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EDITORIAL

A round up of local news

Congratulations to Harbury Carnival Committee for hosting another successful Carnival Day. The weather was kind, though a little breezy and it didn't rain and there was a good turnout. King Grayson and Queen Mya looked very regal as they led the procession throughout the village. We have a number of photographs in the magazine this month featuring the Wheelbarrow Race, Games Week and Carnival. Our thanks go to everyone for sending pictures in especially Anthony and Graham Allcock and Ian Hartland.



With the General Election fast approaching, we invited the main political parties to submit a piece about their candidate standing in the election for the Kenilworth and Southam area. Those candidates who have sent something in are included in the Harbury General Section.

If your child will be looking for something to do in the long school holidays, Harbury Village Library will once again be running the national summer reading challenge with a theme of "Marvellous Makers". You can register on Saturday 6th July or come into the library any time after this.

The Ladbroke Matters team are holding a film night on 12th July, see page 13 for details, and they are also planning another Boules night in September.

On Saturday 1st August the Harbury & Ladbroke News will be hosting its first ever Coffee Morning in the Tom Hauley Room. Please do come along and support us. If you are able to donate a raffle prize or cakes please let us know, we are happy to collect - call Gill on 612155. All proceeds go to help keeping our magazine in print.

We were very sorry to hear of the death of Ian Jackson. Ian was a former editor of the H&L News from 1981 to 1992. His wife Sheila was also Secretary of the magazine. We extend our condolences to Sheila and the family.



HARBURY DIARY

For local events

JULY

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| Mon | 1 | Harbury Toddler Group, 10.00 - 11.30am, Scout Hut
Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall
Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall |
| Tue | 2 | Free Chair-based Activity Class, 10.00 - 11.00am, Village Hall
Bumps & Bundles, 10.30am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room
Harbury Heritage Centre open, 7.00 - 9.00pm, Harbury School (Park Lane entrance) |

- Wed 3 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall car park - Milcote Greenway (4 miles flat)
Mothers' Union, Service 2.00pm, outing to historic church at Burton Dassett
Spellbound Dance Classes, 5.00 - 5.30 & 5.30 - 6.15pm, Village Hall
Hereburgh Morris Practice session, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall
- Thurs 4 General Election Voting, 7.00am - 10.00pm, Village Hall
Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
Folk Club, 8.00pm, Village Club
- Fri 5 Meeting Point, 12.30pm, The Crown Inn
- Sat 6 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Tracheo-
Oesophageal Fistula (TOFS)
Litter Pick, 10.00 - 11.00am, meet Village Hall car park
Village Hall fundraiser - Cinema Evening - showing Unhinged, doors open 7.00pm,
film starts 7.30pm, Village Hall - tickets from Library or www.harburyvillagehall.org

Sun 7 PENTECOST 7

- Said Communion, 9.00am, Church
Little Saints, 10.30am, Church
Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall
- Mon 8 Harbury Toddler Group, 10.00 - 11.30am, including AGM at 11.00am, Scout Hut
Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall
Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall
- Tue 9 Free Chair-based Activity Class, 10.00 - 11.00am, Village Hall
Bumps & Bundles, 10.30am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room
- Wed 10 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall car park - Eathorpe - Marton (4 miles flat)
Quiet Space, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
Knitwits and Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Village Library
Spellbound Dance Classes, 5.00 - 5.30 & 5.30 - 6.15pm, Village Hall
Hereburgh Morris performing with Silhill Morris, 8.00pm, The Crown, Harbury
- Thu 11 Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
Harbury WI, - Living in Surabaya by Peggy King, 7.30 for 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room
- Sat 13 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Light of Our Life

Sun 14 PENTECOST 8

- Sung Holy Communion with Children's Church, 10.30am, Church
Messy Church, 3.00 - 5.00pm
Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall
- Mon 15 Harbury Toddler Group, Celebration Picnic - details to be confirmed
Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall
Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall
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- Tue 16 Free Chair-based Activity Class, 10.00 - 11.00am, Village Hall
Bumps & Bundles, 10.30am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room
The Collective - 'Closer than you think', 7.30pm, Shakespeare Inn
- Wed 17 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall car park - Stratford Greenway - Racecourse (4 miles flat)
Connections (Dementia) Café, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
Harbury Society trip to Avon Dassett, meet 2.30pm at St John the Baptist Church - pre-bookings only
Spellbound Dance Classes, 5.00 - 5.30 & 5.30 - 6.15pm, Village Hall
Hereburgh Morris Practice session, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall
- Thu 18 Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
Carer's Group Meeting, 12.30 - 1.30pm, Village Library
Harbury Library Classic Book Group, 7.30pm, Village Library
- Fri 19 Ben & Soph's Jazz Night, tickets via www.ticketsource.co.uk/bsjazz, Village Hall
- Sat 20 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Children's Air Ambulance
Harbury Repair Café, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Village Library
- Sun 21 PENTECOST 9**
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)
- Mon 22 Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall
- Tue 23 Free Chair-based Activity Class, 10.00 - 11.00am, Village Hall
Harbury Theatre Group, 7.00 for 7.30pm, Village Club
- Wed 24 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall car park - Norton Lindsey (4.5 miles flat)
Knitwits and Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Village Library
Spellbound Dance Classes, 5.00 - 5.30 & 5.30 - 6.15pm, Village Hall
Hereburgh Morris Practice session, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall
- Thu 25 Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Sat 27 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Leamington Spa RNLI
Councillors Corner, 10.00 - 11.00am, Village Hall
Harbury Local Market, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall
- Sun 28 PENTECOST 10**
Sung Holy Communion with Children's Church, 10.30am, Church
Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall
- Mon 29 Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall
- Tue 30 Free Chair-based Activity Class, 10.00 - 11.00am, Village Hall
- Wed 31 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall car park - walk TBA
Hereburgh Morris performing at the Snitterfield Arms, 8.00pm

AUGUST

Thurs 1 Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
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

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FROM THE RECTOR

Rev. Andy Batchelor

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During the run up to the General election, all the political parties will have the chance to win your vote. Perhaps you're excited, or just feel a sense of weariness. Maybe you are hopeful about what the prospect of a potential change in government may bring, or fearful of what such a change might mean. Christians should be engaged in the national debate because Jesus told us to love our neighbour and, if we care about them, we care about the laws and policies that come out of Westminster and the impact they have on all of our lives.

Voting is a chance not only to hold MPs to account, but it also provides space for us to engage directly with local candidates and contribute to the common good of society. While we don't yet know the outcome of this election (although the bookies seem to have a pretty clear idea) we do know that all human authority comes directly from God. That means we should cover this election in prayer, and vote with faith and prayerful optimism.



FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

Liz & Andy

Each year, on appointment as churchwardens, we have to attend a special service in order to be 'sworn in' to the role. This year, one of the services in the Coventry Diocese was held here in Harbury, and on 12th June we had 130 Churchwardens, Clergy and others at a lovely service. As Area Dean, Rev Andy officiated alongside the Archdeacon. We're very grateful for

the members of the church that came to serve refreshments and Matt who came to play the organ.

Liz and Ruth ran a Messy Church stand at Harbury Carnival. We loved seeing so many young people come and enjoy sand art, painting with broccoli and decorating shortbread. The next Messy Church is on Sunday 14th July at 3pm where the theme will be the Olympics.

On 16th June two of our teenagers were Confirmed at St James', Southam. Confirmation is a special service, led by a Bishop, where individuals confirm promises made at their baptism and invite the Holy Spirit into their lives. There was no 10.30 service in Harbury that day so that members of the congregation could go and support. It was a very uplifting service led by Bishop David Evans.

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



Liz testing out the Messy Church carnival game



MOTHERS' UNION

Gillian Hare

Our meeting date, 5th June, marked the commemoration of the little known St Boniface. He was a Benedictine monk who, in the 8th century, led a mission in present day Germany. Taking our service, Rev Bob used the prayer set for that day.

We then welcomed Felicity Hawke, a previous Diocesan leader, who gave an interesting history of MU in the Coventry diocese. Although MU began in 1876, Coventry was only created as a diocese in its own right in 1918 - before that it was part of Lichfield - so Coventry MU began in 1919. There have been many changes through the years, and many achievements in the field of supporting family life, both home and abroad, but the basic combination of faith and fellowship is as strong as ever.

Our coffee morning raised £127 - thanks to everyone for their support which will be passed to an MU project.

We were pleased to congratulate past member, Iris Timms, on her 100th birthday, and sent condolences to Sheila Jackson on the death of her husband, Ian.

We are now looking forward to our visit to Burton Dassett on 3rd July - do contact Chris or Sally if you need a lift.

We do not meet in August, so wish all our members a relaxing summer.

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LADBROKE NEWS & DIARY

JULY

- Tue 2 Table Tennis, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Wed 3 Heritage & Friendship Group, 10.30am - noon, The Old School
Thu 4 General Election Voting, 7.00am - 10.00pm, Village Hall
Fri 5 Ladbroke WI, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Sun 7 TRINITY 7

- Tue 9 Photography Club Buffet and Photo Quiz, 7.30pm
Wed 10 Ladbroke Parish Council, 7.45pm, Village Hall
Fri 12 Film Night, 7.00pm, Village Hall

Sun 14 TRINITY 8

Holy Communion, 9.00am

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- Tue 16 Table Tennis, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Sun 21 TRINITY 9

Holy Communion (BCP), 9.00am

- Tue 23 Table Tennis, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Sun 28 TRINITY 10

Holy Communion, 9.00am

- Tue 30 Table Tennis, 7.30pm, Village Hall

AUGUST

Sun 4 TRINITY 11

Family Communion followed by refreshments, 10.30am

- Tues 6 Table Tennis 7.30pm, Village Hall



LADBROKE CHURCH NEWS

Peter Rigby
www.ladbrokechurch.org.uk

A big thank you to all those who came along to give "A Big Help Out" to tidy up the churchyard last month. Many members of our community have relatives who have been laid to rest here and we want to maintain this area to an appropriate standard, so the assistance that you gave is really appreciated.

Regular maintenance of the churchyard (mainly mowing) costs around £1,500 per year. If you would like to contribute towards this cost, you can now do so by making a donation online by following this QR code:



Any donations to this account will be used solely for the upkeep of the churchyard. If you would like to make a regular donation please email the Treasurer at ladbrokechurch@gmail.com. Thank you!

Future Services

Sunday 7th July	10.30am	Family Service
Sunday 14th July	9.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 21st July	9.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 28th July	9.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 4th August	10.30am	Family Service

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LADBROKE & DEPPERS BRIDGE WI

Carol Lane & Dianne Surgey

Sue Moore, our new chairman, welcomed the members and thanked them for voting her as president for the year, thus ensuring the continuation of our WI. Carol Rhodes has agreed to become secretary and Alison Pollitt was co-opted onto the committee and becomes the new treasurer. We are already grateful to the new committee for their commitment and enthusiasm.

The new programmes were distributed to all who have already paid their annual subscriptions. Dianne stressed the importance of paying this in April in future years.

It was decided that this year's Summer Outing, on the afternoon of 1st August, will be at The Old Dairy at Weedon where shops selling craft, gifts and antiques are available as well as the restaurant where we will be able to have afternoon tea.

Some members are going to talk to residents who used to be members of WIs or Townswomens' Guilds at Galanos on 14th June at 2.30pm.

Even though Dianne is no longer president she is continuing to arrange lunches for the Friendship group and the next one will be at the Yew Tree at Avon Dassett.

Dianne then fed back from the National WI Meeting where she had joined another 5,000 members at the Albert Hall. She had had a wonderful day hearing talks on the theme of abuse of women from the human rights lawyer, Nazir Afzal, Mel B, the Spice Girl, who has experienced an abusive relationship and Timothy Watson who played the villainous Rob Titchner in The Archers.

This year's resolution of Dental Care Matters was voted in with a vast majority and the reason it was not a unanimous vote was that some ladies felt it should have included the need for

children to be better instructed in care of their teeth. The main reason why children are in hospital these days is because of dental decay. Dianne was wearing the new Warwickshire Federation badge which is now on sale.

We were disappointed that Peter Baker was unable to deliver the expected talk so instead we enjoyed the food and games the committee had provided instead.

A good number of our members attended the Southam Group Meeting, hosted this year by Harbury in their village hall on Tuesday, 11th June. It was very interesting to hear reports from all six WIs, particularly their recommendations for the most popular speakers. The entertainment for the evening was provided by comedian, magician and musician, David Moylon. He was hilarious, including very funny little stories as well as witty one-liners and took us back to the 1950s with music from the likes of George Formby.

His magic tricks were breathtaking and left us baffled as to how they were achieved. The competition to produce a theatrical mask was won by a member of Harbury WI. A splendid supper was provided by our hosts and thoroughly enjoyed by all. The next Group event will be the carol service to be held in St Michael's parish church, Stockton, on Monday 9th December.

The next meeting will be on Friday, 5th July (a day later than usual because the election will be using Ladbroke Village Hall). It promises to be a very interesting evening as Sue Moore, who has recently spent five weeks on the jury in the Crown Court, is to talk about her experiences. All are welcome.



LADBROKE MATTERS

David Wright

Did you know?

The village hall and Millennium Green are registered charities whose finances are overseen by a group of trustees. The upkeep of the village hall and Millennium Green is the responsibility of all of us who live in Ladbroke, but our team takes care of these facilities on behalf of our community. To help with this we organise regular 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 us all.

What's happening to the millennium green play area?

The play area on the green 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.

Friday night at the movies

Our next ever-popular supper and film night is planned for Friday 12th July in the village hall. The film we have selected is 'One Life' starring Anthony Hopkins as Sir Nicholas Winton - a young London broker who rescued 669 children from Nazi-occupied Czechoslovakia in the months leading up to World War 2.

Doors open at 7pm sharp for the meal. Screening is at 8pm. The cost is £16 per person including the two course meal, but bring your own drink.

Contact Nicky Lewis by email at **nicholalewis1958@gmail.com** or telephone her on 01926 815196 for tickets.

More dates for your diary

We have events planned for later 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

Looking forward to next year

2025 will be the 25th anniversary of the opening of the Millennium Green. Therefore we hope to hold a celebration on the green next Summer to mark this milestone.

The Village Hall Website

Our website at www.ladbrokevillagehall.org.uk contains photos of the interior and exterior of our village hall and general information. You can send comments to us regarding the hall or the Millennium Green via the form on the contact page.

Village Hall Bookings

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 May 2024

£50	Richard Hampson	£25	Elaine Taylor	£10	John Lowman
£50	Chris and Caryl	£25	Simon and Jackie	£10	Kate Liverton
£25	Kip Warr	£10	Marlene Schaefer		

Margaret Bosworth



LADBROKE PHOTOGRAPHY

Kip Warr

I was not expecting a session photographing scale model cars to be fulfilling but, as I drove past cyclists racing through torrential rain, I realised that there could be worse ways to spend an evening. In fact it was fascinating. We were the guests of David Jesset at Slot Car Scenics in Kineton. They produce scale models of everything to go with a model car race track (think Scalextric) from buildings and tyre walls to pit crews and miniature photographers with long



lenses. Some of their clients order complete layouts with track, scenery and spectators, and with lighting for night racing.

They even take 3-D scans of people at races and reproduce them at 1/32 scale (they will make you a thumb-sized model of yourself if you like). David obliged us with day and night track lighting and drove a car round so that we could catch the blur of its movement.

On 9th July we shall have our annual summer buffet supper with a mystery quiz. 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. For more information please contact ladbroke.photoclub@btinternet.com

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LADBROKE GENERAL NEWS



LADBROKE HERITAGE

Jackie West

First, a big thank you to the ten volunteers who came along on Saturday 8th June to the **Churchyard Tidy Up** and double thanks to those who said they would return and do more. No longer will walkers on the footpath through the churchyard get their hair inadvertently brushed by the overhanging foliage. Various bushes and encroaching elder were cut back and the gravel and some graves reclaimed from the weeds. One volunteer, having no relatives buried nearby, offered to look after a grave in Ladbroke churchyard in future, an offer we readily accepted. There are many more graves that would benefit from regular TLC so if any readers would like to do likewise and "adopt a grave" please have a word with Jackie or Sue M.



The fish in the **Phone box** have now swum away and some fantastic butterflies, bees and dragonflies have appeared, do take a look when you are passing. There are colouring sheets in the church porch and, given the number taken so far, I think there must be a lot of colouring in progress. Please hand in the finished pictures plus any other 2D or 3D creations, so they can be installed in the new exhibition.

There was a real buzz at our June meeting of the **Heritage and Friendship Group** as people shared their personal and family memories of the First and Second World Wars. Alan brought along his grandfather's medals which included the military medal and a letter, now more than a hundred years old, explaining to his fiancée and her father what he did to receive it - he had rescued an officer under fire.

Closer to home, we discovered that during WW2 not one but two of our regulars, then just school boys, had gone inside the same British bomber plane that made an emergency/crash landing in a field at the edge of Deppers Bridge, before it was transported away. Geoff remembered Ladbroke being full of refugees, especially after the Coventry Blitz. There were so many children they didn't all fit into Ladbroke School building, consequently some classes moved to the Village Hall. In fact, Don only came to Ladbroke because the family home in Leamington was damaged/destroyed the night of the Coventry Blitz. Luckily he and his parents were in a neighbour's bomb shelter at the time.

People may remember loud bangs at our next meeting too, but much happier ones as our theme is Circuses and Fairs. That meeting is on Wednesday 3rd July, 10.30 - 12 noon at The Old School. For more information or to let us know you are coming please phone 814175.

Finally, for those who like to get dates in the diary early, Ladbroke Church will once again be taking part in Heritage Open Days in September. There will guided tours on Saturday 7th September and a small exhibition from Friday 6th - Sunday 8th. More details next month. You don't have to wait until September to come and see Ladbroke's beautiful and historic church, it is open daily from 10am - 4pm, often longer in the summer months and if you would like a guided tour please email ladbrokechurch89@btinternet.com.



HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL

John Holden & Nicola Thompson - HGL News Correspondents

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

Notes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 9th May

Chairman - Tim Lockley began his report with a plea for volunteers to join the Parish Council. With Jess Dominick unfortunately having to resign her seat, there are now two vacancies on the Council. The PC had provided input to the District Council's local Plan. However, the Chairman was concerned that whilst the Plan identified areas for housing development, these, in many cases, were well away from suitable supporting infrastructure - major roads and certainly railways lines. Tim also updated on the latest delay to the Harbury Lane traffic lights - waiting for the power supply to the street lighting to be connected!! Apparently, fixed traffic lights cannot be operational without illumination during darkness.

Planning - Cllr Allen noted that there was to be an equalisation on the housing target between Stratford and Warwick District Councils. Also Coventry's population growth had been revised down by 30,000. This would lead to a reduction in the number of houses that Warwickshire would have to provide to cater for the overspill from Coventry. The developer of the proposed industrial units at Sharmer Farm on the Fosse wished them to be as energy efficient as possible. They wished to meet with Harbury Energy Initiative to discuss this further.

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Environment - Cllr Potter reported that in the year, some semi-mature trees had been planted on the green in Frances Road and up at the Five Ways junction at the top of Bush Heath Lane. A number of stiles had been replaced with gates on Footpath SM27 leading to Ufton fields. In the near future the Council would be checking on hedges/trees spreading onto pavements in the village and where necessary asking the owner to cut the growth back.

Properties - the year had seen the purchase of the Hall Lane allotments. A report on the condition and suggested remedial works to the boundary wall had just been received. Agreements with the allotment holders were being put in place. The extension to the Village Hall car park had recently been completed, however, the finish was not wheelchair or pram friendly and a solution to this was being looked at.

Finance & General Purposes - the Council is saving funds in order to be able to purchase a plot of land for a new cemetery in due course. There was concern about the maintenance of the Village Street lights – the PC pays Warwickshire CC to maintain them on its behalf. However, there was concern about the poor service and lack of repairs to reported faults.

There were then a number of reports from Village organisations. Liz Ball, on behalf of the Library & Biblio's, advised that there was now a new Chairman in place. The first aim was to look at the Governance of the Library. It was hopeful that work on replacing the heating system could commence during the summer.

Harbury Twinning - Sharon Hancock advised that a party from Samoia were due to visit in May. Sadly, the membership on both sides of the Channel is getting older and younger villagers don't seem to be interesting in joining in.

E-wheels noted that numbers using the service has not returned to pre-covid levels. A number of the Swift boxes fitted on houses in the village were being used by starlings.

From the Primary School - Head teacher, Lucy Bosley, stressed the importance of the community links that existed with the Library, Heritage Centre and the Church. She thanked the Parish Council for its grant towards the creation of a nurture area for the children. The school was looking at ways to make itself more sustainable.

District Councillor Ostrander gave a summary of her first year as a councillor. A key role she had found was as a communication link between villagers and other departments within Stratford District and Warwickshire County Councils. She had attended the Council's Planning Committee and planning issues took up much of her time.

Annual and Ordinary Meetings of the Parish Council held on 23rd May 2024

Annual Meeting

Each May the parish council holds two meetings back to back, the first being the **Annual Meeting of the Parish Council** which is its AGM. The first item of business was to elect the chairman for the forthcoming year and Cllr Tim Lockley was unanimously re-elected for this position. Cllr Julie Balch was unanimously elected as vice-chair. The council then considered its representatives on the various working parties: Planning, Properties, Environment, Climate, Finance & General Purposes and Staffing. It was agreed that these should remain unchanged with the exception of Cllr Allen transferring from Environment to Climate and Cllr Gard becoming the lead on Climate. The representatives from the council to various outside bodies such as Harbury School were also left unchanged.

Having briskly concluded these items the Annual Meeting concluded at 7.36pm and we were able to move on to the main business of the evening.

Ordinary Meeting

Vacancy for a Parish Councillor: Following the resignation of Cllr Dominick, the council now has two vacancies for parish councillors. Anyone who feels they would like to take on this important and interesting role should contact the parish clerk – clerk@harbury-pc.gov.uk

Public Participation: It was agreed to move the discussion on the surfacing of the car park extension from further down the agenda. Paul Quinney from the Future Energy Group explained several councillors had met to on site to consider the Grasscrete surfacing and the potential problems it may pose for pram and wheelchair users. They had agreed that the best solution would be to ask for extra filling across a roughly nine hole wide strip down the centre, in effect creating a path. It was also noted that WCC will go out to tender in June for the remaining infrastructure for the project – the EV charging points and battery.

“Is the Neighbourhood Plan still fit for purpose?” was the next question that the council faced as a member of the public pointed out that several recent planning applications had potentially breached the settlement boundary; was the Plan still robust enough to protect the village against such applications or did it need to be updated? Cllr Allen replied that any new neighbourhood plan would need to align with the South Warwickshire Local Plan which will not be ready for 3+ years so there would be no point in updating local plans at the moment. In the meantime, our Neighbourhood Plan continues to be used as supplementary planning guidance when considering applications.

Other residents were in attendance about planning applications or to raise concerns about noise and lack of signs reminding people that the car park is in a residential area and agreed to wait until their items came up on the agenda.

Grant Application: The council agreed an application from the newly re-formed Toddler Group for £60 for a play parachute.

SDC & WCC: District Cllr Ostrander had attended a quarterly meeting of the Safer Neighbourhood Team which is an opportunity for councillors to raise concerns and improve communication with the police. She urged other councillors to attend if possible.

County Cllr Kettle had attended a meeting with the senior engineer at the Fosse Way crossroads and had been assured that it would be fully open with working lights and streetlights (and no bollards) as **soon as possible**. Delays had been caused by the lighting poles not being wired up to the National Grid. Cllr Kettle had also met with the construction commissioner responsible for overseeing HS2 and had raised concerns about communication with and inconvenience to local communities caused by the work. The commissioner was also concerned and had agreed to raise this with the Member of Parliament.

Cllr Kettle assured the PC that the work to extend the 40pmh speed limit on Bush Heath Road would start “very shortly”. The contract has now been outsourced due to a lack of resources at WCC. Cllr Lockley asked if the parish council could be refunded the money it had paid for this due to the continual delays and poor level of service! Cllr Kettle did not think this was likely.

Planning: the following planning applications were considered in the meeting – the council also has the power to return planning responses under delegated powers (outside of the meeting).

Stapenhall Farm, Orchard Cottage, Deppers Bridge – Proposed detached garage: No representation.

Land North of Hall Lane – outline application for self-build dwelling: it was noted that this house would be built outside the settlement boundary and also does not meet the criteria for self-build as the application is from a developer not the eventual owner of the house. For this reason, the council resolved to object to the application.

The Homestead, Crown Street – rebuild damaged section of stone boundary wall: no representation.

13 Manor Road – ground floor extension and first floor extension above existing ground floor – no representation.

Montgomery House, Mill Lane – T1 Monterey Cypress – fell. The PC had previously made a holding objection to this application under delegated powers. However, a report from the Tree Preservation Officer, stated that it does not meet the criteria for a Tree Preservation Order and is unstable. Reluctantly, members acknowledged that it was probably unsustainable and changed their official response to no representation with the proviso that new planting is put in as mitigation.

31 Deppers Bridge – single storey rear extension: no representation.

Future Energy Project: It was noted that the new hedge had been planted next to the car park extension but this will take time to grow and reach maturity; it was agreed to monitor its condition. The final invoice to the PC for the project was agreed and the council formally gave Warwickshire County Council permission to proceed with the remainder of the project: installing the charging points and battery.

Properties

Skatepark Refurbishment: it was agreed to take this off the agenda for the time being as, following Cllr Dominick's resignation, there is no one at present who can take it forward.

Car Park Signage: The request for signs stating that the car park is in a residential area was considered. Cllrs were unconvinced how effective such a sign would be. However, it was agreed to contact the village hall about the possibility of having a sign stating that CCTV is in operation and also to contact the sports clubs with a request to remind people to be considerate when picking up their children.

Allotments: Cllr Balch reported that the well-being project now has a greenhouse, a shed and a donated mower and tools. Warwickshire CC (who own the land at Pineham Farm) had sent the PC a rent increase notice which would take the annual rent from £650pa to £950pa. The clerk had informed them, however, that they had not given the required 12 months' notice of the increase so could not enforce it this year. It will need to be budgeted for next year and will have an impact on allotment rents. The survey of the stone wall at the front of the Hall Lane allotments had highlighted that some remedial work was necessary although as Cllr Lockley pointed out, it was "unlikely to fall down". The council needs to find a builder with experience of historic brickwork to provide a quote for this.

Environment

Replacement of Stiles at Bridge End Farm: The work has not yet been carried out and the village contractor will fit it in when he is able to.

Climate Change: It was agreed to pause the work of the working party allowing time for new councillors to be recruited who could share the workload.

Finance & General Purposes: The budget report and bank reconciliation had been circulated to council members. It was agreed the risk register would be updated and ready for members to approve at the June meeting.

The next meeting of the parish council will be on **27th June, 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.

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HARBURY SOCIETY

Sue Turner

History tour of Leamington Spa

On Friday 24th May, 12 Harbury Society members enjoyed a tour of the old part of Leamington Spa. The guide was Paula Fletcher from the Leamington History Group, who began by giving a brief history of Leamington which began life as Leamington Priors and was a small village until about 1800. Queen Victoria had visited the town as a princess in 1830 and as Queen in 1858. She granted the town a 'Royal' prefix in 1838 and Leamington Priors was then renamed Royal Leamington Spa.



Harbury Society members

A mineral spring was first recorded in Leamington in 1480 which, apparently, made good bread, cured ailments and preserved meat but it wasn't until the late 18th century that more springs were discovered. Baths were built around some of them to exploit the fact that wars were raging across continental Europe at this time which prevented the upper, wealthier, classes in this country from travelling abroad so their attention turned inward to find another outlet for their leisure time. In 1782, two friends, Benjamin Satchwell and William Abbotts found the second spring in Leamington and the baths opened in 1786. There were eight baths, the charges for which were 2/6d for a hot bath, 1/6d for a child, 3/- for a marble bath and 1/- for a cold bath. This coincided with a 19th century trend for 'taking the waters' and marked the start of a considerable increase of visitors to Leamington.

Having started the tour from the Visitor Centre, which is housed in the Pump Rooms, the first stop was outside All Saints' Church. This is on the site of a Norman church and is one of England's largest parish churches. It has gothic-style architecture and the magnificent

stained glass rose window is a copy of one in Rouen, France. In 1842 the church was rebuilt, overseen by the Rev. John Craig who, according to local tradition, dismissed 11 architects during the church's construction and eventually appointed himself as Clerk of Works. John Craig died in 1877, 25 years before the church was finished, and his funeral is said to have been the largest ever seen in Leamington. Benjamin Satchwell and William Abbotts are both interred in All Saints' Church.

A sculpture, Blue Springs, marking the site where Lord Aylesford built a small stone building over the original well in 1803, is situated to the west of All Saints' Church.

The next stop was in Bath Street to take note of a building called The Parthenon which, in 1821, was called the Royal Assembly Rooms. The upper part consisted of a luxurious ballroom and the lower rooms contained a library and reading room. James Bisset was one of the key figures in the development of Leamington as a spa town. He moved to Leamington in 1811 and wrote a guidebook and verse promoting the new spa resort and its attractions.

The Leamington Spa Mission in George Street was the next stopping point. This was built in 1822 and became a chapel in 1828 and was the first Catholic church in Leamington.

Samuel Lockhart (born 1851) started out, with his brother George, as a bareback rider, clown and acrobat in various famous-named circuses around the UK, France and the USA until George fell from his horse and broke his hip. Sam returned home but got work in Sri Lanka on a tea plantation. There he learnt how to train elephants and, with the money he acquired, he was able to buy elephants and form an elephant act. His work took him all over the world including Leamington Spa which has several areas named after his most famous group of elephants, 'The Three Graces'. Elephant Walk is a sloping walkway to the river Leam where, it's rumoured, the elephants regularly bathed but there is no evidence of this at all.

William de Normanville was born in 1843 and travelled to Australia in 1860 where he was employed in the Civil Engineers' Department of South Australia as a chief engineer for 5 years. Back in England he was Leamington's Borough Engineer and Surveyor from 1882 until his retirement in 1917. He achieved a very impressive catalogue of imaginative design and of expertise in the use of iron. The combination of the Weir and the Mill Suspension Bridge is considered to be his masterpiece.

The next area to be explored was Jephson Gardens which began as farmland belonging to Edward Willes. The original gardens, laid out in 1834 at the request of the landowner, covered 10 acres and there was free entry to anyone between 7am and 10am. Only paying customers and patrons of the nearby bath house had access after that time. It wasn't long before the gardens were enlarged and in 1836 Willes leased the land to a local consortium for £30 per year.

In 1846 a local committee meeting agreed that the gardens be renamed The Jephson Gardens in honour of Dr Henry Jephson who had helped to promote the healing properties of the spa waters and built houses for the town's poorer residents. In 1849, a Corinthian-style temple was added to the gardens and inside it was placed a large marble statue of the doctor. The gardens, which became nationally known,



Czech Memorial Fountain

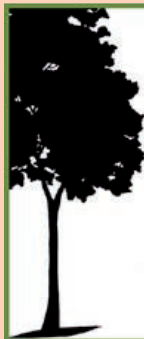
were a very popular venue for the wealthy to 'take the air' and 'be seen'. Most of the work in developing the gardens was undertaken by poor labourers who were given employment by another of the town's philanthropists, Dr John Hitchman. A fountain bearing his name was erected in 1869, in recognition of his efforts. In 1875, a grey granite obelisk was erected as a memorial to Edward Willes.

A link the gardens have to WW2 is the Czech Memorial Fountain, unveiled in 1968. This honours those who served in the Czech Free Army, which was based in Leamington, 7 of whom were parachuted into Czechoslovakia with the task of assassinating a leading Nazi general, Reinhard Heydrich. However, by the 1990s the gardens were looking 'tired' and in 1999 a £3m Heritage Lottery grant was awarded to rejuvenate the area.

The Royal Pump Rooms, which are located on The Parade, were opened in 1814 and were so popular that the building soon needed extending. One of the most interesting parts of the development were the pumps and they also included the world's first gravity fed piped hot water system. When the Napoleonic wars came to an end in 1840, the spa industry in the UK went into decline as people once again travelled abroad. As a result, the Pump Rooms closed in 1860 with the prospect of them being demolished and the land sold.

However, a group of local investors got together and, after spending £17k refurbishing the building, the Pump Rooms re-opened in 1863. Sadly, it proved impossible to operate at a profit and it was sold to the local Board of Health in 1868. Since then it has remained in the public sector and in 1997 work began on a major project to reuse it as a cultural complex.





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Leamington Spa Town Hall was the last main building visited on the tour. This replaced a smaller hall which had been built in 1830. The foundation stone for the new building was laid by the mayor, Henry Bright, in 1882. Designed by the architect, John Cundall, it incorporates elements of both the Tudor style and the French baroque style. It was officially opened by the then mayor, Sidney Flavel, in 1884.

Many other facts and figures, too numerous to mention here, were brought to the group's attention during the tour. At the end, Paula was thanked for such an interesting and informative walkabout – and it didn't rain!

Some dates for your diary

Wednesday 17th July: Tour of Avon Dassett followed by tea.

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'.

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



HARBURY WI

Mary Thompson

Fifteen members gathered in the Tom Hauley Room on 23rd May and learnt to play Tri-Ominos which proved to be great fun.

In July 2023 the Warwickshire Federation gave each Warwickshire WI £10 and issued a challenge to make as much money as possible using this £10. Harbury decided they would take on this challenge and have run such events as Christmas Craft evening, coffee morning, soup and pud event, whist and scones, photography competition, carnival cake stall, plant sale which has raised over £600 so far and we have had fun doing it! Harbury WI gets to keep half and the Warwickshire Federation receives half. Our thanks to members who have organised and supported these events. Thank you to everyone who purchased cakes at the carnival – we made a profit of £127.10. Those who guessed the weight of the cake - it weighed 5lbs 2oz. I am sure the two winners will have enjoyed the beautiful cake made by Ann.



Cake Stall at Carnival

On 5th June Gill and Lin attended the National Federation meeting at the Albert Hall which they both thoroughly enjoyed. The theme had been "Women's Voices to be Seen and Heard" They heard from Nazir Afzal OBE who talked about his work as a prosecutor in Rochdale and

Melanie Brown MBE who was interviewed by Victoria Derbyshire about her 10 year abusive marriage. Ann Jones has finished her three years as national chairman and will be replaced by Gerald Stone, who is a Warwickshire member. This year's resolution was overwhelmingly passed and it expressed concern about the lack of contact for NHS dentists. You probably saw this theme continued with our entry into the carnival with Tooth Fairies which won three first prizes, including the John Ridgely Cup.

On 11th June we welcomed 90 members from Ladbroke, Stockton, Southam, Napton and Priors Hardwick and Marston WIs to the Village Hall for the annual Group Meeting. Lin welcomed Sue Postlethwaite, County Chairman who congratulated the group for being such an active group. The entertainer for the evening was Dave Moylan, resident magician at Warwick Castle, who entertained us with old jokes, fun songs and ditties as well as magic tricks which confounded everyone.

Southam WI had organised a Theatrical Mask competition which was won by Harbury member, Marion Dickerson with a superb mask of the Green Man. Harbury members had organised a splendid buffet to round off the evening.

A busy week concluded with our monthly meeting on 13th June when Helen Cooper entertained us with her talk on "Being a Creative Butterfly". Helen showed us photographs of her early days working for a Warwickshire company who sold hand-painted silk menswear. She then moved on to Jersey where she worked demonstrating in a pottery.

Helen had always wanted to teach and was able to gain the maths qualification she needed to enter teacher training. She then spent 22 years teaching art which she described as "the best job ever". She then decided to start running workshops. Covid was a problem but she now runs workshops for needle felting, glass and textile printing. She also volunteers at the Shakespeare Hospice. Helen brought a huge range of her inspiring work and also demonstrated some art work using Polyfilla. A really inspiring evening.

At our meeting on 11th July we shall welcome Peggy King who will talk about living in Surabaya.



HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

Brittany Bain

The Harbury Carnival was a great success with family fun for everyone at the Harbury Theatre Group's stall. Bringing all the fun with a fairytale map game, memorable costumes from the archives (one you may recognise as our very own Mad King George from our most recent Murder Mystery Mayhem production in May), and a good spread of play programmes to show off our most recent productions. From dramas to comedies, murder mysteries to pantomimes, our talented cast of all ages and backgrounds always bring their A game to every show!



We have also just had our AGM in which we are proud to announce our new Chair is the wonderful Nikki Holt. Our new Co-Chair is Becci Denny, who stepped down as Chair after doing an incredible job over the last year, and secretary is staying in the safe and meticulous hands of Caroline George. Treasurer is staying in the hands of the brilliant John Grinstead. We have also introduced a new role for social media so we can keep you all up-to-date on everything us actor folk are up to, that would be me, Brittany Bain. Watch this space!

As we move into the second half of 2024 we look forward to the future with our November production not far off in the distance! Who knows what it may be? What do you want it to be? Whatever happens we can promise you a great show!



FOLK CLUB

Ian Hartland

The June edition of Harbury Folk Club proved to be a little quieter than expected. As the date coincided with the 80th anniversary of D-Day, the theme had been nominated as: "Going Back". This seemed to offer a wide range of interpretation, and so it proved.

Just seven acts turned up to perform on the night. The Harvesters duo kicked off proceedings with "Take Me Home, Country Roads" and followed that with Ralph McTell's "From Clare To Here" which tells of an Irishman's yearning for going back home when working far away. Rik followed with the "Spotted Cow" which follows the adventures of a milkmaid trying to locate her lost bovine charge.

He then offered an early Billy Joel composition "The Falling Of The Rain". Pete and Liz always like to perform "Rosebud In June" in this very month and then offered the "Bundling Song", a tale of courtship whilst tied in a sack. Who said people in olden times didn't know how to keep themselves amused before the advent of television and social media? Kim was next to the stage and she sang Dougie McLean's "Over My Mountain" followed by the plaintive "I Can't Find My Way Back Down". Dave Carvell always likes to find something different and started with the Bee Gees' "Massachusetts".

Then he was joined by his partner for "My Old Man's A Dustman". Peter Mason gave us "Across The Hills Of Home" and the powerful "From Hull and Halifax And Hell". To close the first half, our seventh performer was Keith Donnelly who had cleverly and hilariously reimagined "My Old Man's A Dustman" with references to radioactive waste. He closed the first half with his song: "Bringing Me Back To You".

With no new artists arriving, we chose to go around again in the second half, with just a single contribution from each artist. The Harvesters sang "Thyme", a song they had recorded twice in the past, once on a vinyl LP and later on a cassette. Rik sang a song called "Nostalgia", with thought-provoking lyrics. Pete and Liz sang the second Ralph McTell song of the evening with the ever-popular "Streets Of London", which had audience and performers alike joining in the chorus. Kim sang a lovely version of Joni Mitchell's 'Both Sides Now'. Dave followed with Lindisfarne's "Meet Me On The Corner". Peter Mason gave us "A Place Called England", a popular choice on Folk Club nights. Finally, Keith returned with a lovely song called: "A Sweet Nightingale Forgets Her Song When The Snows Fall Down".

The raffle raised a magnificent £40.00 for Cancer Research. This was especially notable as there were only around 30 people in the room.

Next month's Folk Club will take place on Thursday 4th July, which coincides with the General Election (as well as American Independence Day). Peter McDonald will be running the evening and has chosen "Making Choices" as his theme. We say "Vote for Harbury Folk Club" and come along and enjoy some great live music.



HARBURY TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Sally Stringer

Harbury Twinning (for all Francophiles) - New members welcome

Harbury is twinned with Samois-sur-Seine a lovely town/village about 60km south of Paris, close to Fontainebleau; in fact the residents boast of Samois having its head in the forest and its feet in the Seine. It is certainly a wonderful place to visit, with plenty to see in the area, and the people are incredibly welcoming. The Jazz musician Django Reinhardt lived there until his death, and the village is now famous for its annual Jazz Festival (all types of jazz – gypsy, blues, big band – you name it) which is held the last weekend in June at Fontainebleau. Musicians and fans congregate there from all over the world – a superb atmosphere.

The Twinning Association was formed in 1997 and in November of that year a small group (eight people) paid their first visit to Harbury – a great success. This was followed by the official inaugural ceremonies in Samois in March 1998, and in Harbury in October 1998. Since then a coach full of twinneders has crossed the Channel in one direction or the other almost every year since and during that time firm friendships have been made, and lots of individual visits taken among the twin families.

The twinning visits usually take place in April/ May (one year French come here and the next year the English go there) covering one of the Bank Holiday weekends but sadly the number of people wanting to make the journey is dwindling on both sides – age plays a big factor in this unfortunately. However we hope to continue visits with smaller numbers.

We also try to arrange various social functions during the year such as film evenings (in French with sub-titles), trips to vineyards, Christmas parties, quizzes etc as well as regularly celebrating the Fête des Rois (Twelfth Night) in January, and Bastille Day (14th July), pétanque afternoons, skittles and so on. We all love France and have had a lot of enjoyment over the years.

We would welcome new members, the cost being £20 per year for couples and £10 for singles – by cheque or BACS.

If you would like to join us, or to have any more information just email me on ss74hby@outlook.com with your details.



HARBURY HERITAGE CENTRE

Bill Timson

There is no doubt that the carnival at the start of June was a great success. The playing field was packed with people of all ages enjoying the entertainment, refreshments and the sunny weather.

I have written about the history of the carnival before; it is a popular annual event. In 1972, the then chairman of the Playing Fields Committee, John Smith, and his team were raising funds to extend the facilities on the extensive playing fields vested in the Parish Council and situated at the rear of the Village Hall.

Fetes and fairs have also been held in Sutcliffe Pastures (now Sutcliffe Drive etc), and on the land just past the Police House on South Parade. Going back even further the vicar would hold garden parties on the land at the rear of the vicarage in Church Street. He even invited the navvies (the men who dug the railway cutting), to one party, providing that they did not bring or drink any alcohol when attending the event.

We can all enjoy the facilities surrounding the village hall and as a community we are very fortunate to have football pitches, floodlit tennis courts, a netball court, a children's playground, skateboard / BMX track, also to maintain our fitness, exercise machines and a tarmac path that surrounds the perimeter of the field which can be used at all times of the year. The most recent external addition is the newly extended car park.

I wouldn't attempt to list the variety of activities the Recreation Ground / Playing Field is used for during the year but big village events such as the carnival and bonfire party are certainly popular annual attractions that take place on the land.

The land on which the playing fields and village hall is situated in South Parade was purchased in 1936 from the 'vendor' Mary Meddoms Griffin of Napton by the Parish Council of Harbury for the sum of £450. In the heritage collection we have a copy of the deeds (HM - 1576), detailing the formal conditions of sale. The land was part of the estate of Thomas William Griffin, who died in 1922. His widow Mary and Mr Stuart Page, a farmer from Easenhall were Thomas's trustees. The two 'closes' of freehold land known as 'Linnels Close' amounted to about 10 acres. The land at one time had been owned by local nobleman John Flecknoe and later Richard Paine before presumably being purchased and used for farming.

The land was considered as 'desirous of providing a Recreation Ground for the said parish' and had the approval of both the parish council and the Warwickshire County Council. The deed is signed by the two trustees; Edward Mole and John Parker and signed on behalf of the parish council in the presence of Mr W Beven who was the Clerk of the P. C. at the time.

In more recent times events such as 'The Heart of Harbury Games' 2011 and 2012 and a demonstration by the civil war enactment group 'The Sealed Knot' have made good use of the area of open space in the centre of the village. It would be fair to say that it is used every day of the year by individuals and groups. It is certainly very popular with dog owners!



*Carnival Days from the past.
Photos from 'The Mike Bloxham Collection'*



As we know the Village Hall was built on the land later in 1962, again after a significant amount of fund raising by the local community.

Other News from the Heritage Centre

On carnival day we shared a stall with the Harbury Society and our theme was the 80th Anniversary of D-Day. Thanks to all those who had a go on our games.

The next day (Sunday 9th), we gave the Lighthorne History Group a tour of the village and followed up by providing a cream tea back at the Centre.

Look out for more visitors learning about the history of Harbury on Saturday 20th July when we have a visit from the Warwickshire Local History Society.

We will be open the following day to the general public, Sunday 21st from 2 to 4pm.

Do pay us a visit we have lots of interesting things to look at and a new display 'Harbury's Lost Cottages'.



HARBURY RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Steven Kittendorf

With it now being the close season, the fixture list is out for the new season see below.

1st XV Fixtures 2024-2025

R1 7 September	B'ham & Solihull (h)	R2 14 September	Coalville (a)
R3 21 September	Claverdon (h)	R4 28 September	Coventrians (a)
R5 12 October	Old Wheatleyans (h)	R6 19 October	Broadstreet 2s (a)
R7 26 October	Coventry Welsh (h)	R8 9 November	Earlsdon (a)
R9 16 November	Southam (h)	R10 30 November	Stoke Old Boys (h)
R11 7 December	Aston Old Ed's (a)	R12 14 December	Coalville (h)
R13 21 December	Claverdon (a)	R14 4 January	Coventrians (h)
R15 11 January	Old Wheatleyans (a)	R16 18 January	Broadstreet 2s (h)
R17 1 February	Coventry Welsh (a)	R18 15 February	Earlsdon (h)
R19 1 March	Southam (a)	R20 8 March	Stoke Old Boys (a)
R21 22 March	Aston Old Ed's (h)	R22 5 April	B'ham & Solihull (a)

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HARBURY TODDLER GROUP

Emily Montague, Emma Browne and Chrissie Field

The new Harbury Toddler Group had a lovely month in June. We had some really fun sessions including exploring themes such as the market and family. We've made Father's day cards, explored a cardboard village, prepared our own fruit salads and got busy making "lemonade" in our tuff trays. We have been thrilled since restarting with the attendance and support we have been shown.



We are very grateful to Harbury Parish Council who kindly gave us a grant to cover the purchase of a big, colourful new parachute. We are looking forward to playing parachute games with the children in future sessions and at our end of term celebration.

Our end of term celebration is currently planned for Monday 15th July. Stay tuned for more details on this, but we are hoping to have a big picnic party! Let's hope we finally get some better weather... We will be announcing plans for this through the 'Harbury Toddlers' Facebook and Instagram pages. If you would like to be kept up to date, please follow our social media. If you do not have access to social media, you can e-mail the toddlers committee - harburytoddlers24@gmail.com.

The other event we would like people to be aware of for July is our AGM. This will be held during the session on 8th July. We will be sharing the state of the toddlers accounts and discussing what to do next year, as well as electing our officials. The AGM will start at 11am on 8th July (after the usual children's play section of the toddlers session) and all are welcome.

Anyone wanting to come to toddlers would be most welcome, we meet on Mondays from 10-11.30am in the Scout Hut. The cost is £2 per child and £1 per additional sibling. This is payable by BACS or cash.



HARBURY PRE-SCHOOL

Staff and Committee



Carnival - Harbury Pre-School Super Powers

This year, our Carnival theme is our very own Super Powers. We have been looking at all the incredible powers that we all have that we use every day. Thanks to our Pre-School helpers: Hattie Hippo who does excellent sharing, Ellie Elephant who does very good listening, Leo Lion who is so helpful, Kayla Cat who is very kind and Ben Bear who tries really hard, even though he sometimes finds things difficult.



Carnival



al 2024



The children have painted some incredible self-portraits to decorate the float and have been thinking about which of our five Super Heroes they are most like or telling us about their own unique super power. The children have decorated some fantastic super power capes to wear to accompany their super power masks.

The children and staff alike have been so excited about the carnival and to ride the float in style from Sutcliffe Drive to



Harbury Park. We are so very proud of their enthusiasm. A few children have asked if we can have another float outside next week so we intend to create a mock float using a ride-on tractor and trailer so the children can relive the Carnival all over again!

A Huge Thank you!

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

Thank you also all the parents, grandparents and carers who gave up their time to help decorate the float and helped with the BBQ. Thank you also to Sarah Wilkinson for all her time making up the decorated capes for the children.

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

Museum Role Play

The children have been really taken with our museum role play. We have a number who love to play 'explorers' and discovering items so we set up some different 'artefacts' on trays in the role play area with some magnifying glasses, cameras and binoculars. The children had the opportunity to dress up as explorers and look at the objects which included butterflies, shells, leaves and some dinosaurs.

Water Play

Water play has been hugely popular the last few weeks. We have become 'scientists' using water and different-coloured food colourings with jugs, test tubes and pipettes to mix and create different colours. The children have quickly picked up the different colours they can make by mixing combinations of blue, yellow and red and have really enjoyed using the test tubes and pipettes.

Places filling fast: We have a record number of Pre-Schoolers currently enrolled and some of our sessions from September 2024 are already full. If you are considering Harbury Pre-School for your child, please do get in touch.



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HARBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Lucy Bosley - Headteacher

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

Visit to the allotments

Year 2 are learning all about where our food comes from. They had an exciting visit to Harbury allotments where Gordon kindly showed them all the amazing plants growing. They even got to taste some strawberries. This also linked to their geography learning. From looking at maps, they were able to plan their route and look out for key features as they walked.



Sponsored Walk

You may have spotted some Harbury pupils and staff completing the annual sponsored walk. It's amazing that some pupils completed over 5km! The total raised was £2035. This goes towards our ambitious target of £16,000 towards Ipads. At the moment, we only have 14 Ipads for 215 pupils. Thank you to all the PTA and volunteers who made this possible.

In Reception...

The reception class have been watching caterpillars change into chrysalis and finally they have emerged into butterflies. The children were so curious and asked such great questions!

Year 5 blast off!

Year 5 had an exciting opportunity to visit the National Space Centre, enhancing their science learning about the wonders of space. The hands-on exhibits and interactive displays captivated their curiosity, igniting a



passion for exploration and discovery. It was a truly enriching experience that brought their classroom lessons to life.

We have also been busy in school with multiplication checks, phonics screening and KS2 SATS. I am so proud of all the pupils and how they have approached this with enthusiasm and perseverance. That's all that we can ask.

We are looking forward to sports day and are hoping for some sunshine. We are also getting ready to welcome in our new reception intake.



HARBURY LIBRARY & BIBLIO'S CAFE

Michael Luntley

Six months since Liz and I took on joint Library lead - much done, much to do.

We've tried to open up the space in the library, to make it a more unified space. Sight lines are clearer and the book shelves have been cleared too - we've offloaded a lot of old book stock. As the Library moves on to anticipated maintenance work later in the year (watch this space for details), we will have more room to re-design the layout. Central to our vision is that the Library and Cafe is one space held in common for the community, by the community.

We are welcoming new groups using the space. The new Carer's group (3rd Thursdays at 12.30) has started up and will, we hope, provide a forum for dissemination of a range of health initiatives. 'Pleasant Pastimes' have settled in - 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 1.30pm - and



we have now signed up with 'Live & Local' with a view to putting on occasional evenings of classical music and the spoken word (small touring theatre groups) - events not regularly found elsewhere in the village.

Look out for the launch of the Summer Reading Challenge for all our young readers over the summer holidays - stickers and badges to be earned.

We hope that we'll soon be having our new heating installed and look forward to welcoming ever more of you into the library to the varied events we host. You might also like to borrow a book! Help always available at the desk for those wanting to get a library card.

If you fancy joining us as a library or cafe volunteer, call in, have a word, have a coffee, meet some new friends. And in case you're wondering what we're like, the photo on the previous page shows most of us at our BBQ to celebrate National Volunteer Week the other Sunday....



HARBURY CLUB & INSTITUTE

Club Committee

Harbury Village Club was delighted to host the annual Wheelbarrow Race on 12th June. Fabulous weather drew a big crowd and the BBQ food provided by G&T Food Truck, proved very popular and thanks to John Mortimer at The Crown for helping us out with a fresh supply of bread rolls. The bouncy castle was a big hit with the children and a great day was had by all. Well done to all the runners and riders who participated and to the teams who took place in the carnival games in the following week, won by the Crown Crooners. Harbury Village Club may not have been placed in the games but covered itself in glory at the carnival coming second with their circus float. Well done to all of those who took part in the carnival, special thanks to Donna and Dave, Skip and Lara, Claire and Gareth, it wouldn't have happened without you.

We hope you will be joining us to watch the Euros. All fixtures scheduled during club opening hours will be shown. We will be opening at 4pm when England kick off at 5pm.

Our opening hours are:

Monday to Thursday 5pm to 11pm: Friday, Saturday, and Sunday 12 noon to 12 midnight.

We have a well-stocked bar with a wide range of beer and lager, cider, wine, spirits and liquours. You could be enjoying your favourite tipple for less by becoming a member and benefiting from our members only prices. For example Carling £3.70 a pint, Doom Bar £3.78, Churchend cask £3.70, to name but a few, and a small wine will only cost you £3.69. We have a full range of Zero alcohol and soft drinks for those drivers amongst us and the children.

If you are interested in becoming a member, please feel free to pop in and see us: Michelle and her team will be waiting with a friendly welcome. We have two snooker tables, a free pool table, darts, crib, and table tennis, plus regular events and live music.

We would like to say a big thank you to member Gary Toozer for donating a new table tennis table for our members to use. Come and join him any Wednesday evening for a game and let us know if you would be interested in starting up a team.

Look out on Facebook for our diary of events.

- 22nd June** Live music Loving the Alien: David Bowie tribute band featuring Harburys' own Mark Smith and Michael Hofmann. Not to be missed.
- 7th July** Spend a soulful Sunday afternoon with music from vocalist, Me, Myself and Caroline.
- 3rd August** The Intruders
- 17th August** V8 Live and Loud!
- 31st August** Back to the 80s and 90s with Bishop Sounds Disco – fancy dress optional, 8pm start.

We look forward to you joining us soon.



GARDEN JOTTINGS

Christine Dakin from Bridge Nursery

The results of the endlessly wet winter are that some plants have been saturated for too long and are now dying including some roses, a viburnum and a ceanothus. Inevitably, these were ideal conditions for slugs to breed and everyone is now plagued with them. They are destroying many plants which I'd normally say are bomb proof. Asters are dwindling, lupins are shredded, even some clematis have been eaten down to the ground. I've tried beer traps which were more or less ignored, bought some eco friendly slug pellets with slightly better results and most effective is the bucket of soapy water into which I put any slugs or snails I find lurking under pots. There are also plenty of toads, frogs and birds which I hope are doing their bit to reduce the problem. I wonder what your best remedy is?



There are other things to do if you have any time left after hunting these pests.

Pick peas and beans before they get too big, pick sweet peas to help get more flowers rather than letting them set seed, take cuttings of shrubs such as mock orange and physocarpus, dead-head roses or cut flowering stems to take into the house to encourage more flowers, early potatoes can be harvested, bearded iris can be split up and the old rhizomes discarded. Arrange for a friend or neighbour to water your plants while you are on holiday.



NATURE NOTES

Martin & Amanda Randall

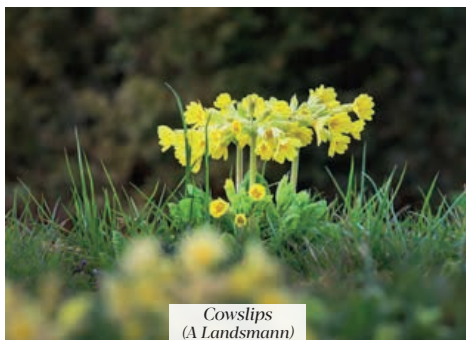
Disused industrial sites are often surprisingly rich in wildlife, and there are a number locally that are worth a visit. We have been to the Bishop's Hill nature reserve, just north of Bishop's Itchington, on a number of occasions this year. Up until 1970, it was part of the Harbury cement works. The hill itself is not a natural feature, since it was formed from the waste limestone products from the nearby works that had accumulated since the quarry was



*Old winding gear at Bishop's Hill
(Martin Randall)*

opened in 1852. At the time it was in operation an aerial ropeway transported the waste material from the quarry into the mound we find today. The remains of the metal winding gear are still at the top of the hill; a monument to its industrial past, and there is a great view across the surrounding countryside towards Northamptonshire and Leicestershire.

The soil covering the waste material forming the mound is low in nutrients and supports a range of lime-loving plants. When we visited earlier in the spring there were many Cowslips growing on the reserve. A very familiar spring flower, Cowslips thrive on dry, lime-rich soils and flower between April and May. Their flowers provide an early source of nectar for various insects including bees, beetles and butterflies such as the Brimstone. Cowslips were once common in traditional hay meadows, ancient woodlands and hedgerows but the loss of these habitats between 1930 and 1980 caused a serious decline. Fortunately there are signs of recovery and Cowslips have begun to return to unsprayed verges as well as colonising the banks of new roads; the embankments along the side of the M40 now hold large expanses of these plants, visible as bright yellow swathes in the spring. (Though if you're driving that way in the coming weeks, the banks are now overtaken by drifts of snowy white Oxeye Daisies.)



Cowslips
(A Landmann)



Kidney Vetch
(Martin Randall)

On our most recent visit to the Bishop's Hill reserve we noticed another yellow-flowered plant dominating various areas. This was the Kidney Vetch, a member of the pea family, another plant of lime-rich soils. Kidney Vetch has round clusters of small flowers that are mainly yellow, but can also be orange and red. Below the individual flowers there are many small hairs, which together give the flower clusters a woolly appearance, and its leaves are divided into narrow leaflets that are silky and white underneath. Its flowers could be mistaken for Bird's-foot Trefoil, another member of the pea family, and both are attractive as nectar sources for adult butterflies.

Kidney Vetch is an important flower on the reserve because, as well as providing nectar, it is the sole foodplant of the caterpillars of the Small Blue butterfly. This is our smallest resident butterfly and easily overlooked because of its size and lack of strong blue colouration. These butterflies tend to live in small colonies throughout Britain and Ireland but are rare and localised. The species has declined by over 40% since the 1970s in most areas, so we are



Small Blue butterfly upperwings
(Martin Randall)

fortunate to have these colonies near to us; one of only a handful of sites in Warwickshire where this scarce butterfly can be found.

The male Small Blue has a dusting of blue near to the body, otherwise it is a dusky grey-brown butterfly with pale, silver-grey underwings carrying small black dots. The female is similar, but without the blue markings on the upper wings. Adults fly from May to August when the males set up territories in sheltered places and the females lay their eggs singly, tucked into the partially open flower heads of Kidney Vetch. The emerging caterpillars feed on the developing anthers and then the seeds of the flower heads. Only one larva can mature on a single flower head so females do not normally lay in flowers where an egg is already present. When the caterpillars are fully grown they descend to the ground and spend the winter in soil crevices or under moss until they pupate in the spring.

Kidney Vetch and other lime-loving plants on the reserve face a constant challenge from more aggressive plant species, and so the site needs to be managed in order to keep the diverse range of flowers, such as the Bee Orchids and Common Spotted Orchids that we can see there. It is also necessary to occasionally remove the scrub plants, such as hawthorns, which would otherwise take over the area. Warwickshire Wildlife Trust manage the main part of the reserve and there is also a small adjacent area, The Yellow Land, which is a community nature reserve, supported by the Bishops Itchington Parish Council. Both reserves are open all year and there is access off Ladbroke Road in the village or at the car park in the Bishop's Hill housing estate. It is a great place for a walk and a picnic but please keep your dog under control, particularly when ground-nesting birds, like the chiffchaff and willow warbler, are breeding. We heard many of those warblers singing among the bushes and woodland on the lower slopes when we last visited.

Finally, a tale of a titanic struggle. Sue and David Turner told us that while watching a toad by their garden pond a large grass snake appeared and grabbed their friendly toad. David bravely wrestled with the (non-venomous) snake and removed the toad from its jaws. The snake, no doubt rather shocked and embarrassed, slithered off through the undergrowth. We are still waiting for news of the toad, but hopefully it survived.



Small Blue butterfly underwing
(Martin Randall)



Common Spotted Orchids
(Martin Randall)



Kidney Vetch flowers at Bishop's Hill
(Martin Randall)



HARBURY GENERAL NEWS



HARBURY DISTRICT COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Susan Ostrander (Cllr Harbury Ward)

Election

The administration formally handed over to the majority Liberal Democrats in an Annual Council meeting on 24th May 2023. Some of you may be interested in how the Council is run. Employed staff operate the day-to-day services of the Council, whereas strategic direction and policy are set by the elected Councillors. In many ways it is like national government where there is a Leader (Prime Minister) and Cabinet. In the case of Stratford District, the Cabinet now has a Leader and six other members drawn from the majority Liberal Democrat group. At the formal handover from the Conservatives, Dr Susan Juned was appointed Leader of the Council. Nigel Rock, previously District Councillor for some of this ward, has been appointed Deputy Leader. Further details of other Cabinet appointments may be found in the press release here: www.stratford.gov.uk/news/press.cfm/current/1/item/137984

Funding for Community Projects

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

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

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

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

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

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

HS2 News

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

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

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

Chesterton Windmill Update

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

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

Contacting your Councillor

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

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

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

CLlr Susan Ostrander@stratford-dc.gov.uk



PALACE GARDEN PARTY

Keith and Mary Thompson

Mary and I were delighted to be invited to a Royal Garden Party at the Palace on Wednesday 8th May. The nomination was in recognition of Keith's service to the community.

The King and Queen were there together with Princess Anne and the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh and we were able to get close to them.

The weather was lovely and it was a very special day for us.





WHATS COMING UP

QUIZ NIGHT & PIZZA

Grab your team and test your grey matter against quiz master Bradley's brainteaser questions at the Bell Inn quiz night! Enjoy some pre-game pizza at 6.30pm and then battle it out for quiz prizes from 8pm.

£12.50pp: Pre-book Required.

Monday 1st July

Monday 2nd September

Monday 4th November

AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY

Sunday 25th August, join us for our Bank Holiday Bash! With Live Music 6-8pm, Street Food and of course plenty of beer & cider on tap! Make sure you save the date in your diary! We will be serving Sunday Lunch as normal too so you won't miss out.

COMEDY NIGHT & TAPAS

October 7th, Ryan is back with a new group of comedians to tickle your funny bone! Enjoy Tapas at 6.30pm and pre-drinks followed by a live comedy set at 8pm. £19.95pp

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 28th September, 10.30am until 11.30am.

Tea, Coffee and delicious cake will be being sliced up for sale, all to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support

HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR

Saturday 26th until Thursday 31st October we will be running our annual Freespirit Spooktacular at some of our sites. Send the kids on a spooktacular ghost hunt in the gardens to get ghoulish treats. Enter our monster drawing competition for spooky prizes. There will also be themed cocktails for children and adults alike!

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HARBURY WHEELBARROW RACE

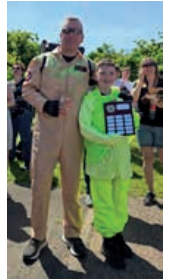
Heather Clarke and Vicky Gladden

Sunday 2nd July saw the return of the annual Wheelbarrow Race which this year started at the Village Club. The weather was fantastic and we had lots of supporters out to cheer on the 25 teams that entered. From the Club the competitors headed up to the Crown, followed by the Shakespeare, up Heber Drive to the Rugby Club then to the Old New Inn, along Park Street and down Chapel Street to the Gamecock, before ending up 2½ pints later back at the Club.



This years Men's Beer Race was won by Keif (Connor Heffernan) and Felix Pryke with a time of 10 mins 26 secs. The trophy for the team with a combined age of over 80 years was won by James Cragg and Bill French with a time of 12 mins 39 secs. The Women's Beer Race was won by Jodie Simpson and Abi Hunt in a time of 14 mins 21 secs and Tom Gilishenan and Connie White won the Mixed Team Beer Race in 10 mins 36 secs. In a new record for the Water Race, Wilbur and Jasper Hunt won with an incredible time of 8 mins 21 secs. John Baker and Joshua Baker-Mills won Best Dressed with their Ghostbusters themed wheelbarrow and costumes.

A great day was had by all and it carried on into the evening at the pubs around the village. Thank you to everyone involved, especially George Simpson and Sheila Burt for helping to marshal the event and Sue Panton and Moira Rollason for their impeccable timekeeping. Thank you to the Village Club for hosting and putting on a BBQ and bouncy castle. Thank you to the Crown, the Shakespeare, the Rugby Club and the Gamecock for supplying the beer and water and for their continued support for this fabulous village tradition. And finally thank you to everyone who came to cheer on the racers. See you all next year!



Harbury Wheelbarrow Race 2024





HARBURY CARNIVAL GAMES WEEK 2024

Mike McBride & John Broomfield

Pub Games

This year, we had TEN teams take part in the games and 89 people competed in one or more of the games and supported by many. The ten teams this year were: Harburyingers of Doom, I thought I was speed dating (Harbury Club), Crowning Glory, Crown Crooners, Crownucopia, Shake "A", Shake "B", Harbury Rugby Club, Girls "R" Loud, and The Gamecock.

The winners of the individual events were as follows:

Horse Shoes - *Harbury RFC*

Toad in the Hole - *Crown Crooners and Harbury RFC*

Table Skittles - *Shake "B"*

Quiz - *Crown Crooners*

Aunt Sally was not played this year because of rain. So, Toad in the Hole was played indoors instead and was enjoyed by all.

At the end of the competitions the winners were Crown Crooners with 61 points, followed by Harbury RFC with 57, Crownucopia with 54 points, Harburyingers of Doom with 50 points, Shake "B" with 49 points, I thought I was Speed Dating (Village Club) with 46 points, Girls "R" Loud with 41 points, Crowning Glory with 36 points, Shake "A" with 33 points and bringing up the rear was The Gamecock.

The winners were presented with the Dan Killian Pub Games Shield. If you want a bit of fun playing games, not too seriously, on early June evenings and want to put a team together, please get in touch with the organisers when the games are advertised in 2025. You only need four people for each event out of a maximum 12 players per team – and they could be the same four who enter them all. It's good fun and gives you a chance to meet many fellow villagers and to visit our well-known hostelryes. Perhaps those teams who have taken part in previous years will enter again? You could start planning now.

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

Tempting fate but we look forward to seeing you all again in 2025.





HARBURY CARNIVAL 2024

Carnival Committee

Wow what a great day, the sun came out and so did the crowds.

All the floats and people in fancy dress gathered at Sutcliffe Drive and, with the help of the judges Amanda and Martin, the Carnival King Grayson and Queen Mya handed out the certificates and rosettes to the winners and runners up.

These were the winners:

Best decorated trade float

- 1st The Shakespeare - Barbie
- 2nd Harbury Club - Circus
- 3rd The Crown - Diddy Squat Farm

Best decorated private float

The Rugby Club - Olympics

Best Junior Float

- 1st Harbury Pre School

Best decorated bike/pram/car

Cats Protection Car

Best walking tableau

- 1st Harbury WI - Tooth Fairies
- 2nd Brownies and Rainbows - Strictly Come Dancing
- 3rd Guide Dogs

Best family walking tableau

- 1st Daxie
- 2nd Manktelow Dinosaurs

This year, the Trophy winners were:

Tim Percival Cup, for the child best original costume in the parade goes to James Manktelow - dinosaur

Sue Andrews Cup, for the adult best original costume in the parade goes to Graham Allcock - strong man

John Ridgley Trophy, for best adult walking group goes to Harbury WI - tooth fairies

Lisa Tabaldi Trophy, for best decorated trade float goes to The Shakespeare - Barbie

Harbury Carnival Trophy, for best private non-trade float goes to Harbury Rugby Club - Olympics

Trophy for the best childrens/junior float goes to Harbury pre school

Peckers' Cup, Harbury's sportsperson of the year goes to Josh Biggs

The procession set off and we want to give a big thanks to Murphy's for taking the lead, without them we would not be able to have the procession.

This year the stilt man joined in the fun right from the start and kept the crowds entertained as the procession went round the village.

The Hereburgh Morris dancers took over from the Solihull pipe band half way round and both did a great job in the front position.



By the time the procession reached the field the fun was in full swing with the various food and drinks stalls doing a good trade along with the tombolas and craft stalls.

Another big thank you goes to our compère for the day Debbie who did a great job as usual keeping everything on track and keeping everyone entertained.

The afternoon saw a full schedule of events in the main arena including the fancy dress competition followed by a demonstration by Love Ballet, The Pecker Cup award, the dog show and the Punch and Judy show.

And further up the field Warwickshire Arts musicians Hayley, Lizzie, Abi, Amber, Adrian and Frankie did a brilliant job keeping every one entertained with their fabulous music.

The atmosphere was perfect and everyone was happy so we would like to thank everyone for taking part and being there along with our gang of volunteers who help put on the event and clear up afterwards.

Thank you, Ben, Adam, Vinnie, Erin, Joe, Masa, Ceri, Sarah, Charlie, Saffle and Brad, John, Jason and Matty.

The money is still being counted so next time we will let you know the total and where it will be going.

And lastly the carnival committee should give themselves a pat on the back especially the first timers who did an amazing job of making it all possible.

So put Saturday 7th June 2025 in your dairy ready for next year’s carnival.

Fancy Dress competition winners were:

Under 5s	1st River	2nd Caladh	3rd Elowen
5-7 years	1st Penny	2nd Emma	3rd Ella
8-10 years	1st Elsie		
11-17 years	1st William	2nd Queen Mya	
Individual adult	1st Sally	2nd Simon	3rd Antony
Adult group	1st Harbury WI	2nd Shirley Pipe Band	



SENIOR CITIZENS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Julie Clarke

Thank you for all the chocolate/sweet donations we received for the carnival stall. It was a lovely afternoon and this year we didn’t have to worry about the chocolate melting!!! So nice to see so many of you.

On June 12th we went on our annual day trip; this year we went to Bath. We were lucky with the weather and it was a dry day.



We arrived in Bath around 11am and found a lovely place for coffee and pastry then we walked through the town and had a look at the Roman Baths dating back to AD43. We went and had a look at the Royal Crescent and The Circus. Jane Austen wrote many of her novels in Bath. We were spoiled for choice for a lunch stop after which we looked at Bath Abbey before tea and cake en route to the coach pickup at 5pm.

It was a lovely day trip, we arrived back in Harbury at 7.30pm.



LITTER PICK IN HARBURY

Ian Reynolds

On 6th July we will be hosting our July litter pick, please join us at 10am from the village hall car park. Litter pickers, hoops and bags provided. All welcome but not too suitable for young children as we do the roadsides.

And 17th August we will be hosting our August litter pick, please join us again at 10am from the village hall car park.



THE COLLECTIVE

Rev. Andy Batchelor

Events in today's world trigger a multitude of questions on issues to which our modern society is wanting answers. All Saints Harbury engages in discussion on such issues from both a secular and Christian perspective by meeting on a regular basis in the Shakespeare pub.

The next meeting of THE COLLECTIVE will take place on Tuesday 16th July 2024 at 7.30pm. Our next subject for discussion is - 'Closer than you think'.



HARBURY REPAIR CAFÉ

Liz Ball

Harbury Repair Cafe is proud to be housed in Harbury Library where it complements the circular economy of lend, reuse, repair and pass on. We have a team of volunteer repairers who have skills as varied as needlework, bicycle repair, tool sharpening, electrical repair, furniture repair and more.

We meet once a month on a Saturday from 2-4pm, the next one being on 20th July. We have our own Facebook page and an email address of repaircafeharbury@gmail.com. Whilst you can turn up on the day it is always useful to know of repairs in advance to ensure that we have the correct tools or parts available.

If you aren't sure if something is repairable please come along and we can advise. All repairs are free (unless specialist parts have to be bought) but we welcome donations to fund our costs. We strongly encourage watching the repair as this might help you another time, especially with bikes.

Look forward to seeing you there, if there are any more volunteer repairers out there drop us an email. Repair cafes are an international organization.

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WEDNESDAY WALKERS

Gillian Hare

June has been a lovely month for walking, with nature flourishing. Near Fenny Compton, orchids were in evidence, and a pub meal was enjoyed. In July and August, walks are led by various members of the group. Venues are not all confirmed yet, but be assured that a walk will happen each Wednesday. We love to welcome anyone new; just turn up in the village hall car park before 9.40. Or ring me on 614809.



HARBURY LOCAL MARKET

Steve Ekins

The next Harbury Local Market is Saturday 27th July, 10.00 - 12.30 in the Village Hall.

The Community group being supported by the Market, will be the "Green Team" Harbury School.

Councillors Corner will be there from 10.00 - 11.00am to answer any questions you may have.

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HARBURY SWIFT VILLAGE - UPDATE

Amanda Randall

Contact Harbury Swifts: swifts.harbury@gmail.com

July marks a significant period for swifts, as it is not only the height of their breeding season but also a time when they start to prepare for their impending migration back to Africa. On warm summer days, the skies can come alive with their acrobatic displays, and screaming calls, creating a spectacle that is both mesmerizing and a vital part of our natural heritage. Swifts are not just birds; they are marvels of the avian world, spending most of their lives on the wing, reaching up to 69mph in level flight, mastering the air currents with their scythe-like wings. In just a year, a swift can fly up to 200,000 miles - that's nearly as far as flying to the moon! These are just some of the amazing facts about our 'Super Swifts'



Sat 29th June - Sun 7th July

that the young members of Harbury School's Green Team learned about last month before making their own life-size swifts and forming a screaming party of swifts around the school grounds!

The return of swifts is a herald of the summer season and a cue for all of us to look up and admire their high-speed aerial antics. However, as readers of these articles will know, the swift's presence in the UK is under threat. To combat this, the RSPB Wildlife Charity organizes Swift Awareness Week, which in 2024 runs from Saturday 29 June to Sunday 7 July. This event is a clarion call for swift enthusiasts to engage in activities such as walks, talks, and events aimed at raising awareness and enjoying the company of these extraordinary birds.

As July progresses, the presence of swifts becomes even more pronounced. Their fledglings need to reach the minimum weight for migration, 40g, about the same as a creme egg. Then they can take to the skies, joining the adults in preparation for their journey back to Africa. This period is a critical window for all swifts, as they must build up their strength for the long migration ahead. The swifts' departure from the UK typically occurs between late July and early September, marking the end of their brief but vibrant presence in the UK's summer skies.

The plight of the swifts is a reminder of our shared responsibility to protect our wildlife and as I mentioned last month, you don't need to be an expert to help these aerial superstars. Providing suitable nesting sites and ensuring a healthy insect population are steps we can all take to ensure that the swifts continue to dance in our summer skies for generations to come.

As July unfolds, let's not forget these incredible birds, who, after their brief sojourn with us, will once again embark on their long journey back to Africa, leaving behind a sky a little less vibrant by their absence. It is our collective effort that can ensure their return year after year. Let us be swift in our actions to ensure that these magnificent birds grace our summers for generations to come.

Attracting swifts to your box



One swift's migration route



Calling crafters: If you'd like to have a go at knitting or crocheting a swift, email me for a pattern at the email address at the top of the article, or phone me on 01926 613871.





CONSERVATIVES

Jeremy Wright



I am standing for re-election, having served this Constituency as its Member of Parliament since 2010. I am the only major party candidate to live in the constituency and my family and I have lived in South Warwickshire for over 20 years. I pay Council Tax here, my children went to state school here and my family and I use the local NHS.

My experience as an MP and my nine years as a Minister in the Governments of David Cameron and Theresa May, including five years at the Cabinet table, enable me to help my constituents when it really counts. I have played a significant role on the passing of the Online Safety Act, as a Minister and as a backbencher, which will make online companies accountable for harmful content. I also took a law through the House of Commons which will improve access to taxis and private hire vehicles for people with disabilities.

I am not a partisan politician and I frequently work with others of different parties to get things done. For example, I have helped to deliver a new secondary school in Kenilworth and new school buildings in Southam and Kineton, a new GP surgery in Wellesbourne with another planned for Upper Lighthorne, and a new railway station in Kenilworth. I have also helped more than 14,000 constituents with their individual problems and concerns.

I want to carry on serving the area I live in and I ask for your support in doing so.

With best wishes.



LIBERAL DEMOCRATS

Jenny Wilkinson



Midlands-born Jenny is a committed campaigner and activist, determined to make a difference in our community. She says, "People in Harbury and Ladbroke, like the rest of Kenilworth and Southam, have been taken for granted and overlooked for too long. They deserve better. I'm fighting to be our next MP to make sure our voice is heard. I'll be the local champion our area needs."

Jenny's key priorities for our area are:

- Supporting our local NHS and social care services, so that everyone can get the care they need when they need it;
- Standing up to big housing developers and ensuring more community input to development decisions so we get the right housing built, in the right place, with the right infrastructure; and

- Challenging the water companies that pump sewage into our rivers by replacing Ofwat with a regulator with actual teeth and banning the ludicrous bonuses that bosses have been receiving.

Outside of politics, Jenny is a mum to three boys and has been actively involved in the community as a charity trustee, Scouts group chair, and school governor. Professionally, she comes from a career as a Forensic Accountant, focused on tackling fraud and corruption. Honesty, integrity and fairness are core values for Jenny.

Since her selection as the Liberal Democrat candidate over two years ago, Jenny has been campaigning to give people strong, local representation. She has been working alongside District Councillor Susan Ostrander, part of the Liberal Democrat team that took control of Stratford District Council last year, after years of Tory mismanagement. The Lib Dems have also won seats in Warwick District and Rugby. Now, Jenny is standing to give residents a strong voice in parliament. Only Jenny and the Lib Dems have a record of beating the Conservatives across the whole constituency.



REFORM UK
Jacqui Harris



Hello, friends and residents of Kenilworth and Southam Constituency,

I am honoured to introduce myself as your candidate for Reform UK. I am dedicated to serving our community and advocating for real change. In these challenging times, it's crucial to have a representative who understands the pulse of our locality and my tenure as a District Councillor for eight years has provided me an appreciation of local issues.

Despite claims by others I was instrumental in setting up the committee for the medical/GP services at Upper Lighthorne, Collaborating with the District Council and Parish Councils to move this project forward and it will be delivered. I deliver on my pledges and promises, another example is the traffic lights at Harbury Lane, on the Fosse Way.

Let me share a glimpse into my journey and the principles driving my candidacy. With a career spanning the public sector since the age of 17, I've had the privilege of serving in two vital services: Policing and the NHS. These roles have afforded me invaluable insights into the myriad issues facing our communities and have equipped me with the skills necessary to navigate the complexities of governance effectively. I have completed advanced policing leadership courses and obtained CMI qualifications, enhancing my leadership skills and strategic capabilities.

With a wealth of experience garnered from working at local, regional, and national levels, I stand poised to be your voice and advocate for meaningful reform.

The challenges we face demand bold, pragmatic solutions. Reform UK offers a clear path forward, one that prioritises revitalising our public services, our armed services, controlling immigration, reducing taxes, a realistic approach to zero CO2 and alleviating the strain of the cost-of-living crisis. Locally we must do more to support our farmers and rural Warwickshire. Bring back Common Sense!

I am committed to championing these causes and ensuring that the voices of local people are heard loud and clear. Together, let us forge a future defined by progress, prosperity, and a fresh approach.

Thank you for your trust and support.

All main political parties were invited to submit profiles for their candidates and we received the three above. There may also be independent candidates standing in the constituency. - Editors



READERS' LETTERS

Dear Editors

I would like to say a big thank you to all the leaders and volunteers who have supported our get togethers at Pleasant Pastimes/Knitwits on Wednesdays in the Tom Hauley Room.

In particular Carol Meredith who has stepped into the breach the last couple of months to cover my absences. Also Isobel Grimes, Barbara, Kate, Pip, Judith and Eileen all who helped the group continue. I wish the group every success in the future at the library.

With the remaining funds - they are split with £138.24 to All Saints Church, Harbury and £137.00 to the Shakespeare Hospice - Nurses who give end of life care in your own home. This is in the memory of Bunty, my sister and a volunteer leader. Thank you all.

Best Wishes

Sue Field



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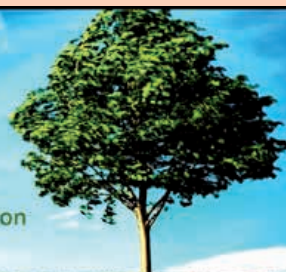


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