne!



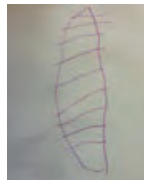
The children could dress as royalty and had the opportunity to make some red, white and blue bunting and also decorate and colour some flags to wave. They also decorated some paper plates to serve up their 'party food'.

Caterpillars

We have been watching our caterpillars and they have been growing so fast! This week, we have noticed that they are now inside cocoons.

We have been reading fiction and factual books about caterpillars and life cycles. We have also been drawing pictures of the caterpillars at the different stages.

We have been taking guesses as to how long they will take to emerge, and estimates range from teatime to 10 years. We have also been predicting the colours which range from blue, pink, purple and rainbow to a dinosaur pattern on their wings! We are eagerly waiting and hoping they emerge before half term!



Outdoor Play

It is so nice to have a bit of sun which enables us to spend more time outside. We have had the climbing frame and slide out which also has the added purpose of becoming

a little den underneath the top should it become a little wet.

We have purchased some new tools for the tool bench and the children have loved using them on pieces of cardboard together.

The babies have also made their way out of the shed and are being pushed around in pushchairs, fed and carried in carry cots. They are being very well looked after!

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

To love, learn and grow together.

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

You may have noticed that we have a new school logo at the top of this article. This has taken months of planning. Thank you to the involvement of the Heritage Centre, Governors, teachers, TAs, all staff and pupils. Everyone has had a say in the design. We felt that the windmill is the best representation of our village alongside the windmill in Chesterton which is also part of our catchment area. This hasn't been an easy decision, but we feel that this logo is clear, crisp and makes an impact. It also fits in with the other schools in our MAT.

www.ardenforestmat.org/our-schools/

We researched into the history of our old logo and found out about the Wagstaffe family who started the school and their crest. We will be making a booklet for the Heritage Centre to record this event and change of logo. It will become part of the school's history.

Coronation Fun!

We all enjoyed a whole school picnic on the Friday before the Coronation. It was wonderful to get the whole school together. Everyone wore red, white and blue. Later we invited all our families to enjoy a Coronation surprise. We managed to get through most of the classes before rain stopped play! Along with our singing, thunder rumbled



all around. We were able to show our families, lots of Coronation facts, beautiful art work, songs and quizzes. Reception brought their teddy bears into school as apparently King Charles III takes his bear everywhere with him! Year one created a time capsule which they have buried in the school grounds. Year 2 taught us all about where the commonwealth countries are. We heard some fabulous instructions from year 3 about how to prepare for a coronation. Year 4 showed off their beautiful singing from the Warwickshire Sings programme they have been following. You can see attached Year 5's beautiful collaborative art work of King Charles! Year 6 prepared a challenging coronation quiz. Despite the weather, we all had a fabulous day.



Sponsored run

PTA organised a fantastic sponsored walk/run around Harbury... you may have seen us. I clocked up 15,000 steps. Thank you, PTA. We raised about £2,100!

Earthworms

Staff all enjoyed getting their hands dirty with Wendy our Earthworms leader. We are so fortunate to have Wendy who volunteers and shares her wonderful knowledge about gardening and nature. We have 63 children who take part in Earthworms' after school club. Regular updates with staff ensure that all staff have the confidence to use the green house, gardening area and the pond.

We are looking forward to the sunny weather to use the amazing outside resources that we have.



HARBURY LIBRARY & BIBLIO'S CAFE

Rich Fowler

Sensory Toys Thanks to a grant from Harbury WI we have been able to purchase a selection of sensory toys for use in the library. While these toys are designed to be beneficial for neurodivergent children, the box will be available in our Children's Area at all times so in practice any child will be able to play with them. We are aware that many neurodivergent children already use the library regularly.



The American Psychiatric Association has found that sensory issues can be mitigated by certain specialist toys and devices. We have joined a growing number of libraries that provide a box of sensory toys in their Children's Areas. The **toys** we have selected are designed to stimulate four of a child's five senses: sight, sound, touch and smell (we'll leave taste for their parents to address) and include elements such as bright, contrasting colours, sounds, or different textures. We will also have ear defenders



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MAY BANK HOLIDAY

Saturday 27th May join us from 8pm for a bank holiday knees up with live music from "The Indigos" and cocktails!

FAMILY FUN DAY

Saturday 10th June, 2pm UNTIL 10.30pm. We will be filling the day with street food, live music, gin tasting, bouncy castle, face painting and more!

Adults £20pp Food Ticket & Entry Gin

Children £7.50pp Food Ticket & Bouncy Castle.

Book your tickets direct with the pub.

FATHERS DAY

Sunday 18th June - Treat dad to the best Sunday lunch in the shire! Pre-book now to avoid disappointment.

CHARITY QUIZ & CHILLI

Tuesday 20th June - Take on the quiz master and enjoy a half time delicious chilli too all for just £10pp upon booking and donation to the charity "Alzheimer UK" on the night
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Introduction to FindMyPast

In June and July we will be running some small introductory sessions for people interested in using FindMyPast to research their family history. If you'd be interested in attending one of the sessions please email us at findmypast@harburyvillagelibrary.org.uk.



National Crime Reading Month

Run by the Crime Writers' Association in partnership with national charity The Reading Agency, National Crime Reading Month is a festival that takes place throughout June across the UK and Ireland, culminating in the prestigious CWA Daggers ceremony at the end of the month. It aims to promote and celebrate crime reading across the genre through exciting events and activities in bookshops, libraries, museums, theatres and online. We have something planned at Harbury Village Library, but that's a mystery! Watch this space.

Harbury Carnival

As usual we'll have a stall at the carnival on Saturday 10th June, so please drop by and say hello.

Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge this year launches on Saturday 8th July. This year, the Reading Agency have 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.

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 3rd 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

Library - Monday and Tuesday - 10am to 4.30pm;

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

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

Saturday - 10am to 12 noon.

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



HARBURY CLUB & INSTITUTE

Club Committee

June diary dates:

2nd Nallys Jamaican Street food 7pm

17th Quiz 7.30pm

24th "52 North" live band 9pm

30th Bingo 8pm

We have had a few changes at the club this month. We have welcomed Joanne as full-time bar manager and Bob and Amber have decided to move onto pastures new, and will be having a well deserved drink the other side of the bar. Thank you for all your years of hard work and dedication to the club. You will both be missed by committee and customers.

We held our AGM on the 30th; thank you to everyone who attended. It's nice to see the positive support we have. Well done to the newly appointed officers and committee.

It was lovely to see so many people enjoying themselves at our Coronation Sunday, even though we had to move the bouncy castle inside due to rain. The crown's which were made looked fantastic and the room was full for the JayKays, who played a brilliant set. We can't wait for them to return again.

Join us on the 4th to watch the wheelbarrow teams go past and grab their drinks, while you have a couple yourselves. We will be hosting the Carnival Games Quiz on the 8th, so good luck to all the teams. Please give Harbury Club a wave at the carnival on the 10th as our float goes by.

Please join us on the 24th for the live band "52 North" 9pm playing some fab music. Try your luck on 30th, Bingo 8pm (Inc snowball).

Become a member: **Junior** 16-18 years - £5, **Adult** 19-65 years (single) - £13.50, **Couple/partner** £22, **Concessions** 66-79 years - £8, **Over 80** - free.

We have the cheapest prices in the village with your members discount applied. Also discounted function room hire. We are family friendly and welcome dogs on leads.

The club can offer:

- * A large private function room
- * Lounge
- * 5 dart boards
- * Children's games room
- * Two full size snooker tables
- * Pool table
- * Full size table tennis table
- * Children's garden games
- * Meeting room

For any enquiries/bookings please phone 01926 612497 or email harburyvillageclub@outlook.com

Summer opening times:

Monday 7pm - 11pm	Tuesday 7pm - 11pm	Wednesday closed
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

Dear Garden,

I'm writing to say that I'm sorry that so much needs to be done, to my eyes you are looking overgrown and rather neglected. There are some good reasons for this. The main one is the weather, it has been cold and very wet. There were quite a few plants which didn't make it through the winter including Phormiums, shrubby salvias, hebes, cistus and dieramas. So there are gaps which rather look like they are being taken over by weeds especially cleavers (or do you call it sticky willy?) and also rosebay willow herb. Then there are the spaces left due to over-enthusiastic removal of various plants which I'd begun to hate. The continuing wet weather has prevented any planting from happening. Then there are the rabbits which continue to dig around new plants exposing the roots, grrr. If/when the ground begins to dry out please rest assured that I, with the help of Sarah, will be doing our best to get rid of the weeds and get some planting done.



There have been quite a few garden visitors who surprise me by making positive comments and help raise funds for the charity although I have had to deter a few people who have arrived wearing super smart 'town' shoes.

In the polytunnels it looks a bit more promising, everything is thriving, there is abundant growth, cuttings are rooting and seeds are popping up daily. The sales beds are filling up quickly, not easy after having had to throw away so many frost damaged stock for the first few weeks of the year. If we ever get any sustained warmth it will all be very jungle-like. There are frogs and toads in and among the pots in the tunnels which always startle me when they are disturbed.

There is much to be done, I will get out there instead of sitting here at the laptop.



NATURE NOTES

Martin & Amanda Randall

We are fortunate to live close to the Ufton Fields nature reserve. It is one of Warwickshire's larger nature reserves with a mix of grassland, woodland and ponds. The ponds and pools are the legacy of the previous quarrying that took place here. Quarrying started in the 1950s to produce limestone for the cement industry. That activity stopped in the 1960s and since then the site has been recolonised by vegetation, with the quarry workings between the ridges of spoil filling with water. The site was gifted to Warwickshire County Council in 1972 and has been declared as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), mainly for its insects. It is a local 'hotspot' for butterflies, for example.

The lime-rich soil at Ufton Fields is also good for a range of flowering plants. The reserve supports several species of wild orchids that can be seen in the early summer. Probably the most conspicuous is the Common Spotted-orchid, the most widespread of all UK orchids. It gets its name because the green leaves have many purple, oval spots. The flowers are densely packed in short, cone-shaped spikes. They are quite variable in colour, ranging from purple and pale pink, through to almost white, but with distinctive darker pink spots and stripes on the three-lobed lips of the flower. The Bee Orchid is another of our favourites. The flower is a 'bee mimic' because it looks like a female bumble bee. A velvet-textured petal mimics the abdomen of a bee and acts as a landing pad for pollinators. The male bee lands on the lip of the petal, to try to mate with it, and ends up pollinating the flower. But the right species of bee doesn't occur here, so Ufton's Bee Orchids are self-pollinated.



Bee orchid



Common spotted orchid

There are some less brightly coloured orchids at Ufton Fields too. The Butterfly Orchid produces tall elegant flower spikes with greenish white flowers, so they are not as easy to spot as the previous two. It is said that when the flowers are fully open and petals spread, they look a bit like the wings of a butterfly, though we are not entirely convinced on that one. They are mainly pollinated by night-flying moths and sometimes by Hawkmoths. Although Butterfly Orchids are found locally throughout the UK and Ireland, their numbers are in steep decline due to habitat destruction, agricultural pollution and the loss of ancient woodlands.



Butterfly orchid

If you are a serious plant spotter you may also see the very rare

Man Orchid. It is on the 'red list' of vulnerable plants in Great Britain and is near to the northern edge of its range at Ufton Fields. By the 1930s, many populations of this species had been destroyed by ploughing, and other sites have been lost to scrub encroachment and inappropriate roadside cutting regimes. It is particularly vulnerable to agricultural pollution and runoff. As its name suggests the flowers resemble tiny hooded human figures, making it relatively easy to identify although the drab greenish colour means it is difficult to spot. The flowers are occasionally tinged with yellow or dark brownish-red. Insect pollination by ants and hoverflies may occur, but most reproduction is thought to be vegetative via the production of additional tubers.



Man orchid

Orchids live a precarious life. Not only are they under threat from habitat loss and pollution there have also been upsetting cases of wild orchids being 'stolen to order' for collectors, yet wild orchids rarely survive this treatment.

Orchids can also have difficulty in establishing themselves. They have very small seeds which, unlike most seeds, don't contain a food store of their own. To be successful, they rely on the presence of specific mycorrhizal fungi in the soil. This complex, symbiotic (or cooperative) relationship with fungi provides nutrients that the orchid needs to germinate and develop until it unfurls its first leaves and begins photosynthesising. In return, the orchid roots protect the fungus. It wasn't until the 1890s that Noel Bernard, a French botanist, discovered this crucial relationship with soil fungi. The mycorrhizal fungi are not like toadstools and mushrooms, but are much smaller (like moulds) growing through soil in an underground web. The older and less disturbed the soil, the thicker the fungal mat - this is one of the reasons why ploughing of fields causes so much damage to orchid colonies - the orchid bulbs survive in the soil but, because the fungal mat is broken up and destroyed, the orchids often die out.

Of course, there are plenty of other interesting plants to see at Ufton Fields. We recently found one that we had never noticed there before. It looked like just a small clump of leaves on some damp shaded ground. But on closer inspection we found several plants, each with a whorl of four egg-shaped leaves at the top of a stem and a modest green flower. It was Herb Paris, a member of the lily family. Herb Paris plays a significant role in some ecosystems and, like the orchids, it forms a symbiotic relationship with certain fungi, which help it to survive in nutrient-poor soils. Although widespread in Britain it has a scattered distribution; it has only been recorded in a few localities in Warwickshire so we were pleased to find it growing at Ufton.



Herb Paris

The name 'Paris' stems from the Latin 'pars' meaning 'parts' referring to the four equal leaves, and not to the French capital or the lover of Helen of Troy. It is also known as the 'herb of equality' because all of its parts are considered equal and harmonious. This

symmetry appealed to medieval herbalists and Herb Paris was considered a sacred plant in ancient Celtic and Norse cultures. Used as a medicine as well as in marriage rituals, it was also said to guard against witches. However it is highly poisonous, and all parts of the plant, including the berries, contain toxic compounds so it is no longer recommended for medicinal use. We don't know about the witches though!

[Scan code to read about the theft of wild orchids]



HARBURY GENERAL NEWS



HARBURY DISTRICT COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Susan Ostrander (Cllr Harbury Ward)

Hello,

As your new District Councillor, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone who took part in the recent election process. Many of you went out to vote (see details below) and a majority cast your ballot for me, so thank you to those that did. I was very fortunate to have an amazingly well coordinated delivery team supporting me and so I also want to thank them for helping me introduce myself to everyone in the ward. Finally, I want to thank Jacqui Harris for serving this area so diligently for the last eight years. I hope that I can build on her good work. While I have the opportunity, I would like to recognise the importance of, and thank, the Volunteer Local Parish Council Champions in representing their residents and the efforts they make to improve day to day living in our local communities.

As your new representative at District Council I aim to serve everyone well. However I am a realist; I know that I will not be able to keep everyone happy all the time. But I can promise that I will do my best to listen well, work hard, negotiate, keep communication open and represent this ward without bias at Stratford District Council. I believe this approach will be positive, effective and avoid conflict. I am solution-focussed, enthusiastic and seek the win/win wherever possible.

I look forward to meeting and working with more of you over the next four years.

If you would like to get in touch I have a District Council email on which you can contact me: Sue.Ostrander@stratford-dc.gov.uk.

Elections

The election on 4th May for the 41 District Councillor seats means that the new Council consists of 25 Lib Dems, 12 Local Conservatives, 3 Greens and 1 Independent. There are 39 Wards of which 2 have 2 District Councillors because of their size.

Turnout for the elections across the Wards varied with the highest being Welford 49.3% and lowest Southam South 28.8%.

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In **Harbury Ward** the figures were:

Turnout 42.92%

Chris Baddon - *Reform UK* - 64

Linda Eastap - *Labour* - 91

Jacqui Harris - *Independent* - 435

Susan Ostrander - *Liberal Democrats* - 533

Concerns had been expressed about new Voter ID requirements, however SDC reported that just 12 people were turned away and did not vote because of failure to provide necessary ID (0.03%).

It is not possible to determine how many people may have been deterred from voting as a result of the new legislation.

New Council

The Annual Meeting of the District Council was on 24th May. At this meeting the Councillors taking up the Portfolio Holders positions were agreed. These are: Leader, Deputy Leader, Law and Governance, Environmental and Neighbourhood Services, Housing and Customer Services, Development (including Planning) and Finance. In addition, the Chairs of the 5 Council Committees were also confirmed. These are: Planning, Employment, Audit and Standards, Regulatory, and Licensing Panel. All will be chaired by Liberal Democrat Councillors.

In keeping with the Liberal Democrat commitment to a transparent, open, fair and accountable Council, the important 6th Committee of Overview and Scrutiny will be chaired by a District Councillor of an opposition party.



WEDNESDAY WALKERS

Sheila Burt

Last month saw us visiting a couple of Bluebell sites to enjoy the stunning displays at this time of year and then a rather more strenuous walk in the hills at Burton Dassett. All thoroughly enjoyable.

June will see us enjoying a wildflower meadow and on the 21st of the month we have a walk near Hidcote where we shall take a picnic lunch and walkers have the opportunity of visiting the garden afterwards.

Our walks carry on throughout the summer at which time we encourage other walkers to lead if they wish to. We've recently welcomed some new members to our group so do come along if you fancy a pleasant walk with good company. Details of our walks are on the diary pages.



THE KING REQUESTED MY COMPANY, SO I OBLIGED

Bob Sherman

The King and Queen got me up early on 6th May to go to their party. I didn't mind; I just knew it was going to be a special day despite the predicted drizzle.

I had expected huge crowds and a struggle to get to where I was instructed to be - Lambeth Bridge entrance to the Victoria Tower Gardens by 7.15am. There was a crowd but this one was of good-humoured police, Guides and other young volunteers assembled to ensure order and efficient movement. It worked. Every other access was

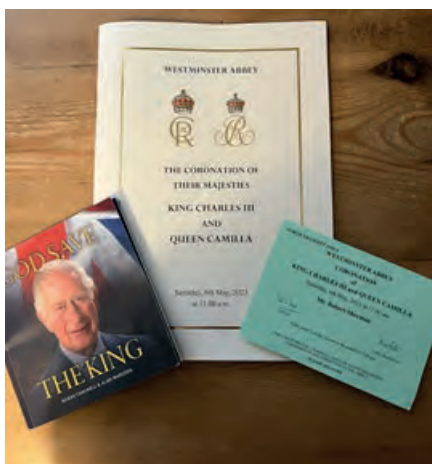
blocked by screens and barriers so there were no other public but us invitees.

As I queued in a long line stretching back over the bridge and beyond for entry to the Gardens and the security checks, the Lord Lieutenant of Warwickshire sped by but paused briefly to acknowledge my hurried greeting. Just behind me in the queue, by further pure coincidence, was the organiser of The Warwickshire Scrubbers, another recipient of an Honour at the same presentation that I attended at the Lord Leycester Hospital last winter.



We are good at obedient queuing in England but we were of many nations and still it all proceeded politely and in orderly fashion. Once cleared of all suspicion of being a potential threat and armed only with an emergency snack bar I followed the rapid move onwards to the Abbey where I was allocated a seat - just behind Stephen Fry. It was 07.50. We had a long wait ahead; we were to be there for another five and a half hours. At this stage I had quite a good view; it wasn't to last. A sudden flurry of activity and all the British Empire Medal recipients were moved to new seats with a less favourable view. However, there were television monitors in every corner and aspect to ensure that everyone present could see the main activity in the Abbey, see the guests arriving, the many colourful outfits as guests from the Commonwealth and of differing nations and ethnic backgrounds took their seats, the views up and down the Nave, the Chancel, the various thrones.

At 9am the music started. This momentous event was beginning. I am sure that most of you will have seen the BBC coverage of the event so need no more commentary on that. What I saw was much the same, viewed mainly through the monitor in front of us. What we gained was the overwhelming sensation of being present at something we would never forget, the varied emotional effects of the carefully selected beautiful music, the power behind this huge gathering of souls singing hymns together, sharing a unique experience.



And now to answer the question everyone subsequently asked me: 'What did you do about going to the toilet?' This was a preoccupation for many of us, I suspect, in advance of the day.

As a precaution I drank nothing for hours beforehand and definitely nothing while I was there! There were portaloos; it was fine. We needn't have worried.

Setting such banalities aside, this was a historic day. To have been allowed to participate was a great and valued privilege.

Warwickshire Open Studios will be back in Harbury and in many other locations around Warwickshire this month. Painters, photographers, Sculptors, potters etc will be exhibiting their work and, in some cases, giving demonstrations at their studios over the period from 17th June to 2nd July. You will see some great work and we are sure you will enjoy talking to the artists about what has inspired them..

Thirteen artists will be exhibiting in five venues in Harbury and one in Bishops Itchington. These being:

Venue 41 - Art at the Cell, Station Road, Bishops Itchington.

Venue 42 - Chain Cottage Temple End, Hugh Tottle (photographer) and Susan Littlewood (painter).

Venue 43 - Manor Cottage Park Lane, Jules Whiteside (jewellery designer).

Venue 44 - 19 Mill Street, Viv Hunt (glass), Moira Lamont (painter) and Sarah Smith (mixed media and Jewellery).

Venue 45 - 8 South Parade, Andrew Lawrence (painter), Jacqui Temple (ceramicist), and Val Evans (painter).

Venue 46 - Church House Crown Street, Dee Luntley (linocut and painter), David Shepherdson (wood turner), Kate Lakin (embroidery) and Nicky Luntley (painter and designer).



For all exhibition details, opening days and times visit warwickshireopenstudios.org

**HARBURY CARNIVAL - SATURDAY 10TH JUNE***Carnival Committee*

We are looking forward to seeing all your floats and costumes on the big day. If you plan to take part in the parade, please assemble in Sutcliffe Drive at 12 o'clock ready for judging. The procession will leave at 1pm, with the first half of the parade led by Shirley Pipe Band and the second half by Hereburgh Morris. The procession will arrive at the playing fields around 1.45pm for the official opening of the fete.

Once at the field, you will be able to enjoy a wide variety of stalls selling food, drink, craft, etc. Take part in the fancy dress competition, bring your dog along for the dog show or sit down and enjoy the live music. There will be the usual fairground and thanks to a generous award from Wigleys Community Fund, we will be having Stilt Man return to this year's carnival.

Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets from the volunteers who will be going door to door in the run up to the carnival. There are some fantastic prizes and any money raised is passed on to local groups. Last year, just over £1,400 was shared between 12 village charities and groups.

If you are interested in helping on the day, please get in touch with Haidee on 07775 857054 or e-mail harburycarnival@gmail.com



CARNIVAL STALL

Julie Clarke - Senior Citizens Committee

The Senior Citizens Committee are holding a Sweet Tombola stall at the carnival on 10th June.

Thank you for the donations we have received so far. To attract customers all afternoon we would appreciate a few more donations, these can be large or small, chocolate or sweets. Donations can be dropped off at 32 South Parade or 4 South Parade. We can also collect just give me a call on 07799 375264 or 01926 612066. Thank you.



SENIOR CITIZENS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Mike McBride

Everyone who requested a seat for the trip to Salisbury will be going so please turn up at the Village Hall on **Wednesday 14th June**. The coach will be leaving at **8.30am**.

Please remember that when you get to Salisbury it is up to you what you do as it is not a guided tour.

There is plenty to see and do in Salisbury but you can visit the tourism website at <https://www.visitwiltshire.co.uk/salisbury/> to get up to date information of what is happening and copies of maps and so on.

We run a stall at the Harbury Carnival as a fundraiser and this year it will be a sweet tombola along with a guess the name of a teddy bear. If you should have any unwanted sweets or chocolate that you don't want the temptation of eating, then we will be happy to help you by taking the temptation and using it in a good cause. Any donations of sweets or chocolate can be left at 32 South Parade.

We hope that you enjoy Salisbury and don't forget to come and see us at the Carnival and meet some of the committee members.



THE COLLECTIVE

Rev. Andy Batchelor

Events in today's world trigger a multitude of questions on issues to which our modern society is wanting answers. All Saints Harbury engages in discussion on such issues from both a secular and Christian perspective by meeting on a regular basis in the Shakespeare pub. The next meeting of THE COLLECTIVE will take place on Tuesday 20th June at 7.30pm, and monthly thereafter. Our next topic for discussion will be 'Finding Peace!'

The aim is to get to know each other better, hear a short presentation on a hot topic, and spend time discussing it together over drinks in an informal setting. Everyone is welcome and questions and challenges are encouraged! Please do come along.

Any questions, please contact me: rev.andyb@gmail.com 01926 714295.



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 24th June 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 Chesterton Church.

Please come along and “shop local”. We are also on Facebook @Harbury Local Market join for regular updates.



REPAIR CAFÉ

Rich Fowler

The next Harbury Repair Cafe will be on Saturday 24th June from 2pm to 4pm.

Did you know 11.4 million toasters are thrown away in the UK every year? Toasters and other small electrical devices contain valuable materials that are costly to the environment and our pockets to source. So, if you fall out of love with your toaster or other small device or it stops working, please try to reuse, repair or recycle it.



Repair - Repair Cafes are community run to help repair a wide range of things. Electricals, clothing and furniture to name a few.

Reuse - Take to your local reuse shop at recycling centres across Warwickshire.

Recycle - If your item is sadly beyond repair please recycle it.



HARBURY GARDENS WALKABOUT

BOOK YOUR TICKETS IN ADVANCE

Peter Walshe (on behalf of e-wheels)

After a superb response amongst villagers to support this event we now have nearly 30 gardens which will be opening on **Saturday 1st** and **Sunday 2nd July**. (This is the major annual fund raiser for e-Wheels, the local charity that transports, without charge, those in need within a 15 mile radius of Harbury.)

This year tickets can be booked in advance or on the day either in the Harbury Village Library (cash or card) or via TicketSource (search ‘Garden Walkabout’). Tickets are £5 per adult (children free) valid for the same person both days. Programmes and Gardens’ Map can be picked up on the day at the Library.

In addition, there are a number of attractive events as well as the gardens:

- Saturday 24th June Charity Concert 6.30pm (in aid of MaxAppeal and e-Wheels) at Church House, Crown Street (entry by donation)
- Open Studios (free) exhibiting a wealth of talent from our local artists
- Wits End lunches and teas (in aid of Shipston Home Carers and ABC Bowel Cancer)
- Sunday 2nd July 4.30pm in aid of Harbury Church Heat, Light & Stone Appeal: Warwickshire Singers present 'An English Country Garden' featuring music by English composers through the centuries (plus tea & cakes in the interval). Tickets available at ticketsource.co.uk/warwickshire-singers

For queries or further information please contact Peter Walshe on 07446 779879 or peterdouglaswalshe@gmail.com. The gardens will be open 10am - 6pm on Saturday and 12pm - 6pm on Sunday.

Thank you for your support and enjoy the Garden Walkabout!



CELEBRATE THE CHURCH OPENING AND GARDEN WALKABOUT - JULY 2ND

Andrew Patrick

With The Warwickshire Singers in aid of the Heat Light and Stone Appeal.

The concert under their new conductor Jim Bate will include songs from many centuries celebrating gardens. There will be tea and cakes in the interval. Three Harbury members are in the choir, Andrew and Jenny Patrick, and Alan Guy. We hope you will support this to gain better lighting in church as we need more funds for this part of the appeal.

Tickets are available via ticketsource.co.uk/warwickshire-singers website or Andrew and Alan.

Do support this local cause.



MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR MARY SHELLEY

Toby Shelley

A memorial service will be held at All Saints Church in Harbury on 15th July at 1.30pm. All of Mary's many friends and acquaintances are welcome.

Tea and sandwiches will be available in the Tom Hauley room afterwards. If you wish to stay on after the service, please drop a line to Toby_Shelley@hotmail.com before the end of June, so we have an idea of numbers.

Mary loved flowers but did not want them for this service, asking instead for donations to the one-parent family charity Gingerbread, formerly headed by her daughter-in-law Fiona.

Best wishes.

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RELOCATED HARBURY RESIDENT AWARDED CITIZEN OF THE YEAR IN CORNWALL

Janet Thornley

Sally Thornley (daughter of Janet Thornley) was awarded the Citizen of the Year award by the outgoing Mayor of Looe this month. Sally and her partner, Steve Fitchett, moved from Harbury to Looe in 2019, after living in Frances Road for more than 20 years.



Presenting the award for 2022/23 at the Mayor-making ceremony held at the council chambers (above the fictional police station seen in the BBC series *Beyond Paradise*), Looe's outgoing Mayor Edwina Hannaford said: "This lady is highly skilled at designing processes and systems. She works quietly away in the background, never complains and is accommodating and empathetic. She volunteers for a number of groups including Looe Lions and Looe Community Meals."



SOLAR FARMS – PART 2

Bob Sherman

This is a continuation of a personal view on solar panels on farms (and elsewhere, of course). In the last article I looked at land use; this article is all about the technology, its suitability and its environmental impact.

Is it sunny enough here?

England has a reputation for being damp, cool and cloudy. As a gardener, I am only too aware of the disappointments our fickle climate can bring. If it wasn't raining today I wouldn't be writing this article! The sun does shine, however, and can shine for days on end, as we know from last summer's blistering hot spell. Even in Scotland there is enough sunlight to make solar panels work for you, especially during the long summer days.

Solar panels do not need direct sunshine (unlike solar hot water panels); they need sunlight and solar radiation. You may find it hard to believe but in England we receive similar amounts of solar radiation to many parts of France and Spain and equal amounts to Germany. Maximum sunlight is probably found in largely rainless deserts and day length varies very little, so production is constant during daylight. But here, far away from any desert, we still receive about 60% of the solar radiation of the Equator. That makes solar panels perfectly appropriate for our climate. The potential energy gap we face because we have been so slow globally to change from fossil fuel energy to renewables means we need solar panels and other technology wherever it can safely and effectively be installed. We have to get energy from some source and sunlight, wind, waves and tides provide it at little cost once installed.

Solar farms and wildlife

Do solar farms have a negative impact on wildlife? Not necessarily. The fact that there is very little human activity on a solar farm means that wildlife can actually thrive. All planning applications have to show a net gain in biodiversity. This is usually achieved by

planting of additional hedge screening and trees. Some, where there is no grazing planned, also undertake wildflower re-seeding, which in turn attracts butterflies and insects, which then attract birds. The main obstacle to plant diversity is likely to be the grazing animals.



I turned to the RSPB to find what their view is of solar farms and the effect on birdlife. A study undertaken for them showed that there was no difference in bird visits between solar farms and other agricultural cropped or grazed land but there was an increase in the variety of birds on solar farms.

End of life waste

Solar panels last for at least 30 years. Most modern installations have an expectation of even longer at 40 years - technology improves. This could mean that at the end of this period there is a field full of waste material needing disposal. Except that there is a requirement in the UK for solar panel material to be recycled and the recycling facilities are growing rapidly in efficiency and number. In France this has been going on for some considerable time. Virtually all of a panel can be recycled. 90% of the glass is recyclable and 95% of the semi-conductor material. Silver is stripped out and all the aluminium is reclaimed and re-used to frame new panels. The company Engie claim to recycle 94% of panel components. The remaining 6% is dust and particles, filtered out and used in construction as a sand substitute.

What about toxic materials?

In the UK no toxic materials are used in PV construction. The main components are glass, plastic, aluminium and silicon, one of the most abundant materials on Earth. 76% of every panel is glass, which has been recycled now for decades.

There is a different technology called thin film PV which can contain small amounts of materials that can be more hazardous in quantity but this is not in common use here.

I hope that these two short opinion pieces have given you an opportunity to form a balanced view of the importance of solar technology in solving our energy challenge. We need renewable energy sources at scale and quickly if we are to avert the dangerous effects of climate change that are already becoming part of our lives.



HARBURY BALLROOM & LATIN AMERICAN DANCING

Amanda Randall

Harbury Village Hall Wednesdays - Beginners 7.15pm Improvers 8.30pm

For the last few weeks, the beginners have been learning two very different ballroom styles. The Social Foxtrot, which was designed to be adapted to a wide and varied range of music and the Cha Cha Cha, a more energetic, rhythmic dance, with Cuban origins. The Beginners have been learning a basic Social Foxtrot sequence that will enable them to look great in any social dance setting! The livelier and more playful 'Turkish Towel' sequence in the Cha Cha Cha is looking good, too, Beginners! See photo.

The Improvers have mostly been working on an elegant and flowing Slow Foxtrot sequence, which has been an enjoyable challenge. We are getting there!

The Summer Party is on Wednesday 5th July 7.30 - 10pm and 'Royalty' will be the topical theme. Dress up as you wish! Please bring a sharing plate of food and something to drink. More details to follow.

June classes will give us the opportunity to revise and practice some of the other dances we have been learning over the year as well as working on the Cha Cha Cha and Social Foxtrot. Just to remind you that since autumn, Beginners have learned steps in Square Tango, Mayfair Quickstep, Rumba, Waltz, Paso Doble Quickstep, Cha Cha Cha and Social Foxtrot. What an impressive achievement.



Dates for this term:

21st and 28th June - practicing current dances and revising previously learned dances. (Usual timings)

5th July - Summer Party (All dancers, 7.30 - 10pm).

Dances:

Beginners: continuing with the Cha Cha Cha and Social Foxtrot, plus revising a selection of past dances.

Improvers: Foxtrot, Rumba and revision!

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

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HARBURY SWIFT VILLAGE - UPDATE

Amanda Randall

"They're back!"



The first swifts to arrive back in Harbury were spotted high in the sky over Bush Heath Lane by Doug Hanson, on 2nd May, two days earlier than their arrival last year.

I have been enjoying receiving your reports of swifts that you have seen and I would love to hear about swifts showing interest in your boxes or returning to nest under the eaves of your house. But remember that Harbury Swift Village project is to help the long-term recovery of these incredible birds. It may take a while for them to locate their new homes, so please don't be disappointed if there aren't swifts nesting in your boxes this year.

Do you know your swifts from your swallows from your house martins?

These three species are frequently mistaken for each other, but they do have their own distinguishing features:

Images courtesy of Pixabay

Swift	Swallow	House Martin
<p>The largest of the three species, Swifts are high-fliers and extremely fast, catching the aerial 'plankton' in their wide gapes. Often fly in noisy groups.</p>	<p>Swallows fly low to the ground over fields and meadows, or over lakes and rivers where there are lots of insects. Gather on telegraph wires in autumn.</p>	<p>House Martins zoom around at mid-height, usually in flocks, coming down low over water to catch insects.</p>
<p>Short forked tail.</p>	<p>Long, deeply forked tail with streamers.</p>	<p>Black tail is short and clearly forked.</p>
<p>Slender, crescent shaped wings.</p>	<p>Longer wings than House Martin.</p>	<p>Shorter wings than swifts or swallows.</p>
<p>Uniform dark colour all over – may look black against the sky.</p>	<p>Glossy blue upper parts, white under parts.</p>	<p>Blue-black upper parts except for its white rump. Under parts white.</p>
<p>Pale throat patch only visible when close up.</p>	<p>Red face and throat.</p>	<p>White throat.</p>
<p>Prefer to nest in cavities within roofs, buildings or cliffs. They use very little nesting material.</p>	<p>Particularly like a ledge or beam in a barn where they'll build a cup-shaped nest of mud.</p>	<p>Like swallows, house martins also collect mud to build cup-shaped nests, high up on buildings, but below the eaves.</p>
<p>Often heard the before seen – they make an unmistakeable, high-pitched "scream".</p>	<p>They often tweet and chirrup from perches.</p>	<p>Chirrup softly as they fly.</p>
	<p>Open your phone camera and hold it over the QR.</p> 	<p>RSPB Guide to Swifts, Swallows and House Martins.</p> <p>www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/wildlife-guides/bird-watching/how-to-identify-birds/swift-swallow-or-martin/</p>

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INCLUSIVE LEISURE EDUCATION ACTIVITY PROJECT

Nuala Chiba

Hello, my name is Nuala Chiba. I am 16 years old and currently studying A levels at Southam College.

I am unicycling half a marathon in one day on the 2nd of July to raise money for ILEAP (Inclusive leisure education activity project). I have never unicycled such a distance before so I am sure to fall off many times but I will get back on and complete my challenge. ILEAP is a charity that organises leisure activities for children and adults with additional needs. It is a place where members are encouraged to find themselves and find their “sparkle.”

I have been volunteering for ILEAP for over two years now and they are a very important charity as I have met so many amazing people and made many great relationships with the members.

The money raised will go towards setting up a prom type event called “Night to Sparkle” for ILEAP members. The money will cover the cost of hiring the venue and food so the cost for the members will be reduced by a great extent. Most members have not had this opportunity to attend a prom, instead most members will have seen their siblings get ready for their proms and never had this experience themselves.

I would be grateful if you could spread awareness about this amazing charity and it would mean so much to me if you could share my fundraising page.

Link to Just Giving page: tinyurl.com/3f2djdf

I have also attached a photo of a QR code.

Thank you for taking your time to read this.



READERS' LETTERS

Dear Editors

Adrian John Exton (Pec)

We would like to say how much we appreciated the many cards and messages at the time of Adrian's passing and on the day of the funeral we were totally amazed by the throng outside and in the Chapel plus the overwhelming numbers that came on later and overflowed to the rest of the pubs in the Village!

Thanks must go to Goodwins Funeral Directors, Celebrant Tracey, The Crown for the lovely food and the barstaff of Harbury Village Club whose stirring work helped make it "The Best Wake Ever" as Adrian had hoped it would be!

Special mention must go to the brilliant group 'OFFtheGRID' who stepped in at the last minute and Jo, Martyn and Amber who went above and beyond the necessary to help make it such a wonderful send off!

Lastly, donations in excess of £700 were made in Adrian's name and have been distributed accordingly so although we lost him he continues to support others!

Once again many thanks to all those who have made this sad time bearable.

Adrian's Family

Dear Editors

Sheila & Gerry Parker wish to thank their friends and neighbours for all the cards and messages of condolence, following the terrible and tragic loss of their darling son-in-law Simon and beautiful Grandson Harry.

Thank you all so much at this most difficult time.

Dear Editors

May I say a big thank you to Katherine, Fiona and Angie for organising our Coronation Street Party on Saturday 6th May.

The weather wasn't very kind to us but they provided gazebos which kept us dry. The food provided by the residents was fantastic.

Well done ladies, we really appreciated it!

Peggie Middleton

Dear Editors

I am writing to congratulate one of your advertisers on winning a prestigious award from Ladies First Business and Inspirational Women Awards 2023.

Emily Biddle (of Emily Jayne's Hair and Beauty Unisex Salon) won the Business Woman of the Year section this year.

Well done Emily - well deserved!

Pauline Hayes



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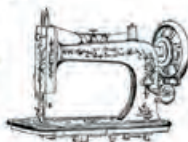
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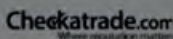
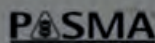
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