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EDITORIAL

A round up of local news

With it being the magazine's 50th Anniversary in May, we felt it warranted a party, so we held one in the Tom Hauley Room. Although quite a few people from years gone by couldn't join us, sixty-five people attended on a lovely warm evening, all of whom have been linked with the magazine over the years.

A photo of the current committee was taken for posterity. This committee is a dedicated bunch with an amazing 160 years of service to the magazine between them!! You can read more about the Harbury & Ladbroke News in the Heritage Centre article, written by our Treasurer Bill Timson.



(Back) Bill Timson, Gordon Robbins, Peter McDonald, Paulette Kavanagh, Sue Dronfield, Sue & David Turner, John Holden (Front) Jackie West, Andy Goss, Gill Holden

June traditionally sees Harbury Carnival and Pub Games. If you aren't taking part in the carnival parade on Saturday 8th, do find time to give your support by watching the procession or by spending your hard earned cash at the fete on the playing fields. The Wheelbarrow Race will be taking place too, on Sunday 2nd June.

During the last weekend of June the Harbury Garden Walkabout will be held, with over 20 gardens opening up for the public to look around. Usually a lovely weekend to admire the hard work gone into tending some beautiful gardens. This year you can even book for a tour of Harbury Windmill!

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



Jackie from Ladbroke Heritage Group has written about William Holland who made the Ascension stained glass window in Ladbroke Church. If you would like to see all of the wonderful stained glass windows, do make a visit to All Saints or even better book a guided tour. If you are able to volunteer at the 'Big Help Out' please turn up at the churchyard on Saturday 8th June, between 10am - 12noon.

Please can we give a gentle reminder regarding the magazine's policy on advertising. We are always happy to publish details of events, etc if they are mentioned as part of an article for which there is no charge. Anything that looks like or can be classed as an advert will need to be paid for. The advertising rates are on page 67.

Our condolences go to the family of Graham Alder.



HARBURY DIARY

For local events

JUNE

Sat 1 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Harbury Mothers' Union
Litter Pick, 10.00 - 11.00am, meet Village Hall car park

Sun 2 PENTECOST 2

Said Communion, 9.00am, Church
Little Saints, 10.30am, Church
Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall
Harbury Wheelbarrow Race, 12.30pm, starting at the Village Club

Mon 3 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
Carnival Games - Horseshoes, 7.30pm, The Gamecock

Tue 4 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)
Carnival Games - Aunt Sally, 7.30pm, The Shakespeare
Harbury Theatre Group's AGM, 7.30pm, Tom Hauley Room

- Wed 5 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall car park - Fenny Compton with optional pub meal (4 miles, 1 hill)
Mothers' Union, Service 2.00pm, meeting starts 2.30pm, Felicity Hawke - 100 years of Mothers' Union in Coventry, Tom Hauley Room
Spellbound Dance Classes, 5.00 - 5.30 & 5.30 - 6.15pm, Village Hall
Carnival Games - Table Skittles, 7.30pm, The Crown Inn
Hereburgh Morris Practice session, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall
- Thu 6 Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
Carnival Games - Quiz, 7.30pm, Harbury Rugby Club
Folk Club, 8.00pm, Village Club
Table Tennis, 9.30 - 10.30am, Village Hall. Tel. 01926 612951
- Fri 7 Meeting Point, 12.30pm, The Crown Inn
- Sat 8 No Coffee Morning in the Tom Hauley Room today
Harbury Carnival - entrants for parade assemble in Sutcliffe Drive, 12 noon, procession starts at 1.00pm. Fete opens 1.45/2.00pm on Playing Fields
- Sun 9 PENTECOST 3**
Sung Holy Communion with Children's Church, 10.30am, Church
Messy Church, 3.00 - 5.00pm, Church
Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall
- Mon 10 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 11 Free Chair-based Activity Class, 10.00 - 11.00am, Village Hall
Bumps & Bundles, 10.30am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room
- Wed 12 Senior Citizens outing to Bath, leaving 8.30am from outside Village Hall
Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall car park - Butlers Marston - Combrook (3.5 miles, hilly)
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 Practice session, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall
- Thu 13 Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
Harbury WI, - Being a Creative Butterfly by Helen Cooper, 7.30 for 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room
Table Tennis, 9.30 - 10.30am, Village Hall. Tel. 01926 612951
- Sat 15 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Church Flowers
- Sun 16 PENTECOST 4**
Holy Communion, 8.00am, Church
Confirmation Service at Southam, 10.15am
Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall
- Mon 17 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
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- Tue 18 Free Chair-based Activity Class, 10.00 - 11.00am, Village Hall
Bumps & Bundles, 10.30am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room
The Collective - 'Navigating Conflict', 7.30pm, Shakespeare Inn
- Wed 19 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall car park - Wootton Wawen - Little Alne
(4.5 miles, flat)
Connections (Dementia) Café, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
Spellbound Dance Classes, 5.00 - 5.30 & 5.30 - 6.15pm, Village Hall
Hereburgh Morris Practice session, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall
- Thu 20 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
Table Tennis, 9.30 - 10.30am, Village Hall. Tel. 01926 612951
- Sat 22 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Harbury Surgery
Patient Participation Group
Councillors Corner, 10.00 - 11.00am, Village Hall
Harbury Local Market, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall
Harbury Repair Café, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Village Library

Sun 23 PENTECOST 5

- Sung Holy Communion, 10.30am, Church
Muddy Church, 10.30am, Meet Tom Hauley Room
Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall
Harbury Heritage Centre open, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Harbury School (Park Lane entrance)
- Mon 24 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 25 Free Chair-based Activity Class, 10.00 - 11.00am, Village Hall
Bumps & Bundles, 10.30am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room
Harbury Theatre Group, 7.00 for 7.30pm, Village Club
- Wed 26 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall car park - Wroxton (4 miles) optional
Broughton Grange Garden
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 27 Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Table Tennis, 9.30 - 10.30am, Village Hall. Tel. 01926 612951
- Fri 28 Stegastomp Community Dance Weekend, starts 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Sat 29 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Harbury WI
Garden Walkabout, 11.00am - 6.00pm, programmes from Village Library



Sun 30 PENTECOST 6

Sung Holy Communion with Children's Church, 10.30am, Church
Garden Walkabout, 12.00 noon - 6.00pm, programmes from Village Library
Stegastomp Community Dance Weekend, finishes 4.00pm, Village Hall

JULY

- 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, 2.00pm, outing to historic church at Burton Dassett
Hereburgh Morris Practice session, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall
- Thu 4 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

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**All Saints
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FROM THE RECTOR

Rev. Andy Batchelor

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One of the set readings this week comes from Ezekiel chapter 11 where the prophet speaks of the Jewish people being gathered from all nations back to the land of Israel. However, within this message of hope is also a recognition that the people need to change their ways; 'I will remove from them a heart of stone' God says.

That phrase resonated with me because all around us we see examples of people who seem to have a heart of stone. We have the dictators and warmongers like Putin who do not seem to have a shred of compassion for the tens of thousands of lives on both side of the Ukraine conflict that have been lost. We have Hamas whose hatred for Jewish people is so strong that it leads them to commit unbelievable atrocities.

And sadly that massacre has led Israel to a single minded determination to eliminate Hamas no matter how many Palestinian people are caught up in the violence. Then there is our own Government who are talking about withdrawing disability payments to thousands of

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vulnerable people who rely on them to live day to day. But the sad fact is that there are times when all of us succumb to that lack of compassion for others, when we demonstrate a 'heart of stone'.

So how is a heart of stone converted back to a heart of flesh? Well for Christians it is through the work of the Holy Spirit within us, regular exposure to God's word, and gathering together in fellowship. But perhaps the best way to soften a hard heart is through repentance and seeking God's renewal and forgiveness. We have the promise of forgiveness of sins if we acknowledge our need. Of course, this needs humility and an acceptance of how we have allowed our hearts to become cold. But at the end of the day God's promise in Ezekiel is 'I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh'.



FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

Liz & Andy

All fairly quiet on the church front so we won't bore you for long!

Looking forward, there will be no service in church on Sunday 16th June as we will join Southam for the confirmation service at St James Church at 10.15am.

We will be offering teas and cakes on Sunday 30th June in the church and Tom Hauley Room as part of the Open Gardens Weekend. This will be from lunchtime through the afternoon. All funds raised will go towards the audio-visual project which is part of the Heat, Light & Stone.

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

From the Registers

Baptism:

28th April Rafael Benedict Robinson

28th April Beatrix Xanthe Robinson

19th May Jude Carey Thomas Nannfeldt

Funeral:

24th April Susan Eva Dora Grinstead (72 years)



MOTHERS' UNION

Gillian Hare

After Gemma's delightful description of Iona, we will welcome Felicity Hawke, a past diocesan president, on June 5th. She will be telling us about 100 years of M U in Coventry. We are hosting the Saturday coffee morning on 1st June; thank everyone in anticipation of their support.

In July, we change from our normal meeting for an outing to the historic church at Burton Dassett. Details at the meeting or contact a committee member to sort out lifts.



LADBROKE NEWS & DIARY

JUNE

Sun 2 TRINITY 2

Family Communion followed by refreshments, 10.30am

Tue 4 Photography Club, 7.30pm, at the Slot Car venue

Wed 5 Heritage & Friendship Group, 10.30am - noon, The Old School

Thu 6 WI, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Sat 8 The Big Help Out, 10.00am - 12 noon, Ladbroke Churchyard

Sun 9 TRINITY 3

Holy Communion, 9.00am

Tue 11 Table Tennis, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Sun 16 TRINITY 4

Holy Communion (BCP), 9.00am

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Tue 18 Table Tennis, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Sun 23 TRINITY 5

Holy Communion, 9.00am

Tue 25 Table Tennis, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Sun 30 TRINITY 6

Holy Communion (Said Service), 9.00am

JULY

Tue 2 Table Tennis, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Wed 3 Heritage & Friendship Group, 10.30am - noon, The Old School

Thu 4 WI, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Sun 7 TRINITY 7

Family Communion followed by refreshments, 10.30am

Tue 9 Photography Club Buffet & Photo Quiz, 7.30pm

Wed 10 Ladbroke Parish Council, 7.45pm, Village Hall



LADBROKE CHURCH NEWS

Peter Rigby

www.ladbrokechurch.org.uk

At the end of April we held our Annual Church Meeting. All the existing members of the PCC were re-elected, so the following will serve for a further year:

Church Wardens: Sue Moore and Peter Rigby

Deanery Synod Rep: Jenny Rigby

PCC Members: Margie Bosworth, Sue Lord, Janet Moore, Kathryn Smith, Jackie West

The Annual Report and the Accounts were also received and approved. The Annual Report actually comprises twelve separate reports giving information about the different activities with which the Church is involved. If this is more than you realised, why not pick up a copy from inside the church, or email us at the address below, so you can have a read.

The Annual Meeting was also an opportunity to thank all those volunteers who keep the building going and welcoming to all who enter. These unsung heroes do maintenance, cleaning, wash the altar linen, clean brass, organise the prayer corner, give and arrange flowers, lock and unlock the building every day, wind the clock twice a week, discourage the mice, help maintain the churchyard and much more besides.

On the subject of the churchyard, there will be a working party on Saturday 8th June, from 10am - 12 noon to give it a tidy up so if you are free do come and be part of "The Big Help Out" – please see the Ladbroke Heritage article for more details.

The All Saints for All Generations project to repair the church and share our heritage is now largely complete, and we would like to thank Jackie West in particular for all her hard work in managing this. There are and will continue to be some ongoing events and matters which are a legacy of this, such as the Heritage and Friendship Group which continues to meet monthly, occasional talks and tours and of course the building maintenance will be ongoing – the next quinquennial inspection will take place later in the year. As a Church, we are now looking at how we can continue to serve our community, and are planning to consult everyone soon, so watch this space!

From the Registers

Saturday 4th May Wedding of Catherine Hallam and Andrew Liley

Future Services

Sunday 2nd June	10.30am	Family Service
Sunday 9th June	9.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 16th June	9.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 23rd June	9.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 30th June	9.00am	Holy Communion (said Service)
Sunday 7th July	10.30am	Family Service

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LADBROKE PARISH COUNCIL

Jackie West, H&L News Correspondent

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

On 8th May, the Parish Council started with various administrative matters in their annual meeting, the most important of which was to elect the chairman for the year. Two councillors offered to share the role, so Judy Groves will be the chair and Carl Holloway the vice-chair. Then it was on to the main meeting and the usual topics.

WCC: Cllr Kettle had sent a written report to the councillors and just spoke about two issues at the meeting. The Fosse crossroad works by the council and main contractor were finished, so it was complete except for connecting the power to the street lights which illuminate the junction. This has to be done by National Grid and they have other priority work. Apparently, insurance reasons prevent change over from the temporary to permanent traffic lights until the street lights are operational.

The second issue was HS2 works. Remember the A423 was closed one weekend for the removal of trees and hedging. As the road was still closed when he was passing on the Sunday afternoon, Cllr Kettle called in to check the ecologist was present, as required while the works were happening. He discovered the ecologist had left, as only 30m of the planned 150m of trees and hedging had been removed, due to various species present in the rest. This begged the question, "Why, if so little work was done was the road closed all weekend?"

An answer is still awaited. Cllr Kettle was going to see the HS2 Construction Commissioner the following week to raise various issues, including the delays and extended road closures near Wormleighton and Lower Boddington; the Commissioner can apply sanctions which is something contractors want to avoid. Cllr Kettle had no information about the probable eight week closure of the A423 when the road over the new bridge is tied in; WCC had not be advised of this yet.

SDC: Cllr Ostrander had also sent a written report; as she gave me a copy of it here is a summary: - to make homes more energy efficient, SDC are working alongside Act on Energy; there are many grants available and the income threshold for phase 2 of the Home Upgrade Grants has increased to £36,000 - Stratford Leisure Centre is getting rooftop solar panels - funding from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund will be used to set up an Automotive Electric Vehicle Training Academy at Stratford College - there are now Changing Places toilets (with equipment & space for people with complex disabilities) at Bell Court shopping centre in Stratford and the British Motor Museum at Gaydon - there will be a pause in CIL grants to allow funds to build up and in future they will be allocated on an evidence-led rather than bid-led process - Southam Leisure Centre offers free membership to those living with Parkinson's Disease.

In the meeting Cllr Ostrander advised that the CIL changes mean the Millennium Green would not receive a grant from this source. Although the South Warks Local Plan to define where new homes should be built is still a work in progress, the 5th option to disperse them throughout the area had been discounted and Tier 1 villages (Bishops and Long Itchington, Harbury etc) had had so many new homes recently their facilities were very stretched.

Financials: The most recent street light energy bill was much lower but the regular cost

going forward was still not known. Council documents stored at the village hall would be reviewed with a view to archiving or disposing of those no longer needed, to reduce storage fees.

Planning: The council discussed the proposal for a self-build house off Windmill Lane (south of the road) and would comment that this was in open countryside, which was a reason for refusal before, and point out inaccuracies in the application and concerns, particularly regarding access and turning. They would make no representation on the resubmission to convert an existing building at The Old Rectory nor send in any further comment about the shepherd huts' application at The Bell Inn following their slightly revised location and earlier noise curfew, now 10pm. There was no news on the application for the triangle of land off Windmill Lane (north of the road).

Housing Needs Survey: Discussion on next steps was deferred until Sarah Brooke-Taylor can be present.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 10th July.



LADBROKE & DEPPERS BRIDGE WI

Carol Lane

Prior to our May meeting, Warwickshire WI Federation had circulated replies from the Police Commissioner Candidates who answered specific questions relating to crimes against women and girls. Their responses were helpful in deciding how to vote in the PCC elections.

Owing to Ladbroke Village Hall being used as a Polling Station, our Annual General meeting took place in the Tom Hauley Room in Harbury. Anita Dudley, WI advisor on the WFWI Board of Trustees was in attendance.

The meeting voted unanimously to accept this year's national resolution 'Dental Health Matters', which had previously been discussed. The group meeting this year will be on 11th June in Harbury Village Hall. The competition is to design a theatrical mask and Ladbroke WI is responsible for the raffle.

The WI Friendship group had enjoyed lunch at Hill Top this month. WI diaries need to be ordered and paid for.

The new committee nominees were voted in and the committee now comprises: Heather Brooks, Carol Rhodes, Sue Moore, Carol Locker and Susan Lord. From this committee, Sue Moore was voted the new president and the positions of secretary and treasurer will be decided at the first committee meeting.

Their last reports from president Dianne, secretary Joan Perry and treasurer, Maggie Watts were received. Thanks and gifts of appreciation were then given to the outgoing officers and Dianne is pictured receiving a lovely rambling rose.



Back to business, two bye-laws were agreed: the first was to accept dual members on to the committee and the second was to limit the period for president, secretary and treasurer to three years.

Anita commented on the friendliness of the group and made some suggestions for possible open evenings to attract new members.

The next meeting will take place back in Ladbroke Village Hall on 6th June when Peter Baker will give us a talk on W. Bradford and the Pilgrims. All are welcome.



LADBROKE MATTERS

David Wright

What We Do

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

The Village Hall Website

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

The Millennium Green Play Area

We are actively seeking funding to be able to overhaul, replace, and/or add other items in the playground. Contact us if you have any suggestions for the new area. Proceeds from this year's events will go towards this.

Our Events

We are disappointed that our wine tasting evening had to be cancelled last month as we did not sell enough tickets. However, we have other events planned for this year including:

- A supper and film night in July
- A boules tournament in September
- A quiz night in October

More details will be available nearer the time.

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 Debs through the village hall website or telephone her on 07779 225105.

Despite rising costs we have been able to keep our hourly booking rates at £15 per hour, or £12 for Ladbroke residents. Non-residents may be asked to pay a £50 deposit on booking.

Contact Us

If you would like to join the team, have any suggestions for future events, or any other comments please contact us through the village hall website.

Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Draw for April 2024

£50	Helen Hay	£25	Tracy Juba	£10	Gennaro and Tina Varriale
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£25	Sylvia Palmer	£10	Carol Locker		

Margaret Bosworth

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LADBROKE PHOTOGRAPHY

Kip Warr

Church Furnishings may not sound like a promising title for a photography club talk but we had a fascinating session with Piers Wolf who specialises in this field. 'Furnishings' turns out to mean everything from stained glass windows to kneelers, from wood carvings to silver goblets and from a church organ to tiny reliquaries.

The photographs are incorporated into official church records that catalogue every artefact in a church in minute detail. Over two thousand churches have been recorded (sadly, neither Harbury nor Ladbroke is included) and there is much more detail on the website of the Church Recording Society.



Reliquary



Church organ

The photographs have to show the detail in each item in minute detail. Piers explained how he overcomes the technical challenges such as the reflections on silverware, high contrast in windows and photographing things in awkward corners, finishing up with hundreds of perfect photographs for each church.

In June we shall be photographing slot cars in Kineton, then in July we shall have our annual buffet with a mystery quiz. We shall reassemble in September when we look forward to the Lewises' presentation of their visit to Jordan.

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LADBROKE GENERAL NEWS



LADBROKE HERITAGE

Jackie West

William Holland of Warwick

Those of you with a fantastic memory will recall that one of the windows in Ladbroke Church has stained glass made by William Holland of Warwick. It is the Ascension Window, the one high up in the centre of the south wall of chancel. You can read all about it again in the September 2019 edition of Harbury and Ladbroke News which is available online in the back issues section on the magazine's website, hlnews.co.uk. As mentioned in that article, William Holland lived at 3 Priory Road and his workshop was next



door. The house, aptly called the Old Glassworks, recently gained a blue plaque in William's honour. Thanks to a leaflet published by Warwick Town Council I can tell you a little more about his personal and professional life.

William Holland, born c.1805, established a painting and plumbing firm in Warwick in 1828 but a few years later he was advertising his business as Midland Counties Stained Glass and Decorative Works. In 1828 he married Catherine Yates, with whom he had four children, including Thomas who trained in his father's studio as a stained glass painter. After Catherine's death in 1843, William married Mary Holt in 1848, with whom he had two further children.

In 1847, William purchased and then demolished two houses on Priory Road and commissioned the building of his family home in Priory Rd and adjoining workshops. At this time, his business included decorative house painting, papering, wood and stone carving and glass staining. He received commissions for private residences including Guy's Cliffe and Ragley Hall and his company created stained glass for many churches in England, Wales & Ireland. William Holland was one of 25 stained glass producers invited to exhibit work at The Great Exhibition in 1851. He won medals for his stained glass work and decorative furniture and added 'Glass Stainer by appointment to the Queen' and 'Prize Medal Winner' to his business letterhead!

The 1851 Census shows that he employed 26 men at the Priory Road glassworks, including his nephew Frank Holt, who became a renowned Master Stained Glass Painter. James Butler and Clement Heaton were apprentices at the Holland studios and later established the company Heaton, Butler & Bayne, which made the superb transfiguration window at Ladbroke Church. When William Holland retired in 1873 his business was continued by his son Thomas and nephew Frank Holt although by 1880 the firm was called F Holt & Co, glass stainers, glaziers and gilders. That company closed in the 1920's.

William died in 1883, aged 78. However, the stained glass made by Holland's in Warwick lives on, with many examples in local churches including at St Marys, Warwick, All Saints Leamington and St James Southam but the nearest is here in Ladbroke. Do come and have a look at this and our other stained glass. Summer is the ideal time for a visit and the church is open daily from 10am to 4pm, sometimes longer.

If you would like a guided tour of the stained glass, or the church generally or the village, this can be arranged. Drop us a line on ladbrokechurch89@btinternet.com.



Detail in Stained Glass

Left Ascension Window
William Holland 1860s,
bold brightly coloured glass

Right Transfiguration Window
Heaton, Butler & Bayne c 1910,
gentle colours, very skilled painting



The Big Help Out

Your local opportunity to take part in this national event is on Saturday 8th June, 10am - 12noon when volunteers will be welcomed with open arms and a home-made cake in return for an hour or two's tidying up of Ladbroke Churchyard. Please bring gardening gloves and tools if you have them but most of all your enthusiasm! Any questions, please call 810331.

Heritage and Friendship Group

We meet on the first Wednesday of the month, 10.30 - 12 noon, at The Old School. On 5th June we will be sharing family memories of the First and Second World Wars and on 3rd July we will be reminiscing about visits to the funfairs and circus. All welcome, phone 814715 if you would like more information or to let us know you are coming.

Butterflies and minibeasts

Your artworks, or those of your children and grandchildren, are needed to adorn the Ladbroke Phonebox. Design your own butterfly or minibeast or use a colouring sheet from the church porch. Please bring your creation(s) to church or give to Jackie and we'll ensure they are laminated and put in the phonebox. Anything which can't be laminated needs to be water resistant to survive the damp for any length of time.



HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Alison Biddle - Clerk to the Council

Parish Councillor Vacancies

We are sorry to announce that we now have a second vacancy for a parish councillor following the recent resignation of Jess Dominick (we already have one seat that remains unfilled since the May 2023 elections). Jess has been a very active member of the council for a few years now and was enthusiastic about issues relating to the environment and climate change. She leaves a big gap but one that we hope some like-minded person will be willing to fill! If you are interested and would like to know more, please get in touch.

We wish Jess all the very best for the future and hope, if circumstances allow, she may one day be able to join us again.

Overgrown Trees & Hedges

If you have trees or hedges that border the pavement, please keep them well trimmed. Please cut back any low hanging branches and make sure your hedge doesn't encroach on the pavement. Many of the village pavements are quite narrow anyway, so an overgrown hedge can force pedestrians to walk on the road. It's a particular problem for people with reduced mobility or with pushchairs.

Village Notice Boards

We have several notice boards around the village which have been provided by the parish council for use by local people to advertise village events and organisations/clubs. Please don't post notices on lighting columns or fences/walls. Please don't use staple guns and please help to keep the boards tidy by removing any out of date notices as soon as possible. Thank you for your help in keeping the village tidy.

Allotments

We have a few raised beds available at the Pineham Farm allotments site. If you would like to

try your hand at growing your own fruit and veg and would benefit from being outdoors and the opportunity to mix with other people but are not able to look after a full allotment, this could be for you. Please contact the parish council office for more information.

We are making some slow progress at the Hall Lane allotments. We have cleared the overgrown vegetation along the boundary wall that fronts Hall Lane and a structural survey has recently been carried out. Our next steps are to review the survey report and agree what repairs are required. Improving the access is also a priority. We have met with the existing plot holders and have drawn up a sketch plan of the site so we can mark out the individual plots and issue tenancy agreements. This is going to be a multi-year project as we gradually carry out improvements to the site and make it more accessible for people while still retaining its authentic character.

Village Hall Car Park Extension

The car park has recently been extended as part of the wider Harbury Future Energy Project. Grasscrete has been installed as a more environmentally friendly way of providing hardstanding for cars. Unfortunately, the surface has caused problems with accessibility for people using wheelchairs, prams, and anyone who is less mobile or steady on their feet. We are aware of the issues and are currently considering what can be done to resolve the situation.



Nicola Thompson – HGL News Correspondent

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

Ordinary Meeting of Harbury Parish Council - 25th April 2024

Co-option: As the first item of business the council had hoped to co-opt a new member; unfortunately, however, the application had been withdrawn. This means that there remains one vacancy for a parish councillor - any residents interested in applying should contact the parish council via the clerk.

Public Participation: Jo Marston outlined her application to formally make footpath SM81b (leading into Thwaites Estate from the gate opposite Bush Heath Road), into a bridleway. She explained that riders had been using the route without opposition from the landowner for 20+ years, however recently the side gates had been locked, making access across the cattle grid impossible. Posts on social media had attracted around 80 letters of support for the application and she asked for the parish council's support also. Councillors however were cautious, saying they would prefer not to comment at this stage. If the application progresses this will lead to a formal consultation, allowing the council to make comments at that time.

Great Western Public House: Representatives from the 'Friends of the Great Western' steering group attended the meeting to outline their campaign to acquire the pub for community ownership. The building is currently in the ownership of The Crown Estate and is in a poor state of repair. The steering group has set up a Facebook page which now has around 500 members and aims eventually to become a formally constituted group. They asked the

council to provide a grant of £240 for membership of Plunkett UK, an organisation that offers help and advice to community pubs and also to enable them to register the Great Western as a community asset. Whilst recognising that there are a lot of obstacles to overcome with this project, the council agreed the grant as seed money for the group's development and also agreed to help them submit the application to Stratford District Council.

Community Grants: The council considered two grant applications, the first being for £483 from the organisers of Harbury Carnival for entertainment. This was explained to be for the 'stilt man' entertainer (very popular with the crowds last year) and for Punch & Judy (the more politically correct version). The application was agreed. The council also agreed a grant for Harbury Village Show for £385 for the hire of the village hall.

District Councillor's Report: Cllr Ostrander reported that funding for local organisations from the Community Infrastructure Fund (CIL) will not be available this year due to the fund being depleted and funding being diverted elsewhere. On a more positive note, she highlighted that residents with Parkinsons are able to use Southam Leisure centre free of charge. Grants for home upgrades (to make your home warmer) are now subject to a higher household income threshold for eligibility – up from £31,000 to £36,000 per annum. Elections for the Police and Crime Commissioner will take place on 2nd May – residents are urged not to forget their photo ID.

Planning: Vicarage Lane – installation of a 12m pole for LoRAWAN gateway equipment. The council had been informed but not consulted on this application and are not able to object to it. They decided to make a comment anyway that it seemed to be extremely tall, particularly given its location in the centre of the village.

Ufton Landfill Site – the council made no representation on this application regarding the restoration scheme and long term ecological management plan.

Future Energy Project: Paul Quinney gave an update on the progress of the project to extend the car park for electric charging units. The works are nearly finished but some snagging issues remain most notably with the surfacing of the area which has been filled but needs to settle before potentially more work can be carried out on it. Paul emphasised that it is not in a finished state yet and needs to be monitored. The trees have been planted and the bollards installed. Warwickshire CC has now appointed a designated officer who will work with the group on the completion of the project.

Properties

Tree Damage: It had been brought to the council's attention that the roots of a large tree on the playing fields had caused damage to a neighbouring property's patio. Cllrs did not think they could mitigate this in any way without removing the tree which is not desirable. The clerk will respond to the householder.

Well-Being Project: A shed and a greenhouse have now been ordered which the volunteers will take delivery of and will assemble. It was noted that the new tree that has recently been planted is slightly too close to the path and needs to be moved.

Hall Lane Allotments: The cost of £225 for markers to mark out the plots was agreed. At the time of the meeting the wall inspection was due to take place next day; Cllr Thompson had volunteered to be present for this.

Proposed Noticeboard: Cllrs considered a request to site a new noticeboard in Park Lane, outside the entrance to the school. It was thought however, that the village currently had enough noticeboards and there would be no benefit in putting up another one.

Environment

Replacement Stiles: The clerk reported that, although she now has the new latches for the stiles, the village contractor has been trying to catch up with the grass mowing after the wet weather and hasn't yet had time to install the latches.

Extension of 40mph Limit: Cllr Lockley expressed frustration at not hearing anything further from WCC about the extension of the 40mph limit on Bush Heath Road and Butt Lane. It was, he commented "a very poor level of service" particularly as that the parish council had paid £3000 to have the work done! Despite this there had been no indication at all from WCC about when the new speed limit will be implemented. This will be referred to County Cllr Kettle to try to find out what is happening.

Climate Change: Members of the PC are unable to help organise the Eco-Fair at the carnival this year; they would however be supportive of anyone willing and able to take this on. It is possible that Harbury Energy Initiative may be able to do this.

Finance: The council approved the internal audit and the Annual Governance Return which must be completed each year showing an overview of the council's accounts. The completed annual return will be published on the parish council's website – see www.harbury-pc.gov.uk/finance Members also agreed the annual insurance renewal.

Seasonal Lights: The council had budgeted £1000 for new lights and £1500 for a new battery system which would make testing much easier. Cllr Allen proposed buying some new spheres both large and small sizes totalling £900 and a 2kw battery pack for £1500. This was agreed.

May Meetings

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Thursday 9th May, 7.30pm in the Village Hall. This is not a parish council meeting as such but is an opportunity for residents to hear more about what has happened over the past year. Wine and nibbles are also provided.

The Annual Meeting of Parish Council (election of chairman and vice-chair), followed by an Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council will take place on 23rd May, 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Current Parish Council members contactable via the Parish Office are:

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

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



HARBURY SOCIETY

David Turner

An Insider's View of the NHS

Dr Mark Newbold is a Harbury Society member who lives in the village. On Tuesday 16th April he spoke to a full house about the National Health Service from the perspective of working within it as a pathologist, a manager and an academic.



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Mark outlined what can only be described as an illustrious career. Having trained at Birmingham Medical School, he qualified as a pathologist in 1985 and became a consultant at Warwick Hospital. He specialised in colorectal cancer and transferred to Coventry Hospital in 1999. Moving into management in 2007, he became the chief executive of Kettering Hospital and in 2010 the chief executive of Heart of England Foundation Trust in Birmingham. From 2015 Mark was advising general practice in Birmingham whilst also a professor at Aston University Medical School and senior lecturer at Keele University. He retired in 2021 and is currently the director of the Coventry and Warwickshire branch of the Samaritans as well as managing to find time to play golf and cycling (he also helps to repair cycles in the Repair Café).

As a child, for his ninth birthday, Mark recalled being given a microscope which he said was somewhat prescient because in his career he did spend quite a lot of time peering through microscopes and he showed us slides of enlarged cancerous cells.

Science is behind the dramatic advances that have been made in the medical world and Mark highlighted some of the significant milestones that have been made over the years. He showed us a painting by Hans Holbein of Henry VIII presenting a charter to the Barber Surgeons. In the middle ages any surgery, such as amputation, or tooth extraction was carried out by a barber as they were experienced at using sharp instruments. Physicians, who would administer herbal remedies, considered themselves superior to surgeons – somewhat opposite to the view held by surgeons today.



Edward Jenner

A major landmark was achieved in the 18th century when the physician, William Withering, realised that digitalis extracted from foxgloves had the ability to reduce the effects of dropsy (heart failure) by regularising and strengthening the heartbeat. Edward Jenner made another significant advancement in 1796 when he recognized that catching cowpox, which was a mild illness, gave protection against smallpox and went on to develop the first vaccination against that disease. The last death from smallpox was in 1978 when Janet Parker, who worked as a photographer at the University of Birmingham Medical School, contracted the disease. The University held a licence for smallpox research and Janet Parker somehow came into contact with the virus but how this happened has never really been established.

The NHS came into being following the 1942 Beveridge Report which was influential in creating the welfare state. The report was drafted by William Beveridge who identified the five giants that needed to be defeated for recovery following the war: Idleness, Want, Disease, Ignorance and Squalor. After the war Aneurin Bevan, the health minister, led the campaign for the creation of the National Health Service and the NHS Act was passed in 1946, despite fierce opposition from the BMA. On the 5th July 1948 the NHS was finally established. It was founded on three basic principles: 1. It meets the needs of all; 2. It is free at the point of delivery and; 3. Priority based on clinical need. Bevan resigned in 1951 in protest at the proposal of prescription and dental charges, which Winston Churchill introduced when the Conservatives gained office in 1952. Harold Wilson abolished prescription charges in 1965.



Aneurin Bevan

With increased healthcare it was hoped that the cost of running the health service would fall as the population became healthier, however, it was also suggested that increased medical knowledge might lead to mass hypochondria!

Medical science has revolutionised healthcare over the years. When the NHS was founded, the diagnosis of high blood pressure was available but there was no treatment for it, however, over the years new drugs for many conditions have been developed as well as antibiotics and anaesthetics. Ultimately chemotherapy, radiology and CT scanners became available and the NHS expanded exponentially – it was becoming a victim of its own success as many treatments are required for life.



William Beveridge

Nationwide immunisation programmes for tuberculosis, polio and smallpox were introduced as well as bowel, breast and cervical screening programmes. In 1984 the first angioplasty procedure was carried out in Birmingham, using a balloon to stretch open a blocked artery. At the time it was a tense operation with everyone feeling the pressure, but now it is a routine procedure. Today a mesh stent is inserted at the same time in order to keep the artery open. In the 1960s seven out of ten people who suffered a cardiac arrest died, in the 2020s seven out of ten people survive.

We were shown a slide of Martin Kemp (the Spandau Ballet star) visiting Rugby Hospital in 2006, while Mark was the chief executive there, for the launch of a new £1 million MRI scanner. Apparently, Martin had two brain tumours identified from an MRI scan and continues to show his gratitude in this way when new scanners are installed.

While Mark was the chief executive at Birmingham Hospital, the Ian Paterson crisis blew up and dominated his life for three years, requiring him to make many media interviews. Ian Paterson was a breast surgeon who was found to have carried out over 1000 unnecessary operations. He was initially sentenced to 18 years imprisonment but this was increased on appeal to 20 years in 2017.

The NHS has a £180 billion budget, which represents 9.9% of GDP and is slightly on the low side compared to other European countries. The USA has the highest ratio in the world at 17.3%, but with poorer outcomes. Mark felt that the politicians had a difficult job in funding the NHS and, in spite of popular belief, the different parties spent similar amounts on health (apart from the Blair/Brown era when spending on healthcare rose sharply). In this country there are 1.3 million GP appointments carried out each day and 250,000 outpatient appointments. As a nation we seem to prefer to pay for our healthcare through taxation and, with an ageing population, the focus has to be on providing the best care for the over 75s. Mark felt that the emphasis should be on avoiding illness and, as Albert Einstein said, 'A clever person solves a problem. A wise person avoids it'.

This was a presentation that captivated everyone and following it there were many questions raised before Chair Ed Wilson thanked Mark and the audience responded enthusiastically.

Dates for your diary

Saturday 8th June: Harbury Carnival

Wednesday 17th July (please note date change): Tour of Avon Dassett followed by tea (of course!).

August: Outing TBC

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

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

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

All the talks take place in the Tom Hauley Room. Doors open 7.30pm. All welcome – free to Harbury Society members – guests £2.

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



HARBURY WI

Alison Lewis

Our May meeting was busy, with lots to look forward to as well! It was our annual resolutions meeting, and we were pleased to welcome Anne Bloxham who gave us a lot of information and food for thought on the subject of our adopted resolution 'Dental Health Matters'. The WI is democratic and member led, and the resolutions process is unique in putting members at the heart of decisions about our campaign activity.

This year's resolution addresses the chronic shortage of NHS dentists and the subsequent health problems for a large section of the population. It calls upon the Government to increase investment in training and retention of dentists, and our representative will vote to accept this resolution at the NFWI annual meeting.

On a lighter note, we enjoyed a drink (some wine, some elderflower cordial!) while browsing a plant sale of home grown plants brought in by members. All were enthusiastically perused and it was a sell out! This raised money for the President's Challenge, more of which later after the Carnival in June.

Speaking of which, we will be taking part in the Carnival procession as usual - we are looking forward to it - please come and support us (costumes a surprise!). Also get some yummy cakes at our famous cake stall when you visit the Carnival field.

We are a busy friendly group, with lots more events to look forward to over the summer. Anybody wanting to join us is welcome at our June 13th meeting, when the speaker will be Helen Cooper: 'Being a creative butterfly'.



FOLK CLUB

Peter Bones

With it being May, my thoughts drifted away from the reality of the soggy cold spring we have endured, to dreams of forthcoming holidays by the sea. I therefore chose "Sea Songs" for the theme of our folk club of 2nd May, 2024.

What better way of starting the evening could there be than having the Folk Club Orchestra

playing the "Sea Song Medley" in the first spot? I was therefore delighted that enough members of the Orchestra were able and willing to take part and did so after first playing the lovely tunes "Horseshoe Harbour" and "The Windmill". Although the Orchestra has now been together for about 10 years, it was only the third time it had performed at the Folk Club, and it appeared to be well received by the audience.

After instruments, music stands and players had left the performance area, we were running a bit late, and there were still a further 13 performers to fit into the evening. I therefore felt that it would be a struggle to finish much before 10.30pm.

We pressed on with a varied programme of material, the subjects of which mostly had something to do with the sea.

It was lovely to welcome to the Folk Club, for the first time, Kim Hobday from near Banbury whose singing and guitar playing were beautiful. We hope she will come again.

My other favourite spots were those performed by Sue and Maureen, Peter McDonald, Don Arthurson and Keith Donnelly who finished the evening in magnificent style with a hilarious set which had never been performed before. The whole evening finished about 10.45 and because of Keith, I came away aching with laughter.

For a full list of who sang what, please visit the website at tinyurl.com/harbury-folk-club.

The raffle raised £85.50 which, in keeping with the theme of the evening, was donated to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

Next month, the host is to be Ian Hartland and his theme is "Going Back".



HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

Beccí Denny

And that's a wrap! Harbury Theatre Group's latest production, "Murder Mystery & Mayhem," hit the stage this May with resounding success. The event, marking Wendy & Celia's directorial debut, featured a delightful mix of song, poetry, and a comedic one-act murder mystery.

The evening began with Brittany and Alisha's spirited rendition of ABBA's "Super Trouper" - a fantastic, toe-tapping start to the show, which had the entire audience singing along. Our very talented Anna Harper followed with her humorous and thought-provoking original poem, "Welcome to My World."

I was next, singing "You'll Be Back" from Hamilton the Musical, which was so much fun to perform dressed to the nines as Mad King George, despite a crown-malfunction on the opening night! Sue Harris continued the laughs with her comedic monologue - Joyce Grenfell's "The Worrier," while local folk legend, Michael Luntley, closed the first part of the show with his original poem 'So They Said We Should All Be Recycling' and song "The Rhythm of the Days".

The highlight of the night was the one-act play "Murder in the Choir". Set in a local village library, the play followed the drama and high-jinks of the village choir when a spanner gets thrown in the works and their lead Soprano ends up dead! It kept the audience guessing and laughing from start to finish, and the Inspector had some wonderful one-liners, which you



either loved or hated. During the interval, attendees eagerly speculated about the mystery over refreshments.

Mark your calendars for our next show in November! For more details, visit www.harburytheatregroup.com



HARBURY TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Ron Temple

On Friday 17th May friends from our twinned Village of Samoia-sur-Seine arrived in our village for our annual reunion. On Saturday morning we had a demonstration from a local Troop of English Civil War “volunteers” who gave us fascinating account of how Harbury was so involved in this conflict. We also saw how the soldiers of that time would be dressed and how they would have used their pike staffs and their cavalry horses.





After that we were shown how the soldiers would have used their muskets, including some live firing. These were blanks, of course, but I am sure it was heard around the village. Lunch followed in Wendy Hancock's lovely garden at Witsend, Hall Lane.

On Sunday, hosts and their guests were free to visit the many attractive places in Warwickshire. Some visited Stratford, which included a river cruise, whilst others went to Crompton Verney and to Charlecote Park. We finished the weekend with a farewell dinner at the Crown Inn.

A long journey home on Monday for our friends but a great weekend was had by all. Finally, for once the weather was very kind to us!



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In May 1974 the first edition of 'The Harbury News' was compiled and printed. The idea of having a village magazine came as a result of a small and informal meeting led by Valentine DuBuisson. The 'team' of four who actually 'put together' the first edition consisted of Diana Holt, Marian Millington, Alan Lord and John Moore. The magazine was initially produced with the financial support of the Parochial Church Council Harbury; the Reverend F.R. Mackley was the vicar at the time. It was a development of 'The Harbury Diary', a bi-monthly church publication dating back into the 1960s and possibly before that. The 'Diary' was foolscap size (13" x 8" (330 x 203mm) folded in half consisting of 4 sides of information. Harbury telephone numbers were 3 digits, the Vicarage number was Harbury 377.



Valentine DuBuisson, John Moore and Alan Lord
with the 21st Anniversary Cake.



The May 1974 Magazine was printed by 'Sudak', 1 Kenilworth Road, Leamington Spa. Obviously successful, in April 1977, the magazine became 'The Harbury and Ladbroke News'.

Other Significant milestones of the Harbury and Ladbroke News Magazine were:

July 1982 – 100th edition

September 1986 – 150th edition

November 1990 – 200th edition

April 1995 – 21st Anniversary

February 2002 – A special Commemorative edition researched and written by John Holden

May 2004 - the 30th Anniversary was the 362nd edition.

July 2007 – 400th edition

November 2015 – the magazine celebrated its 500th edition

In March this year the 600th edition was printed!

Early in the 00s a big change took place. The magazine was not only printed but it was also collated and stapled by the printers themselves. Up until this time collating and stapling of the magazine was carried out on the last Friday of the month by a team of volunteers who would arrive around 6.30pm at the Tom Hauley Room to 'put together' the magazine, under the watchful eye of Linda Ridgley operating the electric stapling machine. Gordon Robbins would then box them up and transport them to the distributors who in turn would deliver them to the subscribers.



Marion Millington, John Holden, Alan Lord and John Moore celebrating 30 years of the magazine with yet another cake!

The Editorial Team in 2014 consisted of John Holden, Chris Finch, Marian Millington, Janice Montague, Sally Stringer, Ralph Swadling and Jackie West.

As you would expect there have been many changes in personnel over the fifty years of the magazine's production. It would perhaps be wrong to single out individuals but we should mention Marion Millington, who passed away recently. Marion who was on the original team and was still an editor forty years later. She continued to distribute the magazine around the 'Sutcliffe Road' area until fairly recently.

Gordon Robbins is another member of the team who has unselfishly travelled thousands of miles, collecting and delivering the magazine out to the many distributors who post it through our doors at the start of each month.

John and Gill Holden deserve special mention here too. Over the last 30 years they have given hours of service to ensuring that the magazine continues to be successful even in the current times of quick and easy access to digital information.

We remember with fondness Betty Winfield, the representative over many years, for Ladbroke and Mike Bloxham, our village photographer whose talents with his camera captured so many events around the area, many of his photographs are available to view in the Heritage Centre courtesy of his family.

In more recent times, from April to August 2020 inclusive the magazine was only available

'online' as the printers closed due to the pandemic (a limited number of paper copies were printed and distributed to those subscribers who did not have access to the internet).

There have been several printing companies used in the life of the magazine. Tripod Press was used for many years, 'Kyles' in Southam followed on and was used for 16 years but did not reopen after the pandemic. 'Warwick Printing' was used for a time and currently 'Think Print' supply the magazines.

The village branch of the Midland Bank was the obvious choice in the early days, this closed and later Midland Bank became part of the HSBC. An introduction of charges by them led to a new account at the Nat West in November 2021.

So, onto **May 2024** the **50th Anniversary of the Harbury and Ladbroke News**. Gill and John organised yet another party. Over 60 guests turned up to the Tom Hauley Room on Saturday 11th of May, where they enjoyed an evening of delicious food and drink and an opportunity to reminisce about the days spent being involved in a true village tradition.



At £8 a year it's cheaper than buying a week's worth of a tabloid newspaper and there's a lot more interesting news in it too. Long may it continue!



Photos from the Party on 11th May

Other News

Open Days: we will be open in June on Tuesday 4th 7 to 9pm and Sunday 23rd June NOT SUNDAY 16th as this is Father's Day, Look forward to seeing you.

Carnival - we hope to see you at the carnival on June 8th where we will be sharing a stall with the Harbury Society.

Our contact details - email group@harburyheritage.org.uk

Visit our Facebook page 'Harbury Heritage Centre'.



HARBURY RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Steven Kittendorf

With the League season all wrapped up, Harbury took on Northampton Boys Brigade Old Boys (NBBOB for short!) at home in the first round of the national competition - Papa John's Cup. Whilst not playing particularly well, Harbury closed the game out winning 38-7.

Next round up, Harbury drew at home against a heavy Tewkesbury pack that looked to use their ball carriers to pound our line. However, one of Harbury's features this season has been



its defensive qualities and after a very tough match ran out worthy winners 36-12 and into the quarter final.

A coach trip to Trentham was next. The game quickly shaped up to a bit of a ding dong battle, trading tries so by the end of the first half the score was 22-24. Trentham scored two quick tries after the break opening up a ten point lead with the match looking to slip away from the visitors. However, Harbury's never say die attitude was rewarded and on the cusp of full time were awarded a penalty try and the match secured 34-36 and on into the semi final.

Wigan made the 260 mile round trip to Shakespeare's county where the prize of a Twickenham final was at stake and the question of "to be or not to be" was played out. Well over 400 supporters turned out to support the villagers and despite a very credible performance they were undone by a very strong Lancashire side to run out winners 8-18.

Minis and Juniors

That's a wrap for the contact age groups in our Mini and Juniors for the 2023-24 season and it ended with a bang! We had teams on tour, our end of season awards and for the first time in 17 years, an end of season awards for HRFC Colts!

There are a couple of photos of our U10s and U11s tours, loads of fun had across the weekend and both teams played some awesome Rugby at the Chesterfield RFC festival on the Sunday.

We couldn't have picked a better day for the end of season awards, the sun was shining, the cider was on tap for the parents and we had lots of celebrations for the kids' performances across the season. A great way to conclude the season. We say goodbye to a couple of our U16s Coaches, although they will be transitioning into a Rugby parent and their lads head into Colts. So a chance to say a big thank you to last seasons U16s coaches for the years of service overseeing the boys development from U17s to Colts, massive appreciation for your efforts.

Really excited for the Colts next season as the U16s move up to bolster the squad and our existing U17s are now the big boys! Massive thank you to everyone involved in making Colts happen, it has been great to see them develop this season.

Our Girls Touch continues through the Summer on Sundays from 10am, so if you are keen to get involved, please get in touch; girls from U13s to U16s more than welcome.

If you have kids who are interested in getting involved give our Chair, Chris, a call on 07834 972999 or drop us an email on harburyrfc.enquiries@gmail.com.



HARBURY TODDLER GROUP

Emily Montague

We are so excited because Toddlers is back! We are a team of parents who have taken over running Harbury Toddler Group. Parents, grandparents, carers of babies, toddlers and preschoolers are all welcome. Join us for toys, sensory tuff trays, crafts, stories, snacks and singing. We will have a different theme each week, so far we've had "Fun on the Farm" and "In the Garden", and we have plenty up our sleeves for future sessions.

We run every Monday during term time, from 10am-11.30am in Harbury Scout Hut. The sessions cost £2 for the first child, and £1 per additional sibling. Refreshments included. Please follow us on Instagram @harbury_toddlers or on Facebook (search for Harbury Toddlers) for updates and sneak peeks.

Looking forward to seeing you and your little Toddlers at a session soon,

Emily Montague, Emma Browne and Chrissie Field x



HARBURY PRE-SCHOOL

Staff and Committee



Planting

It has been perfect planting weather this week, so the children have been very busy planting beans. They have each labelled their pots, put in some compost, added a bean and then carefully watered their pot. We will be interested to see what grows and have been making predictions as to what will appear when!

We have also got some tomato plants growing and the children are excellent at reminding us when we need to water everything.



Water play

The hot weather has been a good excuse to add water to our play. We have been filling the troughs with water and adding a variety of resources to create different activities. The children used sponges and soap in one trough and worked together to wash some of our outdoor resources.

We have also had water play with sea creatures, nets and boats, including lifeboats and today we filled a variety of different sized containers with water and added different coloured food colouring to the pots. The children loved mixing the colours and using funnels and tubes.



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Using our Senses

It has been great to see the children explore different natural items with their senses. We had a variety of different herbs and scents in jars and the children were able to have a feel of the textures and have a smell. They talked about which smells they enjoyed and which they didn't and whether any of the smells were familiar to them.

We also added some pea pods to a tuff tray and used pestles and mortars to crush them up.

Imaginary Play

One of the best things about early years is watching how the children use their imaginations. Our puppet theatre is always popular and we put it in the role play with puppets, a stage and chairs for the 'audience'. The children ran with it! It was lovely to see the stories they made up with the different puppets, either individually or with their friends and we loved watching them.



Looking forward

The Carnival is fast approaching and the children are already getting prepared, having produced some fabulous artwork ready for our Pre-School float!

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



HARBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Lucy Bosley - Headteacher

To love, learn and grow together.

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

Visit to Harbury Windmill

School Council were kindly invited to Harbury windmill. The work that has been completed was excellent. The children enjoyed looking at the views from the top floor. They couldn't believe how high up we were! It was great to imagine what life was like when it was a working windmill. Thank you so much to Jeremy for letting us look around.

Year 3 visit to The Ashmolean Museum

Our Year 3 students embarked on an unforgettable journey to the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford. The museum, with its excellent Ancient Egypt collection, provided the perfect backdrop for our young learners to delve into the wonders of the past.



Their enthusiasm for learning was palpable as they eagerly absorbed every detail presented to them during their 'Egyptian Detectives' workshop. It was fantastic to see their curiosity come alive amidst the ancient artefacts showcased in the museum.

Later, our students had the extraordinary opportunity to actually handle ancient artefacts themselves, a hands-on experience that ignited their imaginations and deepened their understanding of history.



The engagement and behaviour for learning exhibited by the children was excellent and we received several positive comments from members of the public. Undoubtedly, this excursion proved to be an enriching experience for our Year 3 students, helping them to foster a deeper appreciation for this fascinating time period and the wider world around them.

We are a Thrive School!



Our Thrive sessions have been in full swing at Harbury! The sessions we run are designed to support the emotional and social development and wellbeing of our children. Our Thrive practitioners work with children in small groups or in one to one sessions to complete Thrive activities. The activities are based on sharing fun experiences with the children using an individual and therapeutic approach. The Thrive Approach is a wonderful way to make valuable connections with the children - take a look at the photos to see what we've been up to!



Let's hope the sunny weather continues so we can make the most of our amazing school grounds.



HARBURY LIBRARY & BIBLIO'S CAFE

Michael Luntley

The 3rd of June is the beginning of National Volunteer week, a week to celebrate all the volunteers who keep our communities alive. We are having a party on the 2nd to celebrate the volunteers at the Library and Biblio's cafe. To them all, - a Big Thank You!

Your community library is always looking for new volunteers.....do call in if you'd like to be part of the team.

We are in the process of trying to get our website more functional and hope it will soon be a reliable guide to all the different activities that go on at the library. In the meantime, we're delighted to welcome new groups making use of the facilities: 'Carers' Group' now meets in the space monthly on a Thursday (next, 12.30, 20th June) and 'Pleasant Pastimes' meet twice a month on Wednesdays 14.00-16.00 from 12th June.

Our 'Poetry Pop-Ups' proved popular and we hope to have some more in the autumn. We're

also keen to celebrate local authors. If you have a book, or a contribution to a book, that we stock, do let us know and we'll pick you out on the shelves. And if we don't stock it, perhaps you'd like to donate a copy.

We will have a Library stall at the Village Carnival (8th June) where you'll find information on all the different groups and activities we host in the Library and on how to register for a library card. We will also be giving away children's books that are surplus to our collection. We have a large number of good condition children's books to give away so please visit, take some, and help nurture the next generation of young readers.

For further information on what's available at the library, or if you have feedback, suggestions or enquiries, just call in and see our volunteers on the desk/at Biblio's counter or email on: library@harburyvillagelibrary.org.uk



HARBURY VILLAGE LIBRARY CLASSIC BOOK GROUP

To let you into a secret: The Library has an enjoyable Book Group that unearths classic books to read and discuss. It meets once a month on the third Thursday at 7.30pm in the Library with a glass or two of wine, or a soft drink, and some crisps to munch.

Members take it in turn to choose a book with the result that the vast majority are great to read and often a delight to discover. 'Classic' is defined as a book written or published more than 50 years ago. Examples we have read include 'The Call of the Wild' by Jack London, 'Cannery Row' by John Steinbeck, 'A Tale of Two Cities' by Charles Dickens, 'Homage to Catalonia' by George Orwell, 'Rebecca' by Daphne du Maurier, 'Emil and the Detectives' by Erich Kastner, 'Moby Dick' by Herman Melville and 'The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie' by Muriel Spark.

Upcoming we have 'The Daughter of Time' by Josephine Tey (June), 'North and South' by Elizabeth Gaskell (July) and 'Scoop' by Evelyn Waugh (August).

We would love more people to know about the Group and come along for a taster. You can look us up on sites.google.com/view/harburyclassicbookgroup where you can sign up to our mailing list or email kathclassicharb@gmail.com to get in touch.

We'd love to see you.

Peter Walshe



HARBURY CLUB & INSTITUTE

Club Committee

Following our AGM on 25/04/2024 we are pleased to announce that a new managing committee has been appointed. We extend our thanks to the outgoing committee for their hard work and endurance over the past 12 months.

We are looking forward to making this year the best ever in terms of events and activities. We, as always, welcome your feedback and suggestions and thank our current members

for their continued support. Please email us at harburyvillageclub23@gmail.com with your suggestions or comments.

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 have extended our Friday opening hours for the spring/summer so please come and join us for 'early doors'.

Our opening hours are:

Monday to Thursday 5pm to 11pm – Friday Midday to Midnight

Saturday and Sunday 12 to Midnight

Look out on Facebook for our diary of events, including live music and bingo.

Dates for your diary:

1st June Live music - Chain of Fools

2nd June The Wheelbarrow Race

14th June Bingo

15th June Live music - The Jolly Rogers (Rock covers)

22nd June Live music - Loving the Alien (David Bowie tribute)

Harbury Village Club is delighted to be hosting the annual Wheelbarrow Race. There will be food on sale from the G&T Food Truck (cash only) and a bouncy castle for the children. Discounted membership will be available. Why not join us and become a member for just £10 (renewable at full price for 12 months 25th January).

We have a well stocked bar with a wide range of beer and lager, cider, wine, spirits and liquors. Carling is £4.11 a pint, Madri £4.90, Worthington Cream flow £3.70, Churchend cask £3.90, to name but a few, and a small wine will only cost you £4.10. We have a full range of Zero alcohol and soft drinks for those drivers amongst us and the children. You could be enjoying your favourite tippie for less by becoming a member and enjoying 10% off these already very competitive prices.

We look forward to welcoming you soon.



GARDEN JOTTINGS

Christine Dakin from Bridge Nursery

All retail compost is now peat-free and I'm hearing far too many examples of people ending up with an inferior product. Seeds and cuttings often fail and the grower thinks maybe they did something wrong. Too much water/not enough water/too hot/too cold. The rep from the company I buy from says that there are no (or few) controls regarding the constituents and very little trialling for compost for the amateur gardener.

There can be bits of plastic or glass and perhaps some residual weed killer in some bags. Over the years I have found that some plants just won't grow in peat-free compost. Two things might help make the situation better. The producers should be made to list the contents on the bags and you should return a faulty item in the same way you would with anything else.

Meanwhile there is plenty to do in the garden. Plant out sweet corn, leeks, lettuce, brassicas and tomatoes. Sow more peas and French beans. Remove some of the thicker stems of shrubs such as Viburnum b. Dawn, Lonicera fragrantissima and Spirea arguta to encourage fresh new growth. Try to catch up with the weeding especially any weeds which are in flower. If you can remove them before they seed everywhere it might make life easier next year.



There are many open gardens to visit this month for the NGS, check the dates on their website.

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



NATURE NOTES

Martin & Amanda Randall

There is no such thing as a seagull! That's a rather bold statement but scientifically accurate. It is something our zoology professor would say to admonish students who were not being precise enough with their observations of seabirds. He was a world expert in the biology and ecology of gulls (the bird family Laridae). "Seagull" isn't a precise term; although there are many species of gulls that inhabit coastal areas, some that are found inland including in urban areas. In fact there are over fifty different species of gulls worldwide. Gulls nearly always return to water to roost communally overnight but during the day they can be seen feeding on fields and grassland, such as parks and playing fields, as well as around lakes, reservoirs and rivers. We have six species of gulls commonly breeding in Britain, five of which can be seen around Harbury and Ladbroke at various times of the year. However, when summer comes and it is the nesting season it seems that gulls are frequently subject, unfairly, to bad press stories, often because of a lack of understanding about their biology.

Each species has its own unique characteristics and behaviours. It is true that they can be difficult to tell apart, but that can be done with a little practice. Perhaps the most conspicuous and easily identified is the adult Black-headed Gull which, as its name suggests, has a black head (actually it is dark chocolate-brown!) in its breeding plumage with red legs and bill. Rarely seen at sea, these gulls nest in colonies in a wide range of coastal and natural or artificial inland waterbodies. Colony sizes can be up to many thousands of birds but are usually much smaller. The appearance of gulls with their black heads is a sure sign of spring; outside the breeding season, this gull loses its back head plumage with only a dark spot on the head behind the eye.



The other gulls that we see in local fields are larger but more easily confused; the adults can be separately identified by a combination of the colour of their legs and the feathers



Yellow-legged Gull
(Martin Randall)

on their backs. Firstly, the two with darker grey colouration; the Lesser Black-backed Gull and the Great Black-backed gull. The Great Black-back can be distinguished from the lesser by its size and leg colour. It has flesh pink legs whilst the Lesser's legs are yellow in colour. However it is the size differential which helps when both species are seen together. The Great Black-backed Gull is the largest member of the gull family, weighing one and a half kilograms - almost twice the weight of the Lesser Black-backed. The larger of the two

is also much less common, particularly inland, with about 15,000 breeding pairs in the UK. It breeds in coastal areas but is occasionally seen inland in winter when the population increases as individuals from Scandinavia arrive here.

The commoner Lesser Black-backed Gull has a UK breeding population of about 110,000 and nests in colonies on windswept, low-lying coastal islands but also breeds on the flat roofs of city-centre buildings and industrial units. Part of our breeding population heads south during the autumn to winter around the coasts of southern Spain, Portugal and north and west Africa, but, in the winter, birds from Scandinavia arrive in the UK to boost the population.



Common Gull
(Martin Randall)

The other two species that we can see locally are gulls with lighter grey backs; the Common Gull and the Herring Gull. Despite its name, the Common Gull is not as frequently seen inland. They are slightly larger than Black-headed Gulls and smaller than the similar Herring Gull. Common Gulls are silvery-grey above and white below, with a white head (streaky during the winter), black eyes and black wingtips. They have greenish-yellow legs and a yellow bill. The Common Gull can be found on farmland, wetland and coastal habitats throughout the UK. Our breeding population is swelled in winter by the autumn arrival of a large influx from the Continent.

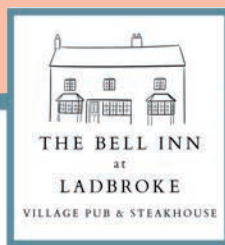


Herring Gull
(Martin Randall)

That takes us to the Herring Gull. These birds are similar in size to the Lesser Black-backed Gull but with a lighter grey back, pink legs and yellow eyes. The adults can be distinguished from Common Gulls by the red-orange spot on the bottom of their beaks. This spot is also present in the Lesser and Great Black-backed Gulls. The Dutch scientist Niko Tinbergen studied nesting Herring Gulls and found that the red spot on the adult gull's bill was a crucial visual cue in a

chick's demands to be fed. The newly hatched gull chicks pecked at the spot on the adults' bills and only then would the adult feed them. Tinbergen's research was important in the developing science of animal behaviour, and in 1973 earned him a Nobel Prize.

Gulls are opportunists, readily able to exploit new food sources and adapt to urban habitats, which are often away from predators. They are long-lived birds, typically living for fifteen



WHATS COMING UP

D-DAY 80TH ANNIVERSARY

Thursday 6th until Sunday 9th June, we will be marking the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings with a 1940's themed special menu. Visit our website to find out more about the menu.

FATHERS DAY

Sunday 16th June, take your dad out to celebrate Fathers Day with one of our famous Sunday lunches and a pint of something cold. Pre-booking is essential. Set Menu coming soon

QUIZ NIGHT & FOOD

Grab your team and test your grey matter against quiz master Bradley's brainteaser questions in our regular Bell Inn quiz nights! Enjoy some pre-game food at 6.30pm and then battle it out for quiz prizes from 8pm. £12.50pp, see website for dates.

AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY

Sunday 25th August, join us for our Beer & Cider Festival! With Live Music, 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

MID-WEEK OFFERS!

TUESDAY NIGHT is PIE NIGHT:

Chef's Pie and a selected drink £16.96.

THURSDAY NIGHT is STEAK NIGHT:

All steaks include a 125ml glass of House Wine

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years – though the oldest recorded Lesser Black-backed Gull was nearly 35 years old – so successful breeding over their lifetimes can result in increasing colony sizes.

The last census of British seabirds found that around 14% of Herring Gulls and up to 10% of Lesser Black-backed Gulls were now nesting in urban habitats. Consequently, it is these gulls that get the majority of the bad press in Britain, particularly during the summer months. During the breeding season they are, quite naturally, protective of their eggs and chicks; noisily acting to deter threats when predators are close to their nests. This is the cause of the conflict with humans who are perceived as potential predators. Furthermore, they have learned that there is a lot of easily available food in towns and cities. They will dive down to grab food that has been dropped or discarded and urban gulls can become habituated to humans, especially when they are commonly fed, leading to complaints about gulls stealing chips.



If you are on holiday near the coast this summer, look out for the different gulls and enjoy watching their behaviour, but don't feed them. And just to complicate things even more, if you are around the Mediterranean shores, you might also see birds that look like Herring Gulls, but with yellow legs. These are Yellow-legged Gulls that were only recently recognised as a distinct species - showing there is much more to be learned about this group of birds.



HARBURY GENERAL NEWS



HARBURY DISTRICT COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Susan Ostrander (Cllr Harbury Ward)

Last month I presented a selection of highlights from the year at Stratford District Council under the new Liberal Democrat leadership. This month I thought it might be useful to offer an insight into the kinds of things that I have been involved in during my first year as your District Councillor for Harbury Ward. Much of what I do is based on casework, which by its very nature is confidential, however I can give you an idea in broad terms of the kinds of things I have been up to:

- Resident issues with Orbit Housing including successfully pursuing compensations for residents who have experienced hardships due to issues with Orbit.
- Liaising with residents and WCC on Highways issues and enforcement such as speeding and parking including proposals of community speed checking groups (albeit the latter has not been taken up!) This also includes highways construction such as the Fosse Way/Harbury crossroads.
- Keeping abreast of HS2 impacts in the local area and reporting on these as appropriate.
- Discussions with residents about issues with dogs and trying to raise awareness of dog etiquette.

- Waste collection issues with residents - liaising with Stratford District Council's Streetscene.
- Supporting residents with Stagecoach Bus Company issues
- Reporting and investigating blocked drains and issues with trees (overhangs, blocked pavements, obstructed views)
- Antisocial Behaviour – liaising with Southam Safer Neighbourhood Team, residents, housing associations and the team at Stratford District Council on a number of cases.
- Attending lots of meetings!
 - Parish Councils
 - Southam Safer Neighbourhoods Team (quarterly)
 - Eastern 7 group: for the seven District Councillors in the eastern part of Stratford District Council, providing us a chance to deal with issues specific to this local area. Often these are rural issues unlike those affecting Stratford Town.
 - Audit and Standards Committee at Stratford District Council
 - Full Council Meetings as your elected representative.
- Liaising between WCC and residents on local archaeological and historical sites such as Chesterton Windmill
- Providing support for residents with disabilities and connecting such residents with organisations that can offer more support.
- Meeting community groups such as Harbury Energy Initiative, the Heritage Group and the Community Library and Biblios Café.
- Signposting and supporting local groups for funding such as the Harbury Junior Football Club, Harbury Library, Ladbroke Millennium Green playground, and Scouts.
- Working with local residents and Stratford District Council on housing issues
- Communicating with residents and Parish Councils via:
 - Regular reports to three Parish Councils and one Parish Group.
 - Regularly contributing to this excellent magazine
 - Posting information and opportunities regularly on Facebook groups
- Meetings with Parish Clerks to better understand their roles and expertise regarding local issues as well as seeking their local knowledge and advice on a regular basis.
- Being actively involved in Council meetings, raising questions for example on the £8.2 million unspent funds allocated to Warwickshire County Council from HS2 as well as being part of the group that proposed and debated the Ecological Emergency that was recently declared by Stratford District Council.
- Lots and lots of planning! This includes:
 - Site visits
 - Discussions with residents, Parish Councils, applicants, and planning officers
 - Presenting at planning committee as Ward Member
 - Planning committee reserve member so I sit on the planning committee quite regularly.

- Training: when I was first elected there were several weeks of intensive training, but this has continued with recent training on personal safety, data protection as well as ongoing planning training.

I am always open to friendly suggestions as to how I can improve what I am doing for local residents. You can contact me via email at:

Susan4harbury@gmail.com or sue.ostrander@stratford-dc.org.uk



HARBURY CARNIVAL GAMES WEEK 2024

Mike McBride & John Broomfield

Pub Games

Last year we had EIGHT teams take part but we can easily accommodate a few more. Although we try and have some outdoor games those of you who have come along in the past will know that we can move inside should the weather not be "flaming June". Over the years we have had hundreds of people (and generations) join us to play a variety of games.

This year they will start Monday 3rd June through to Thursday 6th June, commencing at 7.30pm each evening.

The schedule this year will be:

Monday 3rd	Horseshoes	The Gamecock
Tuesday 4th	Aunt Sally	The Shakespeare
Wednesday 5th	Table Skittles	The Crown
Thursday 6th	Quiz	Harbury Rugby Club

While there is a maximum of 12 players per team, only four players are needed for each game so there is nothing to stop a team having just four players as long as they are happy to turn up to play every evening. This gives plenty of flexibility for friends, neighbours, and colleagues etc. to get together and enter a team, so why not come along and enjoy the fun?

The games usually last a couple of hours.

Points are allocated for each event and the team with most points at the end of the four nights will be presented with the Pub Games shield.

We do ask for an entrance fee of £1 per person per team.

Entry forms will be available in the local pubs and club in May or you can contact me on 01926 612421 or John Broomfield on 01926 614258 to register or if you have any questions.



HARBURY CARNIVAL – SATURDAY 8TH JUNE

Carnival Committee

Are your floats and fancy dress ready for this year's carnival??

We hope you are taking part in this year's parade which will assemble from 12 noon at Sutcliffe Drive ready for judging.

The parade leaves at 1pm led by the Shirley Pipe Band and halfway around the route the Hereburgh Morris will take over the lead.



The parade travels through the village and arrives at the playing field at about 1.45pm for the official opening of the fete.

Here there will be plenty to see and do for all the family.

The fancy dress competition along with the dog show are just two of the events happening in the main ring.

There will be plenty of stalls selling plants, bric-a-brac and crafts amongst other things.

Loads of great food from pizzas, burgers to halloumi fries, plenty to drink too from the cocktail and brewery stands. And while you eat and drink you can listen to the music from a couple of local singers and bands.

Try out the fairground rides and look out for the stilt man and new for this year is the Punch and Judy show.

In the week before the carnival, the raffle sellers will be out knocking on your door and there are some great prizes to be won from a signed rugby ball and tickets to watch a Coventry City match and the first prize is £100!!

If you miss the raffle sellers don't worry, there will be a stand on the field where you can get them and there will also be a box to pop your lucky dip ticket in for a chance to win more cash.

You will find your lucky dip ticket on the inside back cover of your programme which you can purchase at the gate.

Come and enjoy this great village tradition.



CARNIVAL STALL

Julie Clarke - Senior Citizens' Committee

The Senior Citizens' Committee are running a sweet tombola again this year at the carnival on 8th June. The money raised will go towards the day outing to Bath.

If you would like to donate some sweets or chocolate, we would very much appreciate it. You can drop them off at 32 South Parade or 4 South Parade. Thank you.

Look forward to seeing you at the carnival, fingers crossed the weather will be dry!!!



SENIOR CITIZENS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Mike McBride

Everyone who requested a seat for the trip to Bath will be going, unless we have contacted you to advise that we have sold out. So, please turn up at the Village Hall on **Wednesday 12th June**. The coach will be leaving at **8.30am**.

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

There is plenty to see and do in Bath but you can visit the tourism website at visitbath.co.uk to get up to date information of what is happening and copies of maps and so on.

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

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



THE COLLECTIVE

Rev. Andy Batchelor

Events in today's world trigger a multitude of questions on issues to which our modern society is wanting answers. All Saints Harbury engages in discussion on such issues from both a secular and Christian perspective by meeting on a regular basis in the Shakespeare pub. The next meeting of THE COLLECTIVE will take place on Tuesday 18th June 2024 at 7.30pm. Our next subject for discussion is 'Navigating Conflict'.



HARBURY LOCAL MARKET

Steve Ekins

The next Harbury Local Market is Saturday 22nd June 10.00am - 12.30pm in the Village Hall a week earlier than our usual slot.

The Community group being supported by the Market, will be Harbury Junior Football. Councillors Corner will be there from 10.00 - 11.00am to answer any questions you may have. Join us for a tea or coffee and a bacon roll.

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

Thanks to our Sponsors.



HARBURY GARDEN WALKABOUT SAT 29TH & SUN 30TH JUNE 2024

Peter Walshe, Trustee, Harbury e-Wheels

I am delighted to say that we have over 20 gardens open this year (11am to 6pm on Saturday 29th June and 12 noon to 6pm on Sunday 30th June) some with teas, coffee, cakes, lunches and art exhibitions.

The Harbury Heritage Centre will also open on the Sunday.

Entry is by Programme and these will be available in the Library from Monday 24th June (cash or card, £5 an adult, valid for the same person both days) with proceeds to Harbury e-Wheels. If you need to book before that you can use TicketSource (search What's On 'Harbury Garden Walkabout') and collect your programme from the Library on the day.

An extra attraction is a tour of Harbury Windmill by Jeremy Atkins (see separate article for details).

It is two days when the village buzzes with a true community spirit as hundreds stroll around.

We are also listed in the National Open Gardens website (www.opengardens.co.uk). SEARCH Harbury Garden Walkabout. Last year this brought many visitors to Harbury to add to the fun atmosphere over the two days.

Any questions please contact Peter Walshe on 07446 779879 or peterdouglaswalshe@gmail.com.

HARBURY WINDMILL GUIDED TOURS SAT 29TH & SUN 30TH JUNE 2024

Peter Walshe, Trustee, Harbury e-Wheels



Jeremy Atkins has kindly volunteered to lead tours of his beautifully restored Windmill to help raise funds for e-Wheels.

They are restricted to those fit enough to climb the six floors (with some steep steps) and to a total of 10 per tour.

Tours will be on the hour (and lasting about 45 minutes) during the Garden Walkabout from 11am to 5pm on Saturday 29th June and 12 noon to 5pm on Sunday 30th June.

Booking opens Monday 3rd June: **PRE-BOOKING ONLY** via TicketSource (search What's On 'Harbury Windmill') with a donation of £5 per person for Harbury e-Wheels. The historic 200-year-old Windmill in the middle of Harbury Village has recently been further restored with the original cap workings being viewable with a new glass ceiling and superb views from the top. Only rarely open, we recommend you make the most of the opportunity as well as supporting a local charity.

Any questions please contact Peter Walshe on 07446 779879 or peterdouglasswalshe@gmail.com.



WEDNESDAY WALKERS

Gillian Hare

At last, the mud is abating, so this month we were able to stick to plan A! The countryside is so beautiful, with the fresh greens of the trees contrasting with the may and keck (cow parsley to those not from these parts!) The bluebells at Badby were at their best, though a week later saw them over at Wootton Wawen. In June we shall be on the lookout for wild flowers and an opportunity for a pub lunch and a garden visit. Details on the diary page. As ever, we are always happy to meet new walkers; ring Gillian on 614809 or just turn up.



LITTER PICK IN HARBURY

Ian Reynolds

Next month our litter pick will be on Saturday 6th July 10.00 -11.00am, meet at 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.



VILLAGE SHOW - 7TH SEPTEMBER 2024

Village Show Committee

The schedules for this year's village show seem to be very popular if the number of times they've needed to be topped up is anything to go by!! As a reminder they are available from the Library, Milk Shed, Post Office and, new for this year, in the porch of Ladbroke Church. Also available to download from: <https://hlnews.co.uk/harbury-village-show.html>,

From a very wet winter, the weather in the spring has been kind to us so far, with no late frosts. Many of the fruit trees and bushes seem to have set a good potential crop, so hopefully there will be bumper entries in the fruit and jam sections of the show!

Please can the winners of last year's trophies now return them to 20 Mill Street so we can get them engraved with the winner's name ready for this year's show.



HARBURY SWIFT VILLAGE - UPDATE

Amanda Randall

Contact Harbury Swifts: swifts.harbury@gmail.com

The first swifts to arrive back in Harbury this year were spotted on May 6th flying over a garden in Ivy Lane, with other reports of their arrival being reported over the following days from Bush Heath Lane and Dovehouse Lane. Here's hoping some of them choose our nest boxes to raise their families this year.

Friday 7th June is World Swift Day, an internationally celebrated day initiated by an organisation called Swifts without Frontiers, to raise awareness about the plight of swifts. Celebrated around the globe since 2019, there have been hundreds of events in over 50 countries across all continents aiming to raise awareness of swifts' conservation status. There are many species of swifts in the world, and all are threatened. The species that migrates to the UK to spend the summer here is the Common Swift. On 7th June, children in the Green Team at Harbury School will be finding out more about our Super Swifts and how they can help them.



**Swift
Awareness
Week**

Sat 29th June - Sun 7th July

Weighing only the same as a creme egg, swifts fly nearly 600 kilometres (370 miles) per day, with the fastest swifts covering over 800 kilometres (500 miles) in a day! Other migrating birds, like waders and ducks and songbirds, need to rest periodically and spend some time sitting on the ground to feed before they fly; but swifts can fuel up on insects without landing, which allows them to remain in flight for about ten months of the year. One study showed that common swifts rarely stop to rest during their intercontinental trek, and that some birds never land at all for ten months! In fact, this species is the record holder for longest uninterrupted flight. It can do this because another of a swift's super-powers is the ability to sleep on the wing by resting half of its brain at a time!

As well as there being an international day to celebrate swifts, in the UK we have a whole week dedicated to these extraordinary birds. This year, Swift Awareness Week is from Saturday 29th June to Sunday 7th July. Throughout the country, swift experts and enthusiasts will be organising walks, talks and events to find out more about these super-soarers. Swifts are one of the best examples of a bird species whose conservation can be boosted by the efforts of dedicated volunteers, not just scientists. You don't need to be an expert to get involved. The reasons behind the decline in swifts are complex, but there are three steps you can take to help:

1. Providing suitable nesting sites, such as swift nest boxes, or swift bricks.
2. Ensuring that there are plenty of insects for them to feed on by growing insect friendly plants in your garden and by not using pesticides.
3. Being a swift surveyor and recording your sightings.

(Please email me at the address above if you would like a leaflet to help you do this).

Screaming parties of swifts are most often seen towards dusk. If you do see one, be sure to map it on the SwiftMapper: www.swiftmapper.org.uk You might hear their high-pitched scream before you catch sight of them. You can scan the QR code below to watch a screaming party of swifts on YouTube.

Swiftmapper:



Scan to hear swifts calling:



Sounds of Summer Swift Calls: tinyurl.com/5n6kcwuj

Do email me at the address above and tell me about your swift sightings.

A note for your diary, if you are a member of The Warwickshire Wildlife Trust their AGM will be featuring a talk by national swift campaigner Hannah Bourne-Taylor who is the voice behind 'The Feather Speech Campaign'.

The AGM will be held at Warwick School, in the Rosconn Auditorium on Tuesday 25th June, 6.30pm – 9pm.

hannahbournetaylor.com/the-feather-speech-campaign-for-swifts



80TH ANNIVERSARY OF D DAY

Sharon Hancock

On the 6th June we will remember the 80th Anniversary of D Day when hundreds of thousands of Allied troops landed on the beaches of Normandy. This monumental military operation eventually led to the defeat of Germany and the end of the war in Europe. The invasion and the subsequent battle for Normandy cost the lives of three Harbury men who are remembered on our War Memorial.

Geoffrey Boynton was the youngest son of Violet Boynton who had been widowed in the First World War. The family lived in what is now known as Sloane Cottage in Binswood End and Violet ran a sweet shop from the front window. When he left Harbury School Geoffrey went to work at Hydes Builders in Southam. He was called up in February 1942 and went into the Royal Engineers. He became part of the 73rd Field Company which was attached to the Tank Corps and he began training for the invasion of Europe.

At the beginning of June 1944, the massive invasion force began gathering along the south coast. Geoffrey's company were to land on Gold Beach on D Day with the task of clearing beach obstacles so that tanks could get up the beach. Geoffrey was part of a platoon of 25 men who were to land first. They sighted the French coast at 5.30am on June 6th and by 7.25am all their landing craft had beached. Each man had to carry explosive charges which had to be attached to tank traps and then at a given signal pull the igniter and take cover. This work continued until the rising tide prevented any more. In the course of that day the platoon commander and three sappers were killed including Geoffrey. Ten men were wounded. They had cleared 2,500 yards of beach. Their courage meant that tanks could traverse the beach. Tragically, nine days later, Geoffrey's elder brother, Trooper Henry Boynton of the Royal Armoured Corps was killed in action in Italy.

Thomas Biddle, always known as Tommy was living with his family in Mill Street when war was declared. He was employed, as was his father, as a packer in the cement works. He was called up and joined the 2nd battalion of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment. He spent many months training for the invasion and on June 6th was in a landing craft heading for Sword Beach. The Battalion began landing at 10.00am and met heavy small arms fire. Many of the men were suffering badly from sea sickness. Despite great difficulties in landing the Battalion made it off the beach and reached its first rally point. Over the next few weeks, they endured heavy fighting and many casualties. Tommy was killed in action on August 6th and is buried in the St Charles de Percy War Cemetery, the southernmost of the Normandy cemeteries.

Although born in Wales, George Tanner came to live in Harbury as a child and at the beginning of the war his parents were living in Littleton Cottage in South Parade. George

had got married in Chesterfield in 1939 and was then employed as a bricklayer's labourer. He joined the Royal Navy and in 1944 was serving as a Leading Seaman on HMS Boadicea, a destroyer. That winter George's ship was escorting convoys to Russia in some of the most arduous conditions of the war. In the spring HMS Boadicea became part of Operation Neptune, the naval operation to support the invasion. On D day, HMS Boadicea escorted 31 tank landing craft carrying the tanks and men of the Dragoon Guards who were the first British tanks to land. On June 13th while returning to port, HMS Boadicea was sunk by enemy air attack off Portland. 150 of the crew were lost with just 12 survivors. George Tanner is remembered on Chatham Royal Navy Memorial to men who have no grave but the sea. His widow never remarried and died in 1981.



In 2019 John and I went on a battlefield tour of Normandy with local military historian Alan Reed. We visited Bayeux War Cemetery where Geoffrey Boynton is buried along with over 4000 comrades. The group gathered round his grave and I told his story. We laid a poppy wreath and had a minute's silence. As one of the group said, the individual stories bring home the reality of the sacrifices that were made for us.



Information from your Stratford District Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNTs)

The police encourage all residents to report any policing issues directly to us, as a direct report from a resident is logged onto our database and builds evidence for resources to be applied to issues.

Social media conversations do not contribute to this important data base and reports made by emails to others often delay the recording, action or update on what the police are actively doing to try to deal with incidents, reduce crime and tackle anti-social behaviour.

We would like to signpost and encourage the below ways to best contact us:

Points of contact

999

This is the number to ring if there is an emergency incident happening right now that needs an immediate police presence – if life is at risk, people are injured, offenders are nearby or a crime is in progress.

Reporting online

This is the preferred method to contact police and report any non-emergency issues that do not require an immediate response. This also includes reporting non-emergency collisions and anti-social behaviour. Online reporting is available 24/7 and can be accessed at www.warwickshire.police.uk/ro/report

Just reporting

If you simply want to provide information or intelligence without speaking to anyone, this can be done online at www.warwickshire.police.uk/tua/tell-us-about

Operation Snap

You can report and submit digital footage showing potential moving traffic offences online at www.warwickshire.police.uk/operationsnap

101

If you are unable to report an issue online but have concerns that do not need an emergency response, this is the number you can use. Please be aware that you may have to wait if the lines are busy, but make sure you have (or receive) an incident number.

Police Station

Stratford Police Station front counter is now back open seven days a week.

Opening times are:

9am to 5pm – Monday - Friday

9am to 4pm – Saturday 11.30am to 2pm – Sunday

This information is also available on the Warwickshire Police website and is updated regularly at www.warwickshire.police.uk/police-forces/warwickshire-police/areas/warwickshire-police/about-us/about-us/

Crimestoppers

0800 555 111

If you want to report something anonymously, you can contact Crimestoppers. They are an independent charity working to help communities and your anonymity is guaranteed. Search for them online or visit their website at crimestoppers-uk.org

Contacting your Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT)

If you have information or intelligence and you would rather speak to someone in person, you can speak to any of our SNT while out and about, during one of our station surgeries or public engagements or by emailing your relevant SNT team directly:

Southam - sntsoutham@warwickshire.police.uk

(Note – Please do not email report of crimes.)



GALANOS HOUSE – REGULAR MONTHLY EVENTS

Shelley Fardon

Regular Monthly Events:

Monday Club supported by Warm Hub – FREE

Once per month at 2.30 to 4pm: 17th Jun, 15th Jul, 12th Aug, 16th Sept

Drop-in and have a cup of tea with us, stay as little or as long as you like. With a warm welcoming atmosphere, the community hub is a place where people feel safe and there's always someone to talk to, if you want to. Each week we will have various groups joining us. Open to everyone.

On Monday 17th June we will be joined by Lana your Community Connector from Orbit's Thriving Communities team and find out about the free Better Days support.

Whether it's managing your money, trying something new, finding happiness with work or improving your digital skills and your overall wellbeing - they are here to help.

They've also got increased cost of living advice too!

Chatty Café Table – FREE

Every Tuesday, 10 to 11.30am

Our cafe is warm and welcoming every day, but we are privileged to have wonderful volunteers who will be hosting our chatty table on Tuesday mornings.

You can find our 'Chatty' table over on our comfy chairs by the window. Our Chatty Table volunteers will be wearing yellow. Why not drop-in, have a cup of tea with us, stay five minutes or an hour. We have a real community feel here and everyone is welcome.

Armed Forces Veteran's Breakfast Club

Last Wednesday and Saturday of every month, 10am to 12 noon. Come along, purchase your own Hub breakfast, and join in with the banter.

Musical Memories - FREE

Last Friday of every month, 2.30 to 4pm. A dementia friendly music café with support, music, and refreshments. Open to everyone, come along on the day.

Sporting Memories - FREE

Second Wednesday of each month, from 10.30am. Reminisce about all things 'sport' and some gentle exercise with guest speakers. Open to everyone, come along on the day.

Silver Sunday - FREE

Second Sunday bimonthly, 2.30pm next events: Sunday 9th June (Special D Day 80 Celebration Theme) Sunday 11th August. Join us, bring a friend, and have a dance. Everyone is welcome to come along. Please telephone 01926 812185 Ext 5365 to book your place.

Nosh and Natter

Cost £10.00 - Two Course homemade hot lunch and dessert. Everyone is welcome to come along, booking is essential. First and third Wednesday of every month. Please telephone 01926 812185 Ext 5365 to place book your place.

Other Events:

Wellbeing Walks

Tuesday and Thursday 10am for a beginners' walk (20 minutes) or an intermediate walk (30 minutes) Start & finish at The Community Hub, stay for a cuppa and a natter.

Quilling with Lynne

Monday 10th June, 10am to 12 noon. Cost £5.00 - Learn the art of paper quilling with our lovely volunteer Lynne. Please telephone 01926 812185 Ext 5365 to book your place.

Arts Uplift

FREE fun arts workshops for people aged 65 and over with opportunities to chat over a cuppa! Dementia friendly! Booking essential 07946 585978 jenny@artsuplift.co.uk

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decoration, marbling, glass painting, printing, and colourful collages, with patient support and guidance. Meet like-minded people and Improve your well-being. Mondays 10.30am-12noon. 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th June / 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd July.

Southam Needs You - Volunteers Week/Southam Community Group Alliance

Come and speak to the groups about opportunities to volunteer or join within Southam. Saturday 8th June 10am to 2pm.

Warwickshire Arts Trail - FREE ENTRANCE

Come and see our talented Residents Art Group alongside textiles from Claire Fell and Creative Stitch work by Southam's Stitch by Stitch Group. Friday 5th July 2.30pm to 5pm; Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th July 9am to 5pm.

Galanos House - Produce Show & Summer Fete

Saturday 3rd August 2.30pm. Let's celebrate local talents and creativity. FREE entry - open to everyone

Regular External Groups:

Stitch by Stitch - Open to everyone. Every Thursday 2pm to 4pm and 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month 7pm to 9pm.

Laura Moore Podiatrist

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Every Tuesday. Call to book 07891 717677.

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Admiral Nurse

(Free Dementia Advice for the Armed Forces community). Dates: Tuesday 11th June.

Southam Spiritualists

Mediumship Evening, Last Sunday of the month 7 to 9pm (£5 entry fee). Meditation & Development Circle, Fortnightly on Tuesday 7 to 9pm. Open to everyone.

Southam Youth Community Theatre Group

Every Friday, for ages 7 to 16 years 6.30pm to 7.30pm. Cost: £15 per month (first session is free to see if you like it).

Interactive session where children can learn new skills, improvisation, script writing and a place to feel comfortable and express yourself.

To find out more information or book your trial session. Please contact Emma 07388 345752 or Andrea 07766 234146. SYCTG2024@outlook.com



READERS' LETTERS

Dear Editors

I would like to say a massive thankyou to everyone who supported our coffee morning on 4th May in aid of Myton Hospice.

Myton were incredible when my late husband was in there. I couldn't fault the wonderful treatment they gave him.

They couldn't do what they do without your generosity, whether it be baking cakes, donating raffle prizes or coming along for a cup of coffee.

We raised the fantastic amount of £340, so thanks to you all again.

Margaret Lucas

On Behalf of the Friends of Myton Hospice

Dear Editors

David John Mann

Passed peacefully in his sleep on the 9th May 2024 aged 91. Beloved husband of Patricia, dear Dad to Christopher, Philippa, Adrian and Andrea. Adoring Gramps to Sam, Joe, William and Tilly. Sadly missed by all the family.

Funeral Service: Oakley Woods Crematorium, South Chapel, Monday 3rd June at 2.30pm. No dress code. Family flowers only. Donations if desired on the day to the Royal British Legion and the RSPCA.

The Family



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between 11.30am - 12.30pm

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- Potatoes - tins and packets of instant mash
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- Jars of pasta sauce
- Tins of spaghetti in sauce
- Tins of fruit
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