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EDITORIAL

A round up of local news

We hope you enjoyed the Harbury Garden Walkabout on the last weekend of June. Thank you to all those who opened their gardens and also to those who provided refreshments. We have some photographs of the gardens in this edition.

At the end of August, Harbury Village Hall will once again be hosting the Beer Festival - see diary/advert for times. Then, moving into early September, Harbury Village Show will be taking place on Saturday 7th. Schedules are available from the Library, the Post Office and the Milkshed or can be downloaded from the magazine website - hlnews.co.uk/harbury-village-show.html. Do think about entering one of the classes, be it showing off your vegetables, fruit or flowers, baking a Fruited Banana Loaf or exhibiting your arts and crafts. Entry forms should be sent in by Wednesday 4th September no later than 6.00pm.

Ladbroke Heritage Friendship Group are meeting on 7th August, and will be sharing memories on the theme of 'Home-made and Home Grown' which could tie in nicely with Harbury Village Show entries. This year, entries have been extended to include local villages who do not have their own show. Schedules are also available in Ladbroke Church's porch. The Ladbroke Matters Team are organising a boules tournament and barbecue on Saturday 7th September. Ladbroke Church will once again be joining in with the national Heritage Open Days and will have a special exhibition from Friday 6th - Sunday 8th September. Do pay them a visit.

Well done to the Harbury Village Library Team who have secured funding to be able to install new heating in the Wight School - the home of the Library and Pre-school. Work starts in August at the Pre-school and then, in September, the library will have to close for three weeks. We wish them well with the project.

Due to the Bank Holiday at the end of August, next month the deadline will be a day earlier on Sunday 18th.

Happy Holidays to everyone, we do hope the weather improves!



HARBURY DIARY

For local events

AUGUST

- Thu 1 Table Tennis, 9.30 - 10.30am, Village Hall, Tel: 01926 612951
Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
Harbury WI Garden Party, 6.00pm, Highcroft, Butt Lane, Harbury
Folk Club, 8.00pm, Village Club
- Fri 2 Meeting Point, 12.30pm, The Crown Inn
- Sat 3 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Harbury & Ladbroke News

Sun 4 PENTECOST 11

Said Communion, 9.00am, Church
Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall

- Mon 5 Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall
- Tue 6 Free Chair-based Activity Class, 10.00 - 11.00am, Village Hall
Harbury Heritage Centre open, 7.00 - 9.00pm, Harbury School (Park Lane entrance)
- Wed 7 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.35am, Village Hall car park - Walk TBA
Hereburgh Morris Practice session, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall
- Thu 8 Table Tennis, 9.30 - 10.30am, Village Hall, Tel: 01926 612951
Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
- Sat 10 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Southam Bowls
Harbury Repair Café, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Village Library

Sun 11 PENTECOST 12

Sung Holy Communion, 10.30am, Church
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 Free Chair-based Activity Class, 10.00 - 11.00am, Village Hall
- Wed 14 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.35am, Village Hall car park - Walk TBA
Quiet Space, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
Knitwits and Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Village Library
Hereburgh Morris Practice session, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall
- Thu 15 Table Tennis, 9.30 - 10.30am, Village Hall, Tel: 01926 612951
Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
Carer's Group Meeting, 1.00 - 2.00pm, Village Library
Harbury Library Classic Book Group, 7.30pm, Village Library
- Sat 17 Litter Pick, 10.00 - 11.00am, meet Village Hall car park
Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Church Audio Fund

Sun 18 PENTECOST 13

Said Communion, 8.00am, Church
All Age Service, 10.30am, Church
Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall
Harbury Heritage Centre open, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Harbury School (Park Lane entrance)

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- Mon 19 Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall
Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall

- Tue 20 Free Chair-based Activity Class, 10.00 - 11.00am, Village Hall
Harbury Society trip to 'Behind the Scenes' RSC, 11.45am, Stratford upon Avon
(pre-bookings only)
- Wed 21 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.35am, Village Hall car park - Long Itchington
Connections (Dementia) Café, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
Hereburgh Morris Practice session, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall
- Thu 22 Table Tennis, 9.30 - 10.30am, Village Hall, Tel: 01926 612951
Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
- Sat 24 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Southam Guide Dogs
- Sun 25 PENTECOST 14**
Sung Holy Communion, 10.30am, Church
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 Free Chair-based Activity Class, 10.00 - 11.00am, Village Hall
Harbury Theatre Group, 7.00 for 7.30pm, Village Club
- Wed 28 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.35am, Village Hall car park - Walk TBA
Knitwits and Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Village Library
Hereburgh Morris Practice session, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall
- Thu 29 Table Tennis, 9.30 - 10.30am, Village Hall, Tel: 01926 612951
Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
- Fri 30 Harbury Beer Festival, 3.00 - 11.00pm, Village Hall
- Sat 31 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Royal Agricultural
Benevolent Institution (RABI)
Harbury Beer Festival, 11.00am - 11.00pm, Village Hall

SEPTEMBER

- Mon 2 Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall
Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall
- Tue 3 Harbury Heritage Centre open, 7.00 - 9.00pm, Harbury School (Park Lane entrance)
- Wed 4 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.35am, Village Hall car park - TBA
Mothers' Union, Service 2.00pm, meeting starts 2.30pm, Tom Hauley Room
Deadline for entries for Village Show no later than 6.00pm today
- Thu 5 Table Tennis, 9.30 - 10.30am, Village Hall, Tel: 01926 612951
Folk Club, 8.00pm, Village Club
- Fri 6 Meeting Point, 12.30pm, The Crown Inn
- Sat 7 Litter Pick, 10.00 - 11.00am, meet Village Hall car park
Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Southam Mothers
Union

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**All Saints
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FROM THE RECTOR

Rev. Andy Batchelor

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As we move into the summer break this brings challenges as well as joys – particularly to parents, carers, and grandparents: Will there be a play scheme to look after the kids while I have to work? How will we cope with six weeks out of routine? For some children, in Year 6, this is a big holiday after a big ending as we say goodbye and ask for God's blessing on them as their educational adventure continues into a new school or college, later this year. It was a delight to be involved in leavers services across our Deanery and to present Bibles and gifts to the children who are moving on.

Holidays, of course, are about much more than recreation. They serve an important role in our re-creation. This role was at the heart of the foundation of the first National Parks; the realisation that people need spaces which allow them to be restored and remade. These spaces help refresh the "wear and tear" of daily living; recognising that just as our bodies are continually replacing worn and damaged cells, so we need to repair our tired minds, emotions, and souls.

Christians see this in a God who was not only at the heart of creation, but who goes on creating and re-creating; "Behold, I make all things new," we read in Revelation. Maybe that's because God does not view us as some machine to be set loose and allowed to run until our batteries ran out, but as a more fragile vessel to be nurtured and re-formed as we live and grow. This summer, regardless of whether you have had a holiday or not already, throw off that "Protestant Work Ethic" (it's neither Protestant nor Christian anyway) and enjoy a bit of re-creation with your recreation. Ensure you find some time to enjoy your Holy Days because after all, that is where the word holiday comes from!

(With thanks for inspiration to Rev Gary Crellin)



FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

Andy & Liz

Summer is upon us!

First, thank you to all those that came to have tea and cake on the Sunday afternoon of the Garden Walkabout. We raised £280 on the day for our Audio Visual fund.

Messy Church in July was Olympic-themed. We had lots of young people outside playing various games and then shared a picnic together.

Things are quietening down during the school holidays, particularly in relation to children's

work. We have a relatively small team that runs children's activities and many are away during the summer. There will be packs available for children at all services but there will be no Messy Church, Muddy Church, Little saints or children's church in the August services. We'll be back with renewed energy in September!

If you have any questions we can be emailed on warden@allsaintsharbury.org or phone Liz (01926 612421) or Andy (07753 497967).

From the Registers:

Wedding

6th July David Day and Natalie Bemrose

Baptisms

30th June Ernest Arthur Edward Mullard

30th June Zander Dominic Ace Mullard

Funeral

24th June Ian Jackson



MOTHERS' UNION

Gillian Hare

Our last meeting before the summer break found about a dozen members and two visitors at Burton Dassett. For anyone who doesn't know it, the church there comes as a tremendous surprise. All alone on the southern flank of the hill, it is enormous.

On a drizzly, unsummery afternoon, we were warmly greeted by the church warden, his wife and another lady. We were then given a talk about the rise and fall of the original village, and another about the church itself. The parish was, and is still, wide-ranging, and the church stood in the centre of a considerable development. In mediaeval times there were three main centres; Northend (which remains today) also south and east end, with shops and workshops, whilst to the west there were dwellings on the present country park. The productivity of the large parish was such that there was an important market established by royal charter, and the church building was enlarged outwards and upwards several times. At this time it was normal for churches to be decorated colourfully and Bible stories illustrated in wall paintings. Several of these have survived and been carefully restored and some overpainted with texts as literacy grew.

Then there was an all too familiar story: a combination of Black Death and absentee landlords who realised that raising sheep was much more profitable with little labour so most of the population were evicted, and their homes disappeared. The church nearly did so too and it is largely due to the efforts of the current church warden that it has been lovingly restored and is still an active centre of worship.

After so much information, we were ready for a cup of tea, and this was beautifully served in china cups with delicious cakes. What a treat!

We do recommend you to visit the church; there is parking right next to it. And if you are free for the August Bank holiday, there will be stalls and teas. Check locally for times.

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We send our love to Sue, Carol, Joy and Deanne as we miss having them with us.

We do not meet in August, so we wish our members a happy break until we start our new session with a service on 4th September.



LADBROKE NEWS & DIARY

AUGUST

Sun 4 TRINITY 11

Family Communion followed by refreshments, 10.30am

Tue 6 Table Tennis, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Wed 7 Heritage & Friendship Group, 10.30am - noon, The Old School

Sun 11 TRINITY 12

Holy Communion, 9.00am

Tue 13 Table Tennis, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Sun 18 TRINITY 13

Holy Communion (BCP), 9.00am

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Tue 20 Table Tennis, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Sun 25 TRINITY 14

Holy Communion, 9.00am

Tue 27 Table Tennis, 7.30pm, Village Hall

SEPTEMBER

Sun 1 TRINITY 15

Family Communion followed by refreshments, 10.30am

Tue 3 Photography Club open meeting - Talk on Jordan, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Wed 4 Heritage & Friendship Group, 10.30am - noon, The Old School

Thu 5 WI, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Fri 6 Heritage Open Day, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Ladbroke Church

Sat 7 Heritage Open Day, 10.00am - 4.00pm, Stained glass tour 11.00am, Fossil tour
2.00pm, Ladbroke Church

Sun 8 TRINITY 16

Holy Communion, 9.00am

Heritage Open Day, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Ladbroke Church



LADBROKE CHURCH NEWS

Peter Rigby

www.ladbrokechurch.org.uk

August is traditionally considered to be the holiday season and as a result no additional activities are planned but we will, of course, be continuing with our regular Sunday services.

Visiting churches is for some a popular activity, whether to admire its heritage and architecture or to enjoy the stillness that makes it easier to hear God speak to us. The latter might be easier in a village church like Ladbroke than in a bustling cathedral! Whether you are away on holiday or at home in Ladbroke, sitting and maybe praying in a church can be surprisingly refreshing.

The church continues to open between 10.00 – 4.00 each day for anyone wishing to visit, either for quiet prayer and reflection or to learn about its heritage. Do pop in if you wish.

Services and events this month:

Sunday 4th August	10.30am	Family Service
Sunday 11th August	9.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 18th August	9.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 25th August	9.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 1st Sept	10.30am	Family Service

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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

I arrived just as the meeting on 10th July was starting, to discover there was only one chair left! As well as half a dozen members of the public from Ladbroke and two people from Warwickshire Rural Community Council (WRCC), there was a full complement of our councillors together with our county councillor, Chris Kettle. Our district councillor had sent information and her apologies.

Planning

The council would make no representation on the revised application for a garden building for private leisure facilities at Cornerstones which, following a special meeting in June, had been amended to have a smaller footprint, lower height and no porch. They had made no representation regarding tree works to the oak at Cornerstones, had no comments on proposals for minor roof works on Deppers Bridge Farm, which is a listed building, and noted that Permission with Conditions had been granted for the shepherd huts at The Bell Inn. The application for a house on the south side of Windmill Lane had been withdrawn.

An email had been received from Cllr Ostrander regarding the triangle of land on the north

side of Windmill Lane; the planning officer had advised he was going to recommend approval of the stable block and change to equestrian use with the condition that the land be remediated. This was because the plans, as documented, were not against the environment of Ladbroke. There was considerable discussion whether to accept this or retain the objection and go to the planning committee meeting; in the end the councillors decided on the latter. The council are also following up on associated concerns.

Housing Needs Survey

Six responses had been received. They identified a need, by people with the appropriate village connection, for a mix of suitable owner-occupied, shared ownership and social housing. Sarah Brooke-Taylor of WRCC explained that adopting her survey report meant the council accepted it represented the responses received. The report could be used as general evidence in planning applications, as it would support some and close the door on others. For example, if a developer tried to build a number of executive homes and tried to show these were needed in Ladbroke we would have the WRCC report showing the contrary. As Ladbroke has no formal built-up area boundary, judgement would be used on what is/is not within the settlement. Typically a housing needs survey has a "shelf-life" of five years unless there have been major changes. The council formally adopted the survey.

HS2

CLlr Kettle re-iterated his concerns about the previous closure of the A423 (reported in the June edition of the magazine). Many of his emails about HS2 works in the area have gone unanswered, the previous community communications person at EKFB had left, perhaps there will be answers when the replacement starts. Issues had also been raised with the Information Commissioner and WCC will invite him back if the plans for road closures, when new sections are linked in, are not satisfactory.

Fosse Crossroads

The new junction with traffic lights is complete.

Bank Account

For simplicity this will be moved to a small fee-bearing account.

Next Meeting

11th September



LADBROKE & DEPPERS BRIDGE WI

Carol Lane

Unusually, we met on a Friday in June as the elections kept us out of the village hall on Thursday 4th.

Our president, Sue Moore, was this month's speaker and the subject was her recent experiences as a juror during five weeks at Warwick Crown Court. We were surprised that only two of the audience had ever been called for jury service and only one had been selected to serve on a jury, so it was new to nearly all of us.

Obviously, Sue was very careful not to talk about the case or people on trial but gave us a flavour of the proceedings of the court. Every day each potential juror went through a thorough security check which even took away the safety pin Sue's Mum had advised her

always to carry and her compact mirror. At the induction, Sue met others who were to become her fellow jurors.

Even though Sue told things in a light hearted and entertaining way, the seriousness of all the events - from the choosing and swearing in of the jurors, to the judge, barristers and defendants - was apparent. There was a delay on the first day as there was a problem with the sound system and Sue was the one who was brave enough to put her arm up and say she could not hear. This led, through various options, like getting everyone to wear headphones, to a change of court room.

The young male defendants had already been on remand for 18 months. The prosecuting barrister outlined the drug-related case and each juror had a sheaf of 600 pages of evidence and were allowed to take notes as the case progressed. Even though the case went on for five weeks, Sue said she was fascinated the whole time. (By chance someone in the court said it was the noisiest jury he had ever known??) The judge expected a unanimous decision but there was one lady juror who seemed to be more worried about the fate of the defendants than the justice of the verdict and eventually the judge accepted a 10 – 2 decision. Sue was impressed by the diligence of it all and is grateful to live in a country with such a system.

In the business meeting, names for the Summer Outing on 1st August were taken. A group of six members had been to Galanos House to talk to residents which was much appreciated. Among items on the bucket list of the residents were to ride a horse, go to McDonald's and attend Chelsea Flower Show.

Alison is taking names for anyone wanting a 2025 WI Diary.

The sale table for the evening made a whopping £53.50.

Dates for the Diary:

The Tom Hauley room WI Coffee Morning is on 21st September so the usual donations and help will be needed that day.

Warwickshire Federation Annual Meeting is on 28th September in Stratford Playhouse.

The September meeting will be held on Thursday 5th when Cheryl Rawbone will talk about 'Friendship Group' support for young people.



LADBROKE MATTERS

David Wright

Friday night at the movies revisited

Our supper and film night on Friday 12th July was once again a sell-out with over 50 tickets sold. Our talented chefs presented us this time with an 'indoor Summer picnic' consisting of quiches and other cold treats all with a European influence. The desserts which followed continued the picnic theme with chocolate and ginger cheesecake, lemon tarts, and other tempting dishes. Happily, there was sufficient food, even for those who wanted second helpings.

The film 'One Life' was due to start at 8 o'clock, but because everybody enjoyed the meal so

much it started at 8.30. This is a relatively new film about Sir Nicholas Winton (played by Anthony Hopkins) who instigated a scheme to evacuate children from Czechoslovakia to the UK to escape Nazi occupation in 1939. As always, our choice of film was a hit with our 'audience'.

The evening had a great community feel and we hope everyone enjoyed their time with us. The event raised £558 towards the upgrade to the Millennium Green. Thanks go to our amazing chefs: Carol, Caryl, Margie, Nicky, Sue L, and Sue W, and to all the team who work behind the scenes including David - our resident MC and 'table director'.



What next?

We have more events planned for this year including...

- A boules tournament and barbecue on Saturday 7th September
- A quiz night on Friday 11th October
- A Christmas or New Year party in December

....And looking forward to 2025

Next year will be the 25th anniversary of the opening of the Millennium Green so we hope to hold a celebration on the green next Summer to mark this milestone.

Who are we?

The upkeep of the village hall and Millennium Green is the responsibility of all of us who live in Ladbroke. The village hall and Millennium Green are registered charities whose admin and finance are overseen by a group of trustees; whilst our larger Ladbroke Matters team takes care of maintenance, and plans fundraising events. So, the more you support us with your skills, time, or money, the more we can continue to maintain these facilities for the benefit of us all. If you would like to join our team contact us via the village hall website.

The Millennium Green play area....

...is getting past its best. The facilities were installed in the year 2000 when the green was established. We have allocated a sum of money to enable work to begin overhauling, replacing, and/or adding new items in the playground. However, more funds are needed so we're continuing to raise funds through our forthcoming events. Contact us via the village hall website if you have any suggestions for the play area.

Contact us

Our website at www.ladbrokevillagehall.org.uk contains photos of the interior and exterior of our village hall and general information. You can get in touch with us via the form on the contact page.

Get your party started

Our hall has a small kitchen, and a stage area with sound and lighting. It can accommodate up to eighty people. So, to book your special celebration, or if you wish to hold regular classes or meetings, contact us **through the village hall website or telephone** Debs on 07779 225105.

Our hourly booking rates are £15 per hour, or £12 for Ladbroke residents. Non-residents may be asked to pay a £50 deposit on booking.

Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Draw for June 2024

£50 Graham Lewis

£50 Colin and Kay Constable

£25 Geoff Lane

£25 Donna Griffith

£25 Alan Lord

£10 Richard Smith

£10 Kate Liverton

£10 Roger Plaskett

Margaret Bosworth

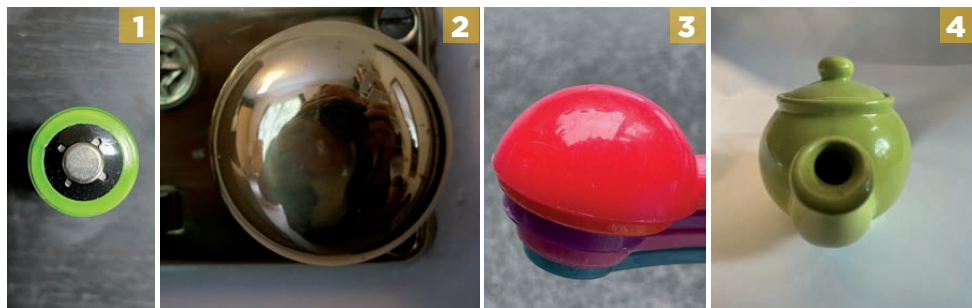


LADBROKE PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Kip Warr

The rain just about held off for our al fresco summer meal although we did need shelter from a few drops of rain. We had a varied feast with everyone bringing food for the table. We also had the presence of a small dog which managed to wrap his lead around people's legs.

The pictures you see here are from our mystery quiz. They are of common household items taken from unusual perspectives - see whether you can work out what they are (answers below).



We do not have a meeting in August but there are plenty of local attractions to photograph such as Art in the Park, Leamington (3-4 August), Cropredy Civil War re-enactment (24-26 August) and Tanks, Trucks and Firepower in Dunchurch (24-26 August).

Our next meeting will then be a presentation on 3rd September by the Lewises of their visit to Jordan. This will be an open event in Ladbroke Village Hall to which all will be welcome. In October we shall have a competition and topic on 'Summer Spectacles', and November will be a workshop on Models and Miniatures.

Visitors, guests and new members are all welcome to our meetings which are usually in Ladbroke Village Hall on the first Tuesday of the month. For more information please contact ladbroke.photoclub@btinternet.com

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Answers to mystery quiz:

1 *Battery* - Mike Todman

2 *Brass door knob* - Kip Warr

3 *Measuring cups* - James Ward

4 *Teapot* - Mike Todman

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LADBROKE HERITAGE

Jackie West

Tours

Impressed by one of our talks about the stained glass at our church, a group of ladies from across Warwickshire had booked in for a July tour as their summer outing. They had a lovely afternoon, strolling through the village, seeing our lovely church, learning a bit about our history and partaking of delicious home-made refreshments. The church is open daily from 10am to 4pm, sometimes longer for prayer, contemplation and exploration with the help of various leaflets on the table as you go in. If you would prefer a guided tour for family, friends or a larger group please do get in contact (email ladbrokechurch89@btinternet.com); tours can be about church generally or on specific topics such as rocks and fossils or stained glass. Tours around the village are also available.

Phone box exhibition

Here are some of the butterflies and minibeasts you can see if you walk by Ladbroke phone box. There are more colouring sheets in the church porch for young residents or visitors to help us fill up all the panes in the box.



Heritage and Friendship Group

Last month we once more enjoyed the hospitality of Geoff and Carol, and a birthday cake. Our theme was circuses and funfairs, I wonder what readers' memories of these are? Local Mop Fairs got a mention at our meeting, but where I'm from we didn't have these, instead there was the Feast Fair in July. It took over the very large recreation ground, round the corner from our house, for a week. I remember walking past on my way home from school to see the grass completely covered in rides, stalls and huge caravans. The fair was my annual opportunity to eat pink candy floss and I was fascinated watching it being made.

We meet next on 7th August and all are welcome to come and share memories and anecdotes on the theme of *Home-made and Home Grown*. We are looking forward to hearing stories of success and failure, perhaps accompanied by photos or the actual objects. For more information or to let us know you are coming, please contact Carol on 814715.

Heritage Open Days

Discover more this September as Heritage Open Days celebrates Routes, Networks & Connections. Ladbroke Church will have a special exhibition on the theme on

- **Friday 6th September**, 2 - 4pm
- **Saturday 7th September**, 10am - 4pm, Stained glass tour at 11am, Fossils tour at 2pm
- **Sunday 8th September**, 2 - 4pm

You may already know about Ladbroke's connections with the Jurassic Coast, the Normans and the Gunpowder Plot but come to our church that weekend and find out how we are linked to the Atlantic Ocean, an explorer, St Pancras Station, a Derbyshire coal mine and the Royal Shakespeare Company at Stratford!

Heritage Open Days are completely free and that weekend, while stocks last, you can also pick up a FREE copy of the Ladbroke Treasure Trail (normal price £5) which families and teenagers agree is a fun way to explore the village.

That's just what's on in Ladbroke. Heritage Open Days is a national festival of heritage and there are literally thousands of events and places open between 6th and 15th September. Just take a look at www.heritageopendays.org.uk; the website has been revamped this year so it's really easy to search for things near a particular location and by date. The National Trust open most of their properties for free at least one day during the festival.



HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Alison Biddle - Clerk to the Council

Butt Lane Planter

We need a new volunteer to look after the planter at the junction of Butt Lane and Station Road from this autumn. Bridget Burnham has planted and watered this planter ever since it was installed many years ago but now feels it's time to hand on to someone new. Bridget says she will continue to look after it for the remainder of this summer until it needs re-planting. On behalf of the whole village, the parish council would like to thank Bridget for her hard work over many years. The planters are the first things people see on entering Harbury and they brighten all our days. If you would like to take on this important task, please contact the parish clerk on 01926 614646.

Maintenance Person Vacancy

We are looking for someone to help with odd jobs around the village. Please see the advert elsewhere in the magazine.

Summer Recess

The parish council does not meet during August although work continues behind the scenes. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, 26th September 2024 at 7.30pm in Harbury Village Hall. In the meantime, we wish everyone a happy summer holiday and hope the sun shines for you.



HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL

John Holden - H&L News Correspondent

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

Parish Council Meeting June 2024

The meeting opened with Councillors considering the co-option of Christopher Bradley onto the PC. After some questioning by Councillors they agreed to co-opt Mr Bradley from the next meeting. In the Public Participation item, a villager from Butt Lane expressed his frustration with the lack of progress on extending the 40mph speed limit into Bush Heath Road. He was disappointed with the lack of any response from WCC Officers over this issue. The Chairman shared his feelings and noted that the extension of the speed limit was now scheduled for completion this autumn.

Both SDC Councillor Ostrander and WCC Councillor Kettle were limited in what they could report due to the Election being called. Cllr Kettle was able to say how pleased he was that the Harbury Lane Traffic lights were now fully working. Regarding the 40mph extension in Bush Heath Lane - the lack of capacity in the WCC Legal and Small Works Teams was the main delaying factor. However, he had been assured that the Legal Notice would be issued in July. He had met the HS2 Commissioner who had been critical of the Contractor BBV in their handling of the A425 Road closure and road closures at Wormleighton. The Chairman was sceptical that the Commissioner could get BBV to amend their ways and only a fine would get them to take notice!!

Planning

The applicant for the three bedroom house on land adjacent to Northfields had spoken in the Public participation slot about her application. Councillors were concerned about access for large lorries down Mill Lane. The applicant advised that, as with other recent building works to properties in Mill Lane, materials would be transferred to smaller vehicles for final delivery. The Councillors decided to make no representation to the application. The same decision applied to the other three applications under consideration – rear extension at 21 Bush Heath Lane, an extension to Dairy Cottage and also at Hurdiss, both in Bush Heath Road.

The householder whose garden in Constance Drive backs onto the Village Hall car park extension was asking the PC to heighten their fence. Councillors noted that as that fence was the same height as the neighbouring fencing, they would not agree to the request.

Properties

Councillors then considered raising the allotments rents from September 2025. WCC are increasing the rent that the PC has to pay for the whole Pineham Farm allotment site by 30%. The PC then has other costs like water charges and some maintenance. The Council then

needs to cover its costs for providing the allotments. Agreed to raise charges to £50 for a full plot and £25 for a half plot.

Environment

Councillors gave their approval to a quote received for the annual tree inspection. They also then approved a grant of £150 to support the Hedgehog Highway Project.

Next Meeting - Thursday 25th July at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Current Parish Council members contactable via the Parish Office are:

Tim Lockley (Chairman), Julie Balch (Vice-Chair), Samantha Allen,
Kate Gard, Alan Knowles, Ed Mulley, Alex Potter, Keith Thompson.

Would you like to become a Parish Councillor? Call 614646 or email clerk@harbury-pc.gov.uk for details.



HARBURY SOCIETY

Sue Turner

There wasn't enough room in the last edition of the Harbury & Ladbroke News for this article but I thought you might like to be reminded that we have had at least one day of decent weather recently! Saturday 8th June – not too hot, a reasonable amount of sunshine and no rain to speak of, with the village turning out in force for the event following the parade. The Harbury Society shared a stall with the Heritage Group and it was decided to base the theme on D-Day as the 80th anniversary of this monumental event had been celebrated that week. 'Splat the Rat' became 'Bash the Boche' and people's bomb aiming skills were tested with a game called 'Hit the Target' – all proving very popular with the children. Photographs could also be taken of a 'paratrooper's face in the hole' display. The Heritage Group put together a display of Harbury during the war, so there was plenty to draw people in, which it did, and what a great atmosphere ensued.



Ed Wilson supervising
'Bash the Boche'



Jasper the dog as a
D-Day paratrooper

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 20th August: An outing to Stratford upon Avon for 'Behind the Scenes at the RSC'.

Tuesday 17th September: Presentation by Barry Durman – 'The Millennium Way'.

Tuesday 15th October: 'Roman Warwickshire' – a presentation by Dr. Paul Grigsby.

Tuesday 19th November: Presentation by Colin Clay and Phil Taylor – 'Back Tracks – Detecting the Past'.

All are welcome to the talks which take place in the Tom Hauley Room and doors open at 7.30pm. Free to Harbury Society members, visitors £2. If you would like further information about the Harbury Society or would like to become a member, please contact Sue Turner, Secretary, on 07917 055920, email sue@turners.co.uk or visit the website www.harburysociety.org

Although numbers were lower than usual, members enjoyed lunch at the Blue Lias on 26th June.

At our meeting on 11th July, we welcomed Peggy King; this was her third attempt to visit us due to Covid and then illness! Peggy lived in Surabaya, Indonesia between 1988 and 1991. Peggy was accompanying her husband who was the financial director of a mill. He still works in Indonesia at times, but she is quite happy living in Warwickshire. Surabaya is the second biggest city in Indonesia and the capital of East Java. There are 16 active volcanos in Indonesia and dozens of temples.

They lived in a five bedroom bungalow and had a driver and two cooks. They couldn't use the telephone between 8am and 6pm because the power was needed in the mills. Peggy wasn't allowed to work but she started an international wives group who met up regularly and raised funds for charity. Some of the funds were used to raise money for an orphanage, run by Catholic nuns, which is still going. Up to 1945 Indonesia was Dutch and Dutch is still a dominant language; Peggy used to teach English to Dutch ladies on Friday mornings. She was also involved in a Hashing group. Peggy and her husband used to visit Bali every six weeks for recuperation – a very different life style.

As well as giving members an insight into her life in Surabaya, Peggy bought a range of beautiful artefacts – puppets, a hand painted mask, a beautifully decorated duck and some beautiful material. She also bought three fabulous jackets which she encouraged members to try on. This was a very interesting evening and we were so pleased that Peggy made it at last.

WI will be starting to run the rural cinema again in the Autumn; the first date is 28th September - watch for details in the September magazine and village notice boards.



HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

Brittany Bain

Exciting plans are underway for our next production in November! We are proud to announce our next production will be 'Knickers!' A brief comedy by Sarah Quick and will be directed by our wonderful Ali Hodge, who masterfully directed our November pantomime of Jack and the Beanstalk. This particular comedic play follows three brassy Weight Watchers friends and a tourism officer who come together during an economic depression to create an unlikely business proposition- a custom underwear business! Think, Kinky Boots, but for your smalls! This hilariously irreverent comedy celebrates determination, entrepreneurial spirit, and the willingness to bare it all.

Auditions are only just underway so there's still time to get involved. Email us at harburytheatregroup@gmail.com if you want to be on stage in the spotlight or if you want to be one of our backstage unsung heroes. You could be anything from a set designer to a

prompt, a lighting technician to a costume designer. If you want to get involved just let us know, everyone is welcome!

We are also undergoing a mission to make the stage more accessible for all by looking into options of using a portable chair lift. We believe that, by creating a more accessible environment, we will be able to be more inclusive for the whole community and enable all the talented people within our community to get involved without any blockers! We will keep you all informed of our progress to provide this fantastic addition to our theatre group!

In other exciting news, Harbury Theatre Group is offering a £100 bursary to a young person within the area who needs support to pursue their ambitions in drama. The award might assist them to pay for a course or for costumes or other dramatic arts related expenses. If the scheme is successful this year, it will be repeated for several more years.

The Mary and Ron Shelley Bursary is provided by the family of two stalwarts of the theatre group. Mary and Ron were first involved in village amateur dramatics as far back as the mid-1960s. Mary's commitment to community theatre extended to a village production of *Alice in Wonderland* that was shown on ITV and the professionally filmed *Harbury Chronicles*. A long-time teacher, Mary was a great advocate of youth theatre.

Applications for the bursary can be made by contacting the theatre group at harburytheatregroup@gmail.com.



FOLK CLUB

Peter McDonald

The theme for the 450th session of Harbury Folk Club on 4th July was 'Making Choices', coinciding as it did with Independence Day and, perhaps of more local interest, the General Election. Unfortunately, the clash of dates seemed to have taken its toll on attendance so we had a smaller than usual audience and cast of performers. However, it was a case of "quality not quantity" and the concept of 'choices' was interpreted in a number of intriguing ways by the singers.

I started the evening with a Christy Moore song, 'The Voyage', which celebrates the development of a family and the life choices that are made. Sue and Maureen followed with a perfect song for election night – 'Left, Right, Right, Left' by Brian Bedford, highlighting some of the tedious aspects of political election campaigns. Rik sang not one but two Billy Joel songs, 'And so it goes' and 'New York State of Mind', leaving me wondering what the composer would think if he knew that his songs had been accompanied on concertina. Our resident poet, Debbie, read two of her own poems, 'The Meeting', dealing with frustrations in the workplace, and 'Miss Mundane' which is not an apt description of the author. Keith Donnelly finished the first half with an audience-participation number, 'Bob the Duck', where we had to bob and duck in appropriate places, and then an altogether more serious song, 'Rambling Girl', with a very skilful guitar accompaniment.

The Folk Club Choir started the second half with three unaccompanied songs. Our first was 'The Weather Man Says' which amusingly exaggerates his influence on our lives, followed by 'John Ball', a Sydney Carter song which celebrates the work of a Lollard priest who was executed for his leading rôle in the Peasants' Revolt of 1381. Our last song was 'Harbour', a



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song by Anna Tabbush dedicated to the plight of refugees all over the world. My second song was the 'title song' for the evening – 'Making Choices' by Huw Williams, which confronts the world leaders' dilemma of relieving poverty versus spending billions on space travel. Don was up next with an original song, 'Rhythms of your grace', followed by 'Should I stay or should I go' by that well-known folk group, The Clash.

Pete and Liz chose two particularly good songs: 'Toss your pennies' and, one of our favourites, 'Aunt Clara', about the notorious relation who managed to prosper through her dubious lifestyle. With only a few weeks to go before his starring role at Warwick Folk Festival, Keith returned to the stage for one final song. Once again, the audience were required to move around in their seats in response to key words in the song. You had to be there!

The charity raffle raised a magnificent £61 for Cancer Research UK. The next Folk Club will be at 8pm on August 1st, in the Village Club as usual, when Debbie will be the host and her theme will be 'Adventure'.



HARBURY HERITAGE CENTRE

Bill Timson

There are many documents in the Heritage Collection that relate in some way to the history of Harbury. One that we came across during backup scanning was a study by John Hopker entitled 'The Parish of Harbury'. It was written in 1955 and it was presented to 'The Harbury Society' in 1991 (Cat ref: HM 1607). John's thesis was written as part of an external qualification for a Geography diploma and it covers many aspects of the village. It is particularly interesting as it takes us back to the 'state' of Harbury some 70 years ago.

The study includes a lot of interesting facts about the physical geography of Harbury and the surrounding area. The evidence suggests that two natural springs, one at Binswood End and the other at Temple End, providing a water supply, may have been the reason for the original siting of the village.

We know that the Anglo-Saxons settled here sometime between 400AD and 1066AD. The suffix 'bury' in Harbury is derived from the Anglo-Saxon word 'byrig' or 'burh' meaning fortified village or settlement. Evidence of the 'bury' can still be seen at the end of Hall Lane. Harbury is also mentioned in the Domesday Book, at the time it was spelt 'Erburgeberie'.

Dugdale's book 'Antiquities of Warwickshire', links the 'Knights Templars' to the village as land owners providing provenance for the naming of 'Temple End' as we know it today.

The Parish Council website has an excellent summary of the history of the village if you want to know more.

In 1730 there were 148 houses in the village of which 7 were empty. Whitnash only had 36 and Bishop's Itchington 64. Despite its size, Harbury's land was poor and unproductive; we know it was referred to as 'Hungry Harbury'.

Probably one of the most interesting topics covered in John's document is that of the water supply to the village. Situated on a hill, Harbury tended to be the first village in the area to 'dry up' in drought conditions. Shallow, private wells had served houses with their water supply prior to mains water, although the quality of the water was always suspect. The lack

of an adequate supply meant that housing schemes were put on hold and for a time there was little expansion to the village. By the mid 1950's mains water was connected to the village and the building of houses recommenced. Manor Road, Bush Heath Lane and in the early 1960's Frances Road provided houses to rent, later in the 1960's the Manor Orchard development was built.

Mains sewerage was also installed in the village in the mid 1950's; Bishop's Itchington was also provided for at this time; the scheme costing £80,000. Interestingly, the lack of amenities, i.e. mains water and sewerage certainly hampered the building of new houses at this time. There was of course no natural gas supply either. The population of the village in 1951 was 1316.

On another note, our latest display in the Heritage Centre shows some of 'Harbury's Lost Cottages'. These continue to provide interest and a photograph listed as 'Unknown Cottage' (P2-0229) and dated 1908 (see right), was posted on our Facebook page – the replies

identified the building as the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dodds and the Hayes family. Sited on the corner of Bush Heath Lane next to the pond, opposite the Old New Inn green. The thatched roof was replaced with a corrugated iron one and the building eventually demolished in the 1960's. Two semi-detached houses now stand there, the pond having been filled in.

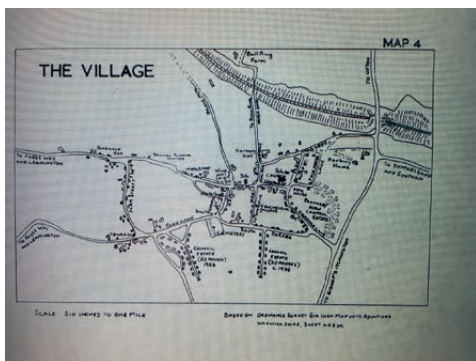
Recent and Future events

On Monday 1st July we welcomed the Reception class from Harbury School to the Centre and we gave them a presentation on the 'Monsters of Harbury'; all about the two dinosaur skeletons found in Harbury Quarry in the 1920s.

Our Village Tours continue with a visit from the Warwickshire Local History Society on Saturday 20th July and we are expecting the Warmington Heritage Group on 18th August.

LOOK OUT for details about our '**Village Treasure Hunt**' in September. An annual event when we provide a number of clues to be solved whilst walking around the village, in the hope of finding the treasure. It's open to all ages but may appeal particularly to families.

For our opening dates and times – please refer to our website 'www.harburyheritage.org.uk' and pay us a visit!



Map of the village in the 1950s





HARBURY JUNIORS NETBALL CLUB

Abi Watson

What better way could you spend a Sunday, the sun shining and watching some fabulous netball! The tournament ended the season amazingly, giving the girls the opportunity to use their training and skills they have developed over the season to really make their mark on the league tables. All teams finished in the top half of the tables, and we are really impressed with the hard work and dedication that they have put into their teams! A special shoutout to our coach Jane Buxton who won the special person award as well as Hillary Wilson who won umpire of the year award. Go Harbury!



HARBURY TENNIS CLUB

Colin Mercer

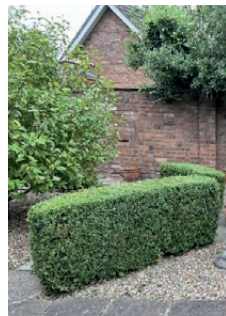
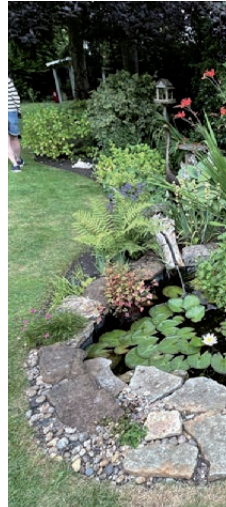
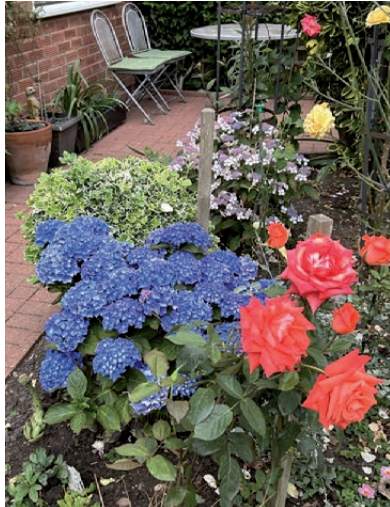
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The summer weather hasn't been great for our tournaments and, as at Wimbledon, the weather threatened to derail our midsummer Strawberry Tournament organised by Peter Walshe who had cleverly avoided the England v Netherlands Euros semi-final the following evening. The supreme optimist, Peter decided to go ahead at about 5pm when the skies were clear. An hour and a half later, at Tournament time, it began to drizzle again but with a collective anti-rain dance the skies lightened!

Because of the uncertain conditions all matches were timed at exactly 10 minutes and the round robin matches were completed followed by the top eight players setting up a final of Helen Cooper and Steve Marshall against Peter Walshe and Ed Lockley. Ten minutes of furious tennis elapsed (no extra time or penalties) before the young and energetic Ed, supported by experienced and tactically shrewd



Harbury Garden Walkabout



out 29th & 30th June 2024



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Peter, became the latest holders of the Owen Rose Bowl. Despite the weather it was very enjoyable for everyone and special thanks to Eira who provided the strawberries and cream throughout the evening.

In the Banbury Summer league, it's been a difficult start for the "A" team in its first season in the top division. It currently occupies bottom place but notched up a first win at home to visitors Banbury "A". All the matches were very close but Eira Owen, Sue Panton, Jeunine Crabtree, Ben Fish, Ed Lockley, and Jacob celebrated a narrow 5-4 win. The "B" team has had some very close matches and had another one at Kings Sutton. Sue Panton, Clare Callaghan, Jane Minchin, Nigel Eaton, Tom Woodhead, and Ian Reynolds pushed the home team hard, with three of the nine rubbers being settled by tie-breaks, but unfortunately losing the match 4-5.



It was another successful coaching programme thanks to Coolsportz coaches Ian Shorrocks, Lianne Candappa and Ed Spilman and we look forward to it starting again in September.



HARBURY TODDLER GROUP

Toddlers Team

We had some great sessions in July including a beach theme and our summer party.

Thank you everyone for your support since toddlers restarted. We wish everyone a lovely summer holiday.

We will miss the children moving on to school and look forward to seeing all our lovely families in September. Our first session back is scheduled for 9th September and any new children would be most welcome to join us then.





Butterflies

We have been learning all about lifecycles over the last few weeks looking at the different stages of life, including frogs, butterflies, ladybirds and bees. We also have been patiently watching our five little caterpillars grow over the last few weeks and turn into chrysalises. They started to emerge over the children's snack time one day and last week we had four butterflies flying around the net. The children and staff alike are very excited and we have been feeding them fruit and sugar water. We released two yesterday and will be releasing the rest over the next few days to ensure that we all get to experience butterfly freedom! The children have looked after them extremely well and we hope they enjoy all the flowers and plants in our Pre-School garden!



School Role Play

As we are in our final few weeks of term, our older Pre-Schoolers are getting ready to move on to their new schools. The children have been visiting their new schools and the teachers have visited them here at the Pre-School. The transition can be difficult, but we have been helping to prepare the children by reading books about going to school and talking about our emotions, how we express them and who we can talk to if we are worried or sad. We have also set up a 'going to school role play' complete with paper and pens, a blackboard and chalk, tables and chairs and some school uniform. The children have really enjoyed playing 'teacher' and I have thoroughly enjoyed being a 'student' in some of their 'lessons', although I do seem to have been in trouble quite a bit!

End of Term Treats

The last week of term is always busy but a lot of fun! We are very excited to be welcoming Fiery Feet to run some circus skills workshops with the children.

We are also holding our traditional end of term Teddy Bear's Picnic at the Village Hall and Park on the last day of term. We will have parachute games and a celebration of our time at Pre-School with our parents and carers.

Mud Kitchen

Our new mud kitchen has been an absolute roaring success. Our children have loved concocting muddy potions and soups using mud, water, plants, leaves and some herbs and flower petals. We have supplied bowls, jugs, baking trays, cup cakes cases, serving dishes and kitchen serving spoons and the children have taken mud to a whole other level.

We have supplied wellie boots, aprons and weather suits and the children have been independently changing prior to and after accessing this area. We are very proud of them.



Places filling fast

We have a record number of Pre-Schoolers currently enrolled and many of our sessions from

September 2024 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.



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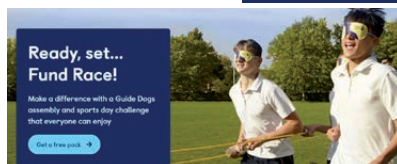
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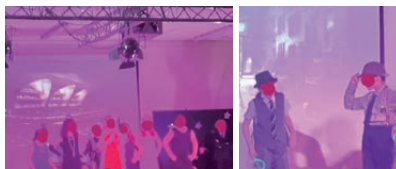
A busy last few weeks

The last few weeks of term have been very busy. We enjoyed a dry Sports Day which was fabulous although a bit cold. A lot of parents wore blankets to keep them warm. We continued the fun race for the Guide Dogs. This fun race involved the children wearing a blindfold and racing following a rope. It was a very valuable experience for the pupils experiencing the feeling of not seeing where you are going and this raised some money for the Guide Dogs. We have enjoyed a Dinosaur Day in the EYFS class, poetry performances and transition days.



1920s fantastic production

The year 6 pupils amazed us all with their fabulous production. We had lots of comments about it being the best one ever! Well done to all the pupils involved. The backstage children were a very valuable addition to the performance. The costumes and accents were very impressive.



Mini Elections

As the whole country voted on 4th July, we held our own mini elections to teach the pupils the important value of democracy. The School Council took this very seriously and a fair system employed. In our election, The Green Party won!



HARBURY LIBRARY & BIBLIO'S CAFE

Michael Luntley

Raising the temperature in the Library.....

We're delighted to report that the library and pre-school heating project has the go ahead.

Following an enormous amount of work by Ed Wilson and his team, we have a plan and the

finance to install new futureproof heating in the building. Looking forward to a future that is cosy and green.

The project is financed by a series of charitable grants, including the National Lottery, Garfield Weston, the 29th May 1961 Charitable Trust, Section 106 monies from the Parish Council plus the Library's own reserves. The portfolio of funds has been put together by a series of applications all researched and written by Ed supported by the Library and café teams. The current activity is project management, including selection of contractor submissions for bids for the different components of the work.

We plan to start the work at Harbury Pre-school's part of the building while they are on holiday. The work will then move into the Library. On current plans, Biblio's and the Library will be closed for the first three weeks of September. If all goes well, we hope to empty the library, have the work done, and have it all back in by the end of the third week of September.

Come September, we'll miss you all and I am sure many of you will miss the opportunity for coffee, tea and cake whilst browsing for your next good read.

Wish us luck. There is much to do as we prepare for the work.

Keep an eye on social media and the noticeboard outside for regular updates.

And as the work nears completion, we'll be looking for your views on how you would like your Community Library to develop and how the space would be best utilised. To this end we are planning a survey of the community's ideas and aspirations for the library during the shut-down in September.



GARDEN JOTTINGS

Christine Dakin from Bridge Nursery

Maybe it was the long wet winter or maybe it's the unseasonable cold summer but there seems to me to be a severe lack of bees and butterflies around in the middle of July. There were plenty when the willows had their catkins and the pulmonarias and primroses were flowering. Then in late May and early June the rambling rose Seagull had so many bees on it that someone thought there was a swarm. Since then it has gone quiet. I have a lot of different plants in the garden, nursery and polytunnels which should be noisy with bees including lavender, hebes, verbenas, shrubby salvias, sea holly and geraniums. Working in the garden today I saw just two bees and two cabbage white butterflies. Wasps are unusually rare at the moment.

Sadly some people pave their front gardens and put artificial grass down in the back so there is no nod to creating wildlife friendly spaces at home.

What can be done? Put away those insecticides and let nature take its course although, to be fair, many harmful chemicals are now withdrawn from sale and only environmentally friendly products are available. Add more bee/butterfly attracting plants for late summer/autumn such as golden rod, asters, perennial sunflowers, abelias and rudbeckias. We can all do our bit to help.



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NATURE NOTES

Martin & Amanda Randall

During the Garden Walkabout this year, it was heartening to see how many local residents are making space for wildlife, even small areas alongside pavements, like the strip of wildflowers in Heber Drive. Although some individual gardens may be small, together they add up to make significantly large areas of green space for wildlife. The RHS estimates that Britain's 23 million private gardens cover about 728,900 hectares (1,801,151 acres), which is a greater area than all the UK's nature reserves combined. Therefore their potential as havens for wildlife is considerable. Villages often have more birdlife than the surrounding countryside and even small gardens can host a range of species; like the Wrens nesting in Celia Neill's hanging basket this year, or the striking sight of a Sparrowhawk, which Ken Stephenson spotted in his garden feeding on a Pigeon!



Wildflowers in Heber Drive
(Amanda Randall)



Wren nest
(Celia Neill)



Sparrowhawk
(Ken Stephenson)

Our gardens provide important refuges for insects, some of which are quite rare, particularly if we don't use chemical insecticides. Fewer than 1% of Britain's 22,400 species of insects are garden pests. In fact, the majority feed on dead or living plant material without having any detrimental effect on gardens! Others are beneficial as pollinating insects, or as predators or parasites of pest species. For example the larvae of Ladybirds are keen predators of Aphids. A number of people have asked us this year about the white 'frothy bubbles' seen on many plants. We had a lot on the lavender and rosemary plants in our garden. This is known as 'Cuckoo spit', produced by the nymphs of tiny insects called Spittle Bugs or Froghoppers. It has no connection with the cuckoo but appears in spring at the time when they could be heard calling. The nymphs (about 5mm long) feed on plant sap using specialised mouthparts to extract sugars and other nutrients. They then excrete the excess liquid as the frothy mass in which they live. This provides a moist home to prevent them drying out and gives protection from predators. Apart from producing the 'spit' these insects have little detrimental effect on plants and are part of a healthy garden ecosystem.



Cuckoo spit on Rosemary
(Martin Randall)



Spittle Bug nymph
(Martin Randall)

In addition to putting up nest boxes, bird feeders and bug hotels to attract a variety of birds and insects, it is useful to have different 'habitats' in the garden to encourage a wider diversity of nature; for example shrubs and trees of various heights, if there is room, and a garden pond, even a small one, as well as a compost heap. UK garden surveys suggest that 16% of

gardens have ponds; a total of just over 3½ million, giving about 350 hectares of standing water, roughly a quarter the surface area of Windermere, England's largest natural lake. Most pond animals are also excellent colonists, so almost all ponds are used by aquatic organisms; they are a haven for amphibians, aquatic invertebrates and plants. During the Walkabout we saw many of the small neon blue Damselflies around some people's ponds. Garden ponds also provide drinking and bathing water for birds, and a shallow dish of water with pebbles or marbles can be used as a water station for butterflies and bees.



Blue-tailed Damselfly
(Martin Randall)

Decaying plant material in compost heaps seethe with smaller invertebrates such as Springtails, Earthworms and Mites; all part of the composting process which, along with bacteria and fungi, convert the waste vegetation into rich compost. The warmth of a heap can act as a cosy nest for grass snakes or slow worms (legless lizards) to incubate their eggs. And dead wood can be stacked in a shady part of the garden to provide additional shelter for wildlife.

On a larger scale, Harbury School is very lucky to have extensive green grounds and an enthusiastic team of children across all ages, supported by a small group of dedicated volunteers (more of these shortly!).

The newest group, the 'Green Team', meets after school on Fridays. The children were asked what additional environmental features for wildlife they would like to have in the school grounds and then designed the ideas they came up with. They began to put these into action by writing to local garden centres. The Green Team was invited on an amazing tour by Russell's Garden Centre who donated lots of plants for the children to incorporate into their designs for the new wildlife features. In just one school year, the Green Team has created a nature reserve, two bug hotels and three pollination stations around the school grounds! The patchwork of pollinator zones act as 'Nectar Cafe' for a variety of pollinator species in the school field, whose cut grass would otherwise offer little for these vital creatures. What a great achievement in such a short space of time.

Impressively, Harbury School's 'Earthworms' group has been actively maintaining the school grounds for wildlife for at least three decades! With the help and support of a small team of committed adults, this mixed age group of children has a very broad remit. Meeting after school on Fridays, the team looks after the school gardens and nature areas including the orchard, vegetable plot, herb garden, dry garden, buzzy border, wildlife pond, sensory garden, greenhouse, the forest, and various classroom beds!! The children learn to sow seeds, look after plants and make compost to create a garden full of wildlife. It's not possible to get through all the gardening jobs during 'Earthworms' sessions so the group relies on adult volunteers to help with weeding, pruning, mulching and renovating certain areas. 'Earthworms' are looking to build their adult support team in order to continue to run this popular after school club. It's a wonderful way to introduce children to helping nature and the environment on the school grounds. And this 'nature space on the doorstep' can be used in classroom activities as well.

At present, the team of adults is stretched. Help is needed to run the Friday sessions, to keep up with gardening and handy jobs, and support classroom gardening as well as nature activities. So if you would be interested in joining this fun and engaged team in the autumn term, then Earthworms would love to hear from you.

Contact: earthworms3032@welearn365.com



HARBURY DISTRICT COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Susan Ostrander (Cllr Harbury Ward)

I hope that everyone is enjoying their summer and has recovered from the excitement and drama of the European Cup Final!! I am looking forward to a week on the beaches around Hunstanton in Norfolk with my partner and our lurcher Toby. Fingers crossed for some sunshine, but this is a very British summer so I am taking my rain jacket and my wellies too!

50 Years of Stratford District Council!

This year is the 50th anniversary of Stratford-on-Avon District Council. Since the Council was formed, local government has changed considerably. I anticipate that the change of government will bring more changes in the years ahead, but I hope always with the aim of providing services that encourage residents and communities to flourish.

Since the Liberal Democrats took over the administration at Stratford DC last year, we have sought to make changes ourselves. We have undertaken several reviews to examine what the Council does well and to learn about best practice in other, similar authorities. The most recent review looked at the way the Council communicate with the public. We have an excellent communications team, but the recent elections have shown that many people are unclear about the services for which the District Council is responsible: It does not have responsibility for roads and pavements, for example, but it assesses planning applications, provides waste collections and manages services such as environmental health and leisure provision. We do not own social housing but are responsible for housing waiting lists and addressing homelessness.

The District Council also has a partnership role in supporting economic development and encouraging environmental improvements, both of which require excellent communications.

Explaining what the Council does and how residents may engage with it is part of our task ahead. A new digital newsletter – The Online View – has been launched for residents to receive by email. Details on how to sign up for this are in the 'News' section of the Council's website or you can scan the QR code. We shall also continue to explore better ways of communicating with residents who do not have access to online information.



We are at the beginning of a new era. The next few years will bring change and challenges, but after fifty years Stratford-on-Avon District Council has shown its resilience in continuing to deliver services that are vital to local people.

Planning Enforcement Update

The Enforcement team at Stratford DC team has been expanded and now comprises two senior planners and three planning enforcement officers. They are currently dealing with 315 live enforcement cases which is the highest in three years. They are a very busy team!

Given the above, it is useful to be mindful of the Council's published Local Enforcement Plan: tinyurl.com/bdzctc4z and draw particular attention to Section 10 Prioritisation. Whilst they will undertake an initial investigation to establish the scale and harm of any reported planning breaches, the team will not be able to take further immediate action, especially for those breaches that are deemed to fall into the desirable category, and they will need to prioritise where further action is taken based on the scale of the planning harm. Importantly, land ownership disputes,



including trespass, are civil matters and not within the remit of planning control.

The team are looking to review the Local Enforcement Plan as the current one dates from 2021 and it needs to reflect the priorities of the new Council.

You can contact me at susan4harbury@gmail.com or sue.ostrander@stratford-dc.gov.uk



HARBURY CARNIVAL 2024

Carnival Committee

We have nearly finished counting all the pennies and already we have in excess of £2,000, now all we need to do is decide where the money goes.

So if you know of a local group, club, charity or a special project that is in need of some funding please let us know by 16th August at harburycarnival@gmail.com.

Thank you again to everyone that turned up, dressed and had fun. Without you raising this amount of money would not have been possible.

Hopefully next month we will be able to let you know who will receive some cash.



HARBURY GARDEN WALKABOUT

Peter Walshe

A massive thank you to the many garden owners who slaved, cut, weeded and entertained over 500 visitors to their properties. We had over 20 gardens, big and small, and for the first time the hugely popular Manor House opened by Fran and Brendon Watts.

And thanks to the many Harbury folk who willingly walked around the 3+ mile circuit and together with 'tourists' from as far away as Gateshead managed to raise £3,333 for e-Wheels. In addition the Harbury Church raised a considerable amount for the Church Audio Visual System with their teas and the 'have-a-go' Bell Ringing.

Alison and Keith Lewis were run off their feet supplying teas and superb cakes in their refurbished garden on South Parade (and contributed £400 to e-Wheels). Dee & Michael Luntley, Sue and Andrew Lawrence, Susan Littlewood and Hugh Tottle included art exhibitions in their gardens which added to the festival atmosphere.

Wendy Hancox tells me she and her volunteers in her wonderful garden with teas and lunches were able to give £611 to Affected by Bowel Cancer (ABC Club) and the same amount to Shipston Home Carers.

One of the reasons that this year has broken funding records is that Jeremy Atkins opened his Harbury windmill and ran guided tours up and down his six floors including the spectacular views of Harbury. e-Wheels is immensely grateful for his efforts which raised over £600.

We may well open again next year on 28th/29th June. Watch this space!



WHAT IS A REPAIR CAFÉ?

Liz Ball

The Repair Cafe International Foundation was started in the Netherlands in 2011. Repair Cafes now exist worldwide acting as free meeting places where volunteers repair items belonging to people in their local area. Thus they are a valuable community resource. Most items that you can carry can be taken along to see if they are repairable rather than having to

throw them away. In this way bikes, clothing, electrical items, small furniture, toys, games and more may have their useful life extended at minimal cost. This promotes sustainability and reduces waste. Landfill use is decreased, greenhouse gas emissions reduced and extending the lifespan of products encourages reuse. Repair services for a wide range of items, from electronics to clothing, promotes environmental consciousness and practical skill-sharing.

In our great grandparents day not only were most items repairable, but that generation had the knowledge to repair them. Many of those skills have been lost and repair cafes are aiming to bridge the gap. You can learn how to repair items yourself as well as having volunteer's advice on the best course of action with an item. Sometimes a professional repair is the only option but 75% of items brought to Harbury Repair Cafe can be fixed. A few have to go to recycling, a few for professional repair.

Harbury Repair Cafe will now be meeting on the second Saturday of each month from 2-4pm in the library.

We look forward to seeing you there. We always want more volunteer repairers so if you think you would enjoy doing that come along and have a chat. If you have a repair you can just turn up on the day, however registering can help us plan. You can register here:

sites.google.com/site/repaircafeharbury?usp=sharing



LITTER PICK IN HARBURY

Ian Reynolds

The next two dates in the diary for the Harbury litter pick, will be Saturday 17th August and Saturday 7th September, both 10.00-11.00am, meet at the village hall car park, litter pickers, hoops and bags provided.



CONNECTIONS CAFÉ - A CHANGE OF FOCUS

Janice Montague & Jill Baker

Connections café has been running for around 10 years now, a monthly get together run by a team of loyal volunteers for those living with dementia and those caring for them. Over that time, we have eaten mountains of home-made cakes, drunk hundreds of cups of tea, sang many and varied songs together and completed jigsaws, quizzes and board games of variable intricacy.

The intention has always been to provide a meeting place that would be welcoming to all, but particularly to carers. To give them the opportunity to relax and engage in supportive chat with others in a similar situation while knowing that their loved one was engaged in other activities with our many volunteers. We ask that carers remain for the session - it is not designed as a drop off - and remain responsible for any personal care of their companion.

We would like to open this up now to other carers of those without necessarily a dementia diagnosis but who would welcome a little respite from the daily round. Please join us for our next regular Wednesday meeting in the Tom Hauley Room (behind the Church) on the third Wednesday of every month, which will be on **Wednesday 21st August, from 2-4pm**. Needless to say, we remain dementia friendly for both new and existing visitors.

We look forward to seeing you - there is no charge, and no need to book - just come along!

For further details or any questions, including about possible help with transport, please contact Jill Baker 01926 612483 or Janice Montague 01926 612340.



HARBURY BEER & CIDER FESTIVAL

Julie Griffiths, Chair, Heart of Warwickshire CAMRA

The **2024 Harbury Beer & Cider Festival** held on the last weekend of August is our 31st festival and promises to be a very special occasion. Opening times are Friday 30th August: 3.00 – 11.00pm and Saturday 31st August: 11.00 – 11.00pm.

The festival will feature 31 different beers, mostly from Northamptonshire, with a few from some of our best local breweries. For lovers of apples and pears there will also be a selection of ciders and perries for you to enjoy. (The beer and cider list is available on the website.)

Festival entry on the door costs **£20 for single-day entry** or **£35 for two-day entry**. You can save money if you buy tickets in advance.

As usual, the Hereburgh Morris Dancers will be entertaining us on Saturday afternoon and covers band Muve On are making a second festival appearance at 8.00pm.

The festival offers free entry and two free soft drinks to designated drivers. Children are welcome in the hall before 7.00pm and the area outside the festival at any time, but are not allowed in the bar area. Why not bring games to keep children entertained and take advantage of the playground next to the hall? Food and soft drinks are available in the hall too.

If you fancy volunteering to help set up, run and take down the festival, details are on the website.

how.camra.org.uk/?page_id=79.



HARBURY VILLAGE SHOW

Show Committee

Just look at all those shiny trophies waiting to have your name engraved on them!!

Only a few weeks to go until 7th September! How are the vegetables looking, are there one or two you think look promising? It's been an excellent year for fruit. The store cupboards must be bursting with preserves? The apple and pear trees look really laden so there are likely to be prize specimens amongst those that make it to show day!



What about that photograph you took that you thought looked really good. It must fit into one of the categories in this year's schedule (Sunlight, Pets, Night Scene, Silhouettes (B&W), Perspective).

How about a knitted or crocheted item that you're proud of, don't just stick it on top of the post box, stick it in the Village Show!!

There are 100 separate categories, so one or two must appeal to everyone. Something must fit your interests or skill.

This year, we have changed the entrance criteria slightly, Entries have always been accepted

from residents of Harbury, Ladbroke, Deppers Bridge and Chesterton, but this year we have changed the wording to include 'local villages who do not have their own show'.

Schedules are available at the Milk Shed, the Post Office and the Library. Also this year in Ladbroke Church's porch, and are available to download from: hlnews.co.uk/harbury-village-show.html



WEDNESDAY WALKERS

Gillian Hare

I suppose one consolation for the apparent suspension of summer (at least as I write this; maybe it's returned by the time you read it) is that it is cool enough for walking to be comfortable! That was not the case when we went to Wroxton on the hottest day to date; luckily there were no hills to climb.

We rewarded ourselves with a visit to the superb gardens at Broughton Grange. It is good growing weather and the countryside is at its best with hay meadows, wild flowers, skylarks and a few butterflies and dragon flies.

We have leaders for all the upcoming walks although the venues are not all finalised. So be assured, if you meet us behind the village hall at 9.35, any Wednesday morning, we shall be delighted to see you.



BUMPS & BUNDLES

Carol Jackson and the Bumps Team

Bumps and Bundles is a volunteer run outreach from All Saints' Church. We have had a very good year with many Mums, Dads, Childminders and little ones coming to the Tom Hauley Room each Tuesday morning. The sessions are an opportunity for the parents to sit and chat with a cup of tea/coffee whilst the children play with the toys.

When the children start with us they play with the toys by themselves, after a few weeks they begin to play alongside each other and after a few months they then begin to play together. Those of us on the rota to help only see the children about once a month and it is great to see how much they change, wobbly crawling to wobbly walking.

The church does not charge us for use of the Tom Hauley Room but we do have a box if people wish to make a donation. This money enables us to buy flowers for Mothering Sunday and a little gift for the children at Christmas. There is also a Welcome Bag with some exciting gifts.

There is no need to "join" – just come along to the Tom Hauley Room on Tuesday mornings (10.30am - 12 noon) during school term time. We also welcome pregnant Mums who would like to see what goes on.

We have a Facebook page so please look at that to see when we re-open in September.

Have a happy summer to all Bumps and Bundles.



THE COLLECTIVE

Rev. Andy Batchelor

The Collective will not be meeting in August - the next meeting will be on Tuesday 17th September, 7.30pm, venue to be advised.



HARBURY LOCAL MARKET

Steve Ekíns

There isn't a Market in August.

The next Harbury Local Market is Saturday 28th September 10.00 – 12.30 in the Village Hall. The Community group being supported by the Market, will be the Hereburgh Morris Dancers. Councillors Corner will be there from 10.00 – 11.00am to answer any questions you may have. Join us for a Tea or Coffee and a Bacon Roll.

If you would like to contact us, you can email us harburylocalmarket@gmail.com and also on Facebook @Harbury Local Market, please join our group for regular updates.

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HARBURY SWIFT VILLAGE - UPDATE

Amanda Randall

Contact Harbury Swifts: swifts.harbury@gmail.com

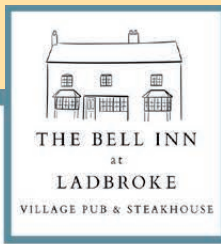
By August, adult swifts are still present in the UK, although their numbers begin to dwindle as they prepare for their long migration back to Africa. Most adults have already nested and raised their chicks, though some may still be supplementing the diets of their offspring. Adult swifts are skilled insect hunters. They catch flying insects mid-air, using their large gaping mouths and agile flight to snatch prey, yet they are able to avoid stinging insects. Young swifts spend their early weeks perfecting their flying skills, but being less experienced in flight they may appear more clumsy! They rely on their parents for food and guidance.

Poor summer weather results in many species of insect-eating birds struggling to successfully raise their young. However, during periods of cold and wet, when insect food is hard to find, both adult and juvenile swifts can enter a state of torpor, allowing them to survive without food for up to fifteen days. Torpor isn't the same as sleep but is the ability of a bird to slow its heart rate, breathing and body temperature to conserve energy and heat, allowing it to survive longer without food. A study has shown that when cold weather hits swift breeding sites in Europe, the birds occasionally lie still in their nests for up to 22 hours in an energy saving mode, entering torpor together as a family of up to six birds! It is not known how they co-ordinate this.

As August unfolds, remember to look up into the sky to spot swifts in flight, with their long and very pointed wings and their deeply forked tails. Swifts do not perch on wires as swallows do and these symbols of summer will have begun their journey back to Africa long before the swallows begin to gather to leave in late September.

In April, the RSPB set up a live webcam in a swift nest box near Bolton. Here are three short clips taken in early July. Use your phone camera to scan the QR codes for a peek at the swiftlets!

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WHATS COMING UP

AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY BASH

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Mrs Alison Biddle, Parish Clerk
Harbury Parish Council
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CV33 9HL

Email: clerk@harbury-pc.gov.uk



ED RUSSELL: A LOCAL LEGEND AND OBE HONOUREE

Jo Rose

Ed Russell, a name well-known in the village of Harbury, has recently been awarded an OBE in the King's Birthday Honours. At 54, Ed's life has been a tapestry of achievements, laughter, and community spirit. Born at Middle Road Farm as the second eldest of four boys, Ed's roots in Harbury run deep.

Ed's early years were a whirlwind of farm life and village adventures. Attending Harbury School from 1974, his first day is etched in local lore. A young Ed, bewildered by the new surroundings, was caught short and decided to relieve himself discreetly behind a tree, thinking he was out of sight. Alas, the formidable dinner lady, caught him in the act. She sternly enquired, "Do you normally do this sort of thing at home?" With the innocent honesty only a child can muster, Ed replied, "Yes, I do normally do that at home on the farm." Thus, his first life lesson was learned amidst peals of laughter and a memorable introduction to the school's disciplinary measures.

Ed's passion for sport, particularly cricket, is well-known in Harbury. He played for the local rugby club but truly shone on the cricket field. Many in the village are more familiar with the initials LBW (Leg Before Wicket) after Ed's name than OBE. Despite his love for cricket, the lesson from his first day at school about not getting caught unfortunately didn't translate into his cricket career. Ed captained Harbury for many years, later serving as chairman of the club, creating countless memories and friendships along the way.

His children, Daniel and Megan, followed in his footsteps, attending Harbury School and having a fantastic time, albeit better behaved than their father. Ed fondly recalls Nigel Chapman, an inspirational teacher whose dedication left a mark on generations of Harbury children, including Ed's own. Ed's claim to fame was being the first pupil Mr Chapman told off for running with his dinner tray, a memory that still brings a chuckle to those who know him well.

Fast forward a few years, Ed attended Trinity School in Leamington. Despite aspirations to join the family farm, he and his father, both strong-willed, found working together challenging so Ed went after other career opportunities, whilst still helping out on the farm at key times of year like lambing season.

After a brief stint in London, Ed has dedicated over 30 years of his working life to improving the health, wellbeing, and quality of life for residents in care homes across Warwickshire and the UK. Starting his career in 1992 with WCS Care, a not-for-profit care home provider, Ed quickly realised his vocation in care. His career has been marked by innovation, leadership, and a deep commitment to improving the lives of the elderly.

Ed's visit to De Hogeweyk, a leading dementia village in The Netherlands in 2012, transformed WCS Care's approach to dementia care. He introduced acoustic monitoring, a system that listens for unusual sounds in residents' rooms at night, reducing disturbances and improving sleep quality. This innovative approach led to a 34% reduction in night-time falls in its first year, showcasing Ed's dedication to enhancing resident care and wellbeing.

Ed's creation of the 'Innovation Hub' now based at WCS Care's Woodside Care Village, in Warwick, exemplifies his forward-thinking approach inspired by the Dutch De Hogeweyk dementia village. This hub showcases the testing and sharing of new ideas in a safe



Ed Russell at
Woodside Care Village

environment, attracting visitors and care professionals from around the world.

Ed's contributions have not been limited to the UK. He has shared his expertise globally, showcasing UK innovations in care in countries like Australia and the United States. His work has made a significant impact on the international care sector, improving the quality of life for elderly residents worldwide.

A pioneer of circadian lighting, Ed introduced this system at two of WCS's homes to mimic natural daylight, benefiting residents with dementia by improving their sleep and reducing agitation. The results were remarkable, with a significant shift in residents' wellbeing and a reduction in medication needs. Ed is now working to get the system installed across all of WCS's homes and is partnering with Oxford University on a PhD to explore these benefits further.

Ed's approach to leadership is characterised by his willingness to 'fail fast and learn well,' his dedication to frontline engagement, and his genuine commitment to celebrating team successes. His innovative mindset, coupled with a deep understanding of care, has earned him the respect and trust of his colleagues.

Ed Russell's journey from the fields of Middle Road Farm to being honoured with an OBE is a testament to his dedication, innovative spirit, and the profound impact he has had on the care sector. Ed's work continues to inspire and improve the lives of people living in care homes, near and far.



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Chris Compton - Friends of Burton Dasset Church

For anyone looking for something to do on August Bank Holiday Monday, All Saints' Burton Dasset will be holding their annual Bank Holiday teas, 26th August, 12pm – 5.30pm. We expect to have a few craft stalls of varying kinds. Refreshments include both savoury and sweet, vegetarian, gluten free, vegan etc. There's plenty of parking on the Burton Dasset hills and improved access up to the church for anyone who uses a wheelchair. We also have relatively newly built toilets at the church for the first time in its existence. If the weather is hot it will be pleasantly cool inside and if it is wet you can have a short stroll and come in to dry off. Well behaved dogs on leads are welcome inside too. All proceeds are for the upkeep of the church. All faiths or none are welcome! Postal code CV47 2AB.

In many places churches are being closed down through lack of finances. Burton Dasset church is in the Coventry Diocese and, whilst we are currently in an interregnum, we are working hard with the Diocese to make sure we find our next Vicar. Please support us so we can keep this beautiful ancient church open for everyone to use and enjoy. All faiths or none are welcome! Postal code CV47 2AB.



READERS' LETTERS

Dear Editors

I would like to thank everyone who came to Ian's thanksgiving service in church on 24th June and for the many sympathy cards we received. It was a lovely support for me and my family. I am also very grateful for the offers of help I have had over the months and years of Ian's illness.

Thank you.

Sheila Jackson

Dear Editors

Thank you so much for all who supported our TOFS coffee morning at the Tom Hauley room on Saturday 6th July, we raised £350 for the wonderful charity that support my Grandson and his family. The Tom Hauley room is a marvellous facility for the village and I am ever grateful to the generous people who turn up every week to support us fund raisers, not to mention my friends and family who willingly help whenever I ask.

Once again, thank you all.

Sue Moore

Dear Editors

Thanks to Jeremy Atkins' kind hospitality in allowing visitors to his home during the Open Gardens weekend, it was an excellent opportunity to look inside the recently renovated Harbury Mill and climb the several floors to the top floor where, through the glass ceiling, the old workings and the new canopy could be viewed.

The proceeds from this venture were, of course, in aid of e-wheels. The attached photo is of Jeremy describing the various features of the workings, where the sails would have provided the power to grind the grain which eventually was bagged and despatched for onward delivery to bakeries far and wide.



Regards

Bryan Reid

Dear Residents

Thank you so much to every one of you who gave me your vote on 4th July. While I was not successful this time, I am humbled that 10,464 voters across the Kenilworth & Southam constituency supported me and I will continue to work with my Liberal Democrat colleagues, including Councillor Susan Ostrander, to stand up for our community.

I am delighted by the Liberal Democrats success at a national level, with millions of people voting for positive change. I would particularly like to congratulate my friend, Manuela Perteghella, on her election as the new MP for Stratford-on-Avon.

Our 72 Lib Dem MPs will be the champions of the NHS, care and the environment. We will be a positive, constructive voice in opposition - scrutinising this government, holding them to account, fighting for our ideas and asking the tough questions when needed.

Congratulations to Jeremy Wright on his success and thank you to all my fellow candidates for a respectful campaign.

Kindest regards,

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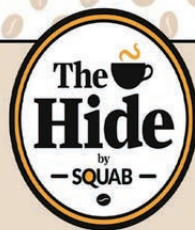
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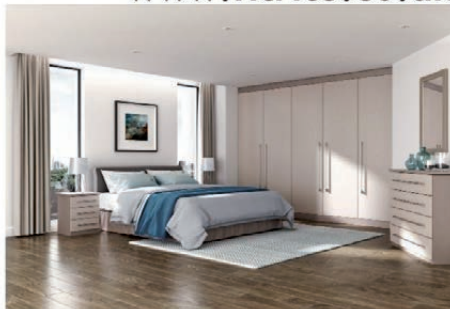
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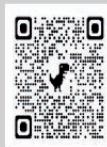


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