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Cover photo: Hereburgh Morris 'Dancing the Sun Up' at Chesterton Windmill

EDITORIAL

A round up of local news

Although the weather has cooled following the beautiful sunshine we had during the first two weeks of April, organisations are thinking about their future summer events. These include the Wheelbarrow Race and the Carnival Games week, the Carnival itself, the Senior Citizens' Annual summer outing, the Garden Walkabout and, just into autumn, the Village Show. So there is plenty to keep you entertained, please do join in the fun.

For the Ladbroke Millennium Green celebration in June, the Ladbroke Photography Club are putting together a 'then and now' photographic exhibition. If you have any Ladbroke street scenes or events taken 25 years ago or more, please do get in touch with Jackie West.

Do remember, if you are having your magazine delivered and haven't yet paid your annual subscription, please can you give this to your distributor or pay electronically via your bank and complete the Google Form on the H&L News website.

Please note, the deadline for articles and adverts this month for the June edition is on **Sunday 18th** due to the late May bank holiday.

Finally, we extend our condolences to the family of Neil Francis Rex Humphreys.



HARBURY DIARY

For local events

MAY

Sat 3 Litter Pick, 10.00 - 11.00am, meet Village Hall
Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Children's Air Ambulance

Sun 4 EASTER 3
Said Holy Communion, 9.00am, Church
First Sunday Youth Group, 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
Zumba, 9.00 - 10.00am, Village Hall

Mon 5 Bank Holiday
Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall

Tue 6 Bumps & Bundles, 10.30am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room
Harbury Heritage Centre open, 7.00 - 9.00pm, Harbury School (Park Lane entrance)

Wed 7 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.35am, behind Village Hall - Bubbenhall with optional pub lunch (4 miles)
Mothers' Union, communion service 2.00pm, meeting starts 2.30pm, Speaker - The Work of the Food Bank, Tom Hauley Room
Spellbound Dance Classes, 5.00 - 5.30 & 5.30 - 6.15pm, Village Hall
Warwickshire Fitness, Gong & Sound Bath, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Deanery Alpha Course, 7.30pm, Tom Hauley Room
Hereburgh Morris Practice session, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall

Thu 8 Table Tennis, 9.30 - 10.30am, Village Hall, Tel: 01926 612951
Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
NHS 'Chat with the Coach', 12.30 - 2.00pm, Village Library
Harbury WI, Resolutions Night, 7.30 for 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room
Harbury Parish Council, Annual Meeting of the Parish Council followed by the Annual Parish Meeting, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Sat 10 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Overseas Mission
Repair Café, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Village Library

Sun 11 EASTER 4
Sung Holy Communion, 10.30am, Church
Messy Church, 3.00 - 5.00pm, starts in Tom Hauley Room

Mon 12 Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall

Tue 13 Bumps & Bundles, 10.30am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room

Wed 14 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.35am, behind Village Hall - Bishops Itchington - Itchington Holt (4.5 miles, no stiles)
Quiet Space, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
Harbury Society visit to Shuckburgh Estate, meet 11.00am, Shuckburgh Hall - pre-bookings only
Knitwits and Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Village Library
Spellbound Dance Classes, 5.00 - 5.30 & 5.30 - 6.15pm, Village Hall
Deanery Alpha Course, 7.30pm, Tom Hauley Room
Hereburgh Morris Practice session, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall

Thu 15 Table Tennis, 9.30 - 10.30am, Village Hall, Tel: 01926 612951
Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
Harbury Theatre Group presents, 'Death by Detective (Corpsed by a Copper)', 7.30pm, Village Hall
Classic Book Group, 7.30pm, Village Library

Fri 16 Harbury Theatre Group presents, 'Death by Detective (Corpsed by a Copper)', 7.30pm, Village Hall

Sat 17 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Harbury Team Tiger
Harbury Theatre Group presents, 'Death by Detective (Corpsed by a Copper)', 7.30pm, Village Hall

Sun 18 EASTER 5
Said Holy Communion, 8.00am, Church
All Age Service, 10.30am, Church
Zumba, 9.00 - 10.00am, Village Hall
Harbury Heritage Centre open - 2.00 - 4.00pm, Harbury School (Park Lane entrance)

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Mon 19 Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall

Tue 20 Bumps & Bundles, 10.30am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room

Wed 21 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.35am, behind Village Hall - Claverdon (4.5 miles)
Connections: A Carers' Support Group, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
Spellbound Dance Classes, 5.00 - 5.30 & 5.30 - 6.15pm, Village Hall
Village Hall AGM, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Deanery Alpha Course, 7.30pm, Tom Hauley Room
Hereburgh Morris Practice session, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall

Thu 22 Table Tennis, 9.30 - 10.30am, Village Hall, Tel: 01926 612951
Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
Harbury Parish Council, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Fri 23 Harbury Theatre Group's Social Meeting, 7.30pm, Crown Inn

Sat 24 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Teams4U Shoeboxes

Sun 25 EASTER 6
Sung Holy Communion, 10.30am, Church
Informal Evening service, 7.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
Zumba, 9.00 - 10.00am, Village Hall

Mon 26 Bank Holiday
Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall

Tue 27 Bumps & Bundles, 10.30am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room

Wed 28 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.35am, behind Village Hall - Charwelton (4.5 miles)
Knitwits and Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Village Library
Spellbound Dance Classes, 5.00 - 5.30 & 5.30 - 6.15pm, Village Hall
Deanery Alpha Course, 7.30pm, Tom Hauley Room
Hereburgh Morris Practice session, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall

Thu 29 Table Tennis, 9.30 - 10.30am, Village Hall, Tel: 01926 612951
Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room

Sat 31 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Guide Dogs Leamington
Councillors' Corner, 10.00am - 11.00am, Village Hall
Harbury Local Market, 10.00am - 12.30pm, Village Hall

JUNE

Sun 1 SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION
Said Holy Communion, 9.00am, Church
First Sunday Youth Group, 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
Zumba, 9.00 - 10.00am, Village Hall
Harbury Wheelbarrow Race, registration 12.30pm, race begins 1.00pm, starting from the Crown Inn

Mon 2 Badminton, 10.00am – 12.00 noon, Village Hall
Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall

Tue 3 Bumps & Bundles, 10.30am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room
Harbury Heritage Centre open, 7.00 - 9.00pm, Harbury School (Park Lane entrance)
Harbury Theatre Group's Business Meeting, 7.30pm, Village Club

Wed 4 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.35am, behind Village Hall - Hampton Lucy - Wasperton (3.5 miles flat, no stiles)
Mothers' Union, communion service 2.00pm, meeting starts 2.30pm, Speaker – from the Leprosy Mission, Tom Hauley Room
Spellbound Dance Classes, 5.00 - 5.30 & 5.30 - 6.15pm, Village Hall
Deanery Alpha Course, 7.30pm, Tom Hauley Room
Hereburgh Morris Practice session, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall

Thu 5 Table Tennis, 9.30 - 10.30am, Village Hall, Tel: 01926 612951
Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
NHS 'Chat with the Coach' 12.30 - 2.00pm. Village Library
Folk Club, 8.00pm, Village Club

Fri 6 Meeting Point, 12.30pm, The Crown Inn

Sat 7 Litter Pick, 10.00 - 11.00am, meet Village Hall
Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Southam & Bishops Itchington Congregational Church
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

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All Saints HARBURY

FROM THE RECTOR

Rev. Andy Batchelor
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As I write this article, the news has just broken that Pope Francis has died suddenly after a long period of illness. Although the Catholic Church and the Church of England have always had their differences we share the same faith, and I want to express our deep sympathy for all our Catholic brothers and sisters in the loss of a man who meant so much to so many.

Francis could be a controversial figure within the Catholic institution, but he had qualities which I would love to see reflected in our Anglican Archbishops, particularly his humility, his simple way of life, his ability to relate to ordinary people, and his rejection of the worst elements of the hierarchy, who could be too caught up in the temptations of power and privilege. He was open to change, which many resisted, had a powerful international presence, and was direct in his support for the suffering people of Ukraine.

Francis, like all of us, was not perfect, and some of his decisions and statements were divisive, but he was clearly much loved as a man of the people, and many will remember him with great fondness. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.



FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

Liz & Andy

April saw us celebrate Easter, marking the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Julie and the Messy Church team got involved in the Experience Easter initiative whereby there were six stations in the church that retold the story from Jesus' triumphant return to Jerusalem, to Mary going to the tomb and finding the body was not there. We held Messy Church on Palm Sunday where they retold the story and the children did an activity at each station. The stations were then in church for the next week for all to visit. Thanks to all for the efforts that went into this.

Some brave souls gathered outside church at 6.30am around a fire on Easter Sunday to celebrate Jesus' victory over death, followed by coffee and bacon sandwiches. We then had a wonderful family communion service led by our All Age team at 10.30am. This was followed by an egg hunt in the churchyard. As ever, thanks to all those involved in arranging services, doing all the wonderful flower arrangements and all the activities over the Easter period.



Looking forward to May, we have our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (the AGM of the church) on 18th May after the All Age Service where we will review the last year including, finances and electing churchwardens and the PCC for the next year – we'd love to see you there.



Talking of finances, those of you living in Harbury will soon receive, if you haven't already at the time of reading this article, a leaflet setting out the current position with regards to fundraising for the church. We delivered this with the excellent War Memorial Guide.

There are several elements of the stonework on the exterior of the church that are in critical need of repair. We are also looking to upgrade the Audio Visual within the church and Tom Hauley Room. In total the stonework repair is likely to cost £200,000 and Audio Visual equipment about £75,000. Whilst we are starting grant applications most require matched funding, so we need to raise about £135,000, of which we have currently raised less than 50%. Please do let one of us know if you would like to find out anything more about the proposed works.

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.

To book the Tom Hauley Room email Moira on thr@allsaintsharbury.org

From the Registers:

Funerals

Thursday 3rd April	Neil Francis Rex Humphreys (62 years)
Wednesday 9th April	Ian Winton Holroyd (78 years)

MOTHERS' UNION

Gillian Hare

At our April meeting we were addressed by Rev Mary Crameri, from Shottery. She picked one story from the book Women of Holy Week - a creative re-imagining of the woman who anointed Jesus with nard, a very expensive perfume. It was moving and uplifting.

Three members went to Holy Trinity, Coventry to meet our new World Wide President, Kathleen Snow. It was a memorable occasion and her enthusiasm infectious. She spoke of the need to "Keep the Joy" of being part of our great family, and, as we are united with so many women whose lives are so different from ours, to be inspired by their stories.

We are delighted that Sophie, Duchess of Edinburgh, is now our patron.

Our recent coffee morning has enabled us to make some significant donations -£100 each to the literacy project and the holiday scheme.

Our June meeting promises yet another interesting speaker, this time from the Leprosy Mission. Surprisingly, in modern times, 200,000 people are diagnosed every year, and it still carries a stigma. Modern drugs cure it but the course is long and difficult to access in many places. If this interests you, you are very welcome to join us at 2.30pm in the Tom Hauley Room on Wednesday 4th June. If you would like to take part in our communion service, that starts at 2pm.



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MAY

Sun 4 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER
Family Service, 10.30am followed by refreshments

Tue 6 Ladbroke Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall

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

Fri 9 Spa Chorale Concert, 7.30pm, Ladbroke Church

Sun 11 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER
Holy Communion, 9.00am

Tue 13 Table Tennis, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Wed 14 Parish Council, 7.45pm, Village Hall

Sun 18 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER
Holy Communion, 9.00am (BCP)

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Tue 20 Table Tennis, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Sun 25 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER
Holy Communion, 9.00am

Tue 27 Table Tennis, 7.30pm, Village Hall

JUNE

Sun 1 SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER
Family Service, 10.30am followed by refreshments

Tue 3 Ladbroke Photography Club, Chedhams Yard, Wellesbourne

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

Thu 5 WI, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Sun 8 PENTECOST
Holy Communion, 9.00am



LADBROKE CHURCH NEWS

Peter Rigby
www.ladbrokechurch.org.uk

The last month has been one of anniversaries in the Christian calendar as we have celebrated first Mothering Sunday and then Holy Week, from the cheers and palms of Palm Sunday, through the despair of Good Friday and then on to the joy and amazement of Easter Day. Although the events they celebrate are with us every day our remembrance of them is helped by the fact that we do things slightly differently on these special days. Our attendances at all these special services have been higher as a result.

This year we again celebrated Mothering Sunday and gave out posies. Thank you to Rosemary Allington for again donating these. On Palm Sunday we took home palm crosses. We reflected on the events of Good Friday at a moving Tenebrae Service during which Rev Andy led us through the gospel account of the crucifixion, pausing for a series of candles to be snuffed out leaving the church in the evening gloom. Then we celebrated Easter Day in a freshly decorated church – thank you to all those who helped in this – and rejoiced in the miracle of the resurrection and the hope of new life.

During this time Dotty the Donkey's Easter Trail has proved to be very popular with both the young and those a little older, thank you to Jackie West and Sue Wright for all their work organising.

Looking forward to May, we shall be welcoming the Spa Chorale back to Ladbroke Church for another concert on Friday 9th May at 7.30pm. All welcome - Admission free but donations accepted!

Future Services and Events:

Sunday 4th May	10.30am	Family Communion
Friday 9th May	7.30pm	Spa Chorale – The Songs of Spring
Sunday 11th May	9.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 18th May	9.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 25th May	9.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 1st June	10.30am	Family Communion

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EASTER 2025









A twig house



LADBROKE & DEPPERS BRIDGE WI

Carol Lane

Our speaker on Thursday, 3rd April, Elisabeth Dunleavy gave us the very moving story of her German family during and after the Second World War.

Her family, including grandfather, grandmother, mother and aunt, lived in Gliewitz which she described as a 'melting pot of cultures' originally in Germany but now in Poland. It was amazing to see two short videos which her grandfather had taken in the early 30's showing the two girls, Ursula and Christa as teenagers on their holidays and skating on a frozen lake.

From 1939 to 1944 their lives did not seem to be affected too much by the war but in November 1944 Christa, Elisabeth's mother, was sent to a work camp and her sister remained at home.

After both sisters died, Elisabeth found their diaries from the period 1944 – 1950 which chronicled their separate journeys. Christa had to leave the camp and, not knowing what was happening to the rest of her family, she walked and found food and work where she could in the turmoil of defeated Germany.

Ursula and her parents were forced out of their home and had their belongings taken by the invading Russians, so they too were forced to flee and start life again.

If you want to find out if they were reunited you could read the book 'No Way Home' which Elisabeth wrote. She can be contacted on 07866 606930.

During the business meeting, Sue gave us the sad news of Mary Coley, nee Barnett's death.

Bishop's Itchington WI have invited us to join them in St Michael's Church to share the viewing of the Annual National Meeting on Wednesday 4th June at 11.30.

Our Group Meeting this year is on Monday 9th June. The 'rules' of the competition are to make one metre of bunting with four triangles each 15 centimetres at the top with sides of 20 centimetres, on the theme of VE Day.

The WI have agreed to serve teas at the Millennium Green 25th celebration on 21st June.

The eight members who went to Galanos enjoyed talking to residents and were appreciated.

The next WI Tom Hauley Room Coffee Morning is on 20th September so keep the date free and start saving bric-a-brac.

Our twin WI, Willoughby, have invited us to join their Bingo evening on Friday 16th May from 7.30.

Next year's diaries can now be ordered.

LADBROKE MATTERS

David Wright

Our Website

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Millennium Green Festivities

You may have seen from our recent flyer which came through your door in Ladbroke, planning is going full steam ahead for the 25th anniversary celebrations of the opening of the Millennium Green on **Saturday 21st June from 2pm**. There will be fun for everyone no matter how young or old you are, including live music, exhibitions, stalls, and even a bouncy castle! The Bell's Freespirit food truck will provide delicious food and there will also be a licensed bar. All taking place on the green. Car parking will be available.

The entrance fee will be £5 including a raffle ticket – under 14's free. Where else would you hear live music and enjoy yourself all afternoon for a fiver? Bring your own chairs, and cash for the entrance fee and amusements. All funds raised will go towards the new play equipment on the green.

As this is going to be a big event contact us through our website if you can help in any way.

What Next?

We have more events planned for later this year:

- Friday 10th October - a quiz night in the Hall.
- Saturday 22nd November – a village Safari Supper.

….and possibly another film night – date to be confirmed.

Hall Bookings

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

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

A Reminder

The village hall and Millennium Green are separate registered charities whose admin and finance are overseen by a group of trustees. However, because the upkeep of the village hall and Millennium Green is the responsibility of all who live in Ladbroke we have a larger Ladbroke Matters team which takes care of maintenance and organises fundraising events. We also have a dedicated team of volunteers who bake and supply delicious food for our film nights.

The more you support us with your skills, time, and/or money, the more we can continue to maintain these facilities for the benefit of us all. We are looking for new team members, so if you would like to join us get in touch via our website.

Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Draw for March 2025

£50	Avril Court	£25	Kate Liverton
£50	Jim and Pauline Laidler	£10	Helen Hay
£25	Joan Perry	£10	Margaret Bosworth
£25	Carol Lane	£10	Helen Walker

Margaret Bosworth

LADBROKE PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Richard Bedwell

To celebrate the sails being returned to the Chesterton Windmill the club visited the windmill to capture sunset and night (stars) images. It was a great experience to see the sails back up in their full glory, sadly the fences around the windmill were still in place – frustratingly they were removed the next day! In the end only a couple of us stayed for the full nighttime experience as it was very cold. A couple of images are attached to whet your appetite, but at our 6th May meeting (7.30pm) we will see everyone's images along with other photographs of Chesterton – not just the Windmill but the village more widely, including Thwaites estate. You are welcome to come along to see how we have done.





LADBROKE GENERAL NEWS

LADBROKE HERITAGE

Jackie West

Last month people were invited to bring along old pictures and books of Ladbroke and the surrounding area.

There were photos of our venue, The Old School, when it actually was a school and only single storey. A newspaper from 1983 talked about the opening of the Ladbroke Bypass and had an intriguing shot of the pub, we puzzled long and hard over the foreground until someone remembered there had been an old boat in The Bell Inn grounds near the brook.

The most entertaining read was Spennell's Directory 1914, an annual publication which listed all the households and businesses in the southern half of the county. Many of the adverts were for businesses which are no more - it was amazing to see what people produced and sold that we no longer need or the manufacturing happens in factories far away, rather than

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by specialists in each town. The Ladbroke entry was only half a page but it told us that there were 47 inhabited houses and the population had been declining with 206, 190, 162 in the 1891, 1901 and 1911 censuses respectively. The Rector was Rev James Samuel William Durham DD and the parish clerk Richard Hudson. The Post Office was run by James Tidmarsh, letters delivered at 7.30am and 5.10pm (village only), post office cleared at 8am and 5.50pm weekdays and the nearest Money Order and Telegraph office was at Southam.

Then followed a list of names, a few with their farm or house name but for most it just gave the work they did. Many such as groom, cow man, shepherd, farmer, bailiff, carpenter, bricklayer, blacksmith, shop keeper, school teacher were as expected for a rural community; there were a number of people listed as labourer who might have worked on farms or maybe at the local quarry/cement works, colleagues of F A Oliver, a cement tester.



If you have a picture, a postcard or a good photo of Ladbroke street scene or event at least 25 years old, I would love to see it, and perhaps take a copy. Ladbroke Photography Club are taking up to date equivalents to create a *Ladbroke Then and Now* exhibition for the Millennium Green celebration in June, which will move to the phone box afterwards. Please contact ladbrokechurch89@btinternet.com or phone 810331 if you have something suitable.

In May we are meeting as usual at The Old School on the first Wednesday (ie 7th May) between 10.30 and noon and will chat over refreshments about our personal memories of VE Day 1945 or, for those that are too young for this, other memorable dates such as when President Kennedy was assassinated or Princess Diana died. We are a friendly bunch, if you are interested in joining us or finding out more, please contact Carol on 814715.



SPA CHORALE

Margaret Bosworth

If you enjoyed or missed the Spa Chorale Xmas concert, here is an opportunity to enjoy the choir again. On Friday 9th May at 7.30pm in Ladbroke Church the Spa Chorale will be presenting "Where are the songs of spring" music and prose for a spring evening. There will be some well-loved favourites and some songs maybe less well known, all directed by Kevin Stannard. There will be refreshments served in the interval. No tickets but donations to be shared between the church and the choir will be gratefully received. We look forward to seeing you there.



CHESTERTON NEWS

Anne Warhurst

In the garden in May in Chesterton

May is such a beautiful month in the garden, on the farm and in the woods. Every day there is something new to enjoy, a sense of a quickening pace. There is also a teasing sense of anxiety, will there be a sharp frost to scorch tender growth, nip the potatoes and maybe sabotage the plum crop? This year we will be hoping for some rain to offset a very dry March and April.

Narcissi have pretty much finished, there may be a few Pheasant's Eye lingering, one of my favourites. I remember loving them as a child, in my grandparents' garden, and now my grandchildren enjoy them in mine. Tulips continue to give pleasure, and camassia and allium are ready to take up the baton from the early bulbs. Camassia under the apple trees are a great joy. In the borders perennial geraniums are poised to take over where the pulmonaria leave off. I value both these groups of plants more with each passing year, reliably providing colour and form for long periods, without requiring much input from the gardener.

The wonderful acid green of new leaves provide a foil for the froth of lilac, cow parsley and hawthorn. Ferns in pots and in woodland unfurl and continue to fascinate, and support the old adage of right plant in the right place, lighting up a shaded patch.

May is perhaps the busiest month of the gardening year, getting annuals going, protecting tender plants, trying to do an effective Chelsea chop which really does pay dividends later in the year. However, I find myself less busy this year with the decision to return a chunk of garden to field and winter storms putting the poly tunnel out of action. More time to truly look, inhale the fleeting scent of the lilac, to appreciate my good fortune.

HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Alison Biddle – Clerk to the Council

New Councillor

At the March meeting, Ashley Sylvester was co-opted to the parish council. We now have a full complement of councillors once again, with all 10 seats being filled. We hope Ashley enjoys his time with us. The role of a councillor is diverse and a fantastic way to serve your local community. All our councillors live in Harbury or Deppers Bridge so you can be sure they have your best interests at heart. If you think you might be interested in serving as a councillor, please look out for any future vacancies.

Annual Parish Meeting

This year's annual parish meeting takes place at **7.30pm on Thursday 8th May 2025** in Harbury Village Hall. This year, in a change to the usual format, it will be immediately preceded by the annual meeting of the parish council. This is the meeting at which the parish council chair is elected for the coming year and councillors are appointed to various working groups and outside bodies. In town councils, this meeting includes the annual mayor making ceremony. It only takes a few minutes but marks the start of the new council year. This will be followed by the annual parish meeting.

What's the difference? Well, the annual parish meeting is not a council meeting at all but a meeting of the local electorate. The requirement to hold a parish meeting is enshrined in law which states: 'For every parish there shall be a parish meeting for the purpose of discussing parish affairs…'. and further...'The parish meeting of a parish shall assemble annually on some day between 1st March and 1st June….. in every year'. There are various other rules which include who should call the meeting, who should chair it, and the fact that it must not begin before 6pm.

For anyone who is interested, all of this can be found in the Local Government Act 1972. So, having got all of the red tape out of the way, why don't you come along at 7.30pm on 8th May to meet other residents and local councillors, celebrate the past year and discuss the latest issues of the day? Everyone is very welcome and you are invited to stay for drinks and nibbles afterwards.

Community Grants

We are now at the beginning of a new financial year and we have £5,000 in our budget for community grants. Any village club or organisation can apply so if you are raising funds for something, please consider making an application to the parish council. Full details are available on our website or contact the parish office. In the last year we have awarded grants to:

Harbury Show	Village hall hire	£385
Harbury Carnival	Entertainment	£483
Friends of the Great Western	Plunkett Foundation membership	£200
Harbury Toddler Group	Parachute	£60
Harbury Pre-school	Roof repairs	£2000
Harbury RFC	Event shelters	£1560
Harbury Local Market	Village Hall hire	£1172

New Gates on Field Path

The parish council has recently paid for the purchase and installation of gates to replace the old stiles on the footpath which leads from the rear of Farley Avenue across the field to Chesterton Road. The gates have improved access for everyone who uses this short but popular section of path. We are grateful for the cooperation of the owners of Chesterton House Farm who made it possible.

Dog Mess on Playing Fields

The perennial problem of dog mess on the playing fields seems to be getting worse. We know that most dog owners are very responsible and always pick up after their dog; we even know of a few people who pick up after other people's dogs too! Please, please watch your dogs carefully and make sure you always have some poo bags with you. There are plenty of litter bins on the playing field so please use them. Please think of the children and the footballers who also use the field and always clean up after your dog.

If you don't, you risk a penalty or even prosecution under the new Public Spaces Protection Order which came into force on 31st March 2025 and applies to all public places across the district of Stratford on Avon. The effect of the PSPO is to make it illegal to fail to pick up after a dog, under your control, that has fouled in a public place. For more details, please visit www.stratford.gov.uk/environment/dog-fouling.cfm

Overhanging Hedges & Trees

We often receive complaints about trees and hedges that are obstructing footpaths or streetlights. Please be a responsible owner and cut them back. Your help with this is very much appreciated.

Harbury & Deppers Bridge



Annual Parish Meeting & Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

8th May 2025 at 7.30pm

Harbury Village Hall

Everyone welcome.



HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Nicola Thompson - H&L News Correspondent

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

Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council Held On 27th March 2025

Co-option of Councillor: The meeting commenced with the co-option of Ashley Sylvester to the council. Cllr Sylvester has interests in climate change and planning.

Community Grant Application: Cllrs considered a grant application from Harbury Juniors Rugby Football Club for the replacement of event shelters/gazebos, the existing ones having become "very tatty". It was agreed that the grant should be made for the amount of £1559.

Reports from Outside Bodies

Harbury Primary School: Cllr Thompson reported that the recent Ofsted inspection had found that the school had taken "effective action to maintain standards". Ofsted no longer uses a single word grading format but this essentially means that the school remains rated as "Good".

Village Hall: The current chairman, Andy Rutherford, is standing down at the AGM after a number of years as chair.

Harbury Future Energy: HFE continues to work closely with the county council on the car park project and it is hoped it will go out to tender very shortly.

District Cllr: Cllr Ostrander reported that the district's council tax increase was, at 3.05%, one of the lowest in the country. A £250,000 fund for grants for community groups will shortly be launched; local groups interested in receiving funding should contact Cllr Ostrander directly - sue.ostrander@stratford-dc.gov.uk. There had been 6,000 individual submissions to the Local Plan. Discussions regarding the reorganisation of local government continue with two possible proposals for Warwickshire – either keeping the county as a single body or splitting into north and south entities. This latter option appears to be less likely due to the loss of economies of scale, particularly in the areas of adult and children's social care.

County Cllr: Cllr Kettle was pleased to report that the new sails had been installed onto Chesterton Windmill. He confirmed that the gated road through Chesterton village will be permanently closed to through traffic with the possible exception of Fire and Rescue Services. Warwickshire is now officially the second best county in the country at repairing potholes. In less positive news, spending by county councils on SEND (Special Educational Needs) is facing future crisis after spiralling costs and uncertainty on future government underwriting. With regard to access issues faced by residents in Mill Lane, Cllr Kettle reported that the Chief of the Fire Service had confirmed that should it be a matter of "loss of life or damage to property" they will access the lane by any means possible. It remains difficult for vehicles used for pumping out septic tanks to access the lower parts of the lane and there are also concerns regarding access for emergency vehicles.

Planning: 41 South Parade - Proposed demolition of porch and single storey garage to make way for new pitched roof porch and two-storey side and rear extension, along with single storey extension to the rear. It was noted that a previous permission for this property, which was granted on appeal, has expired and hence necessitated a new application. The council agreed to make no representation as it had been previously granted.

Properties

Hall Lane Allotments: A planning application for the new entrance is currently being prepared.

Cemetery: The council had received a request to place a new seat in the cemetery, the cost to be paid for by the relative of the deceased. It was agreed that this should be refused on this occasion although it was agreed that a review of seating in the cemetery was needed and will be carried out by the Properties Working Party.

Environment

Streetlighting: The council agreed the new streetlighting energy contract and the maintenance contract.

Request for "Beware Horses" Sign: It was proposed that a new sign should be installed on the road out of the village leading from Temple End as this was increasingly used by horse riders. It was agreed that the cost of the sign should be investigated.

Climate Change: Cllr Stockdale reported that the group had met and agreed that they would have a presence at the carnival again this year possibly highlighting recycling.

Finance

Pitch Marking Contract: The council had previously agreed to fund up to £2000 of "wet marking" for the junior football club but there was some confusion as the senior team still wanted their pitch burned in and it was not clear how much extra this would cost. It was agreed this should be clarified before the contract could be agreed.

Third Bench on Old New Inn Green: A request for a third bench on the Old New Green was rejected, after some discussion, as there are already two in place.

The next meeting of the parish council will be on **24th April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

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, Robert Stockdale, Ashley Sylvester, Keith Thompson.



HARBURY SOCIETY

David Turner

Christine Cluley spoke to the Harbury Society on Tuesday 18th March about Cicely (rhymes with nicely) Lucas. She was an extraordinarily remarkable woman of outstanding courage who achieved her ambition to become a teacher and who made a great difference to her pupils' lives. She was outspoken, a woman of strong principles, overpowering in her manner and often admired rather than liked, but she inspired love and respect from her students and was well regarded in her local community.



Cicely Lucas

She was born Cicely Neale in 1878. Her parents came from Dorset, her mother, Sarah, attended college at an early age and trained to become a teacher. Her father, Edwin Neale,

came from a family of carpenters and also trained as a teacher. Needing employment after they married, her parents moved to Westwood Heath, near Coventry, where her father became the headmaster of Westwood Heath Elementary School, for children over five years of age and funded by Lord Leigh of Stoneleigh. Her mother also worked there as a sewing mistress.

They lived in a large house that had originally been built as a vicarage on the estate of Lord Leigh, which they shared with the gamekeeper and his family. Cicely, was the third child of four born to the couple and the only girl. She had an unhappy childhood because being a girl meant that she was expected to do many of the chores, such as getting the breakfast, setting the table, washing up, making the beds, etc. and she described her role as that of an 'unpaid skivvy'. When Lady Leigh and her daughters visited the school Cicely would disappear because she was anti-royalty, anti-religion and anti-affluence – a view she held all her life. On these 'disappearances' she would go and meet the 'Black Patch Gypsies' whom she had befriended, having learnt their language and customs. Upon her return she would be reprimanded but still she returned time and again.

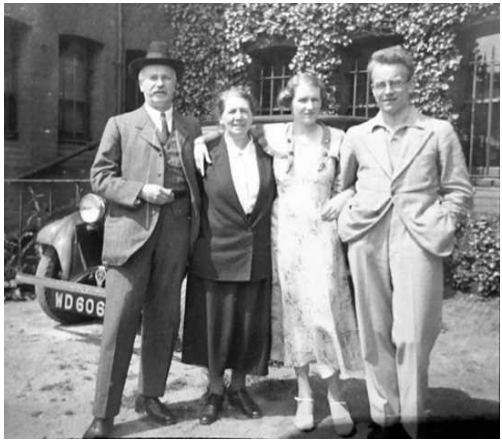
When Cicely was in her teens a scandal erupted, which tore the family apart, after it was discovered her father was having an affair with Ada, a teaching assistant. Her father returned to his family in Dorset, taking his youngest son with him and Ada was sacked. Sarah, her mother, was made headmistress and ran the school with the proviso that Cicely assisted her as a monitor.



Christine Cluley

Ultimately Cicely realised she enjoyed teaching and decided to train to be one. She applied to a teachers' training college in Derby who informed her she didn't have enough qualifications. They suggested she enroll at a local college and get qualifications in French, Science and one other subject. So, aged about 16 or 17, she enrolled at Coventry College of Art and walked the four miles there and back each week to gain her qualifications. Still having her other duties to perform, the journey was arduous for her and she endured several incidents including a close call on a level crossing. Arriving at college one evening very upset, another student asked her what was wrong and offered to accompany her home. His name was Ernest Lucas and, after becoming firm friends, he would later become her husband. At the end of the year, she gained her qualifications and applied again at Derby and this time was accepted.

She applied herself at Derby and when she graduated in 1900 it was with an excellent double first.



Ernest, Cicely, daughter Cicely Jr and her husband, Norman Singleton

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Book groups: Bookworms and Classic book group



Music & theatre -the 'Sheep Dip Sessions', live & local shows, occasional 'murder mysteries', Art Gallery, two PCs for public use + printer, food bank, recycling, seed share....

Ernest went to university but, desperate and ill, he was struggling to complete his. He repeatedly asked Cicely to marry him, but possibly realising that as a married woman she would have to give up work she kept refusing him. Eventually she agreed to marry in secret at a registry office in Birmingham in 1902 but Ernest was sworn to secrecy about the marriage. He kept his word and it was ten years before they remarried publicly in 1912.

Her parents were reconciled and her father bought a small house in Birmingham and invited Cicely and Ernest to live with them.

In the meantime Cicely, aware of the inequalities between men and women, became interested in the suffragette movement. She knew all the leading suffragette ladies personally, including Christabel Pankhurst and, having a strong voice she also spoke at Hyde Park. She protested at Winson Green Prison where women suffragettes had been force-fed.

In 1912 Ernest announced that he had been offered a teaching post at a school run by the British Embassy in Paris and that Cicely would also be able to teach there. By this time Cicely's mother had died, so they sold the house in Birmingham and moved to Paris taking Cicely's father with them.

Cicely returned to England briefly in 1913 to give birth to their only child, which they also named Cicely, but she soon returned to Paris with the baby. Although Cicely taught some classes, she also did freelance translation work, and later went to work with Maximilian Berlitz at his language school.

While holidaying in Chantilly they heard that Archduke Franz Ferdinand had been assassinated, following which, news came that the Germans had invaded France. There was a desperate attempt to return to Paris, but news arrived that the school was closed, Ernest mysteriously disappeared and with no help from the embassy, Cicely and the baby made their way back to England. Arriving at Dover with no money, the kindly station master lends her some so she was able to return to Westwood Heath, where they were taken in by her brother. With no means of support, other than her brother and his wife, she left the baby with them while she went to the Coventry Education Department seeking employment as a teacher and was offered a teaching position at Elmbank School for Boys at Coventry, where she taught for a couple of years.

Arriving home one day, she discovered that Ernest had returned, offering no explanation as to his previous whereabouts. He soon gained employment as a headmaster at Claverdon.

Cicely was offered the post of headmistress of Solihull Church of England School Girls School, where she was extremely happy, remaining there until her retirement in 1939. She was popular with her pupils and always managed to get the best out of those who she saw had potential. The couple moved to Claverdon and Cicely would travel to Solihull each day by train.



Cicely Lucas, Ernest, and Cicely Jr in the 1920s

Cicely junior was at school in Warwick, she was a clever child and a teacher suggested that she apply to Girton College. Her mother was vehemently opposed to this idea and said that her daughter should go to teacher's training college. Cicely junior wisely ignored her mother and applied to Girton anyway, and was accepted. She was there for three years gaining a very good degree. She became a teacher at Westonbirt School, eventually marrying Norman Singleton, who her mother despised, and had two daughters of their own. She named them Elizabeth and Margaret (Christine felt sure this was to spite her mother's anti-royalist views).

After she retired, she continued to teach any child that required extra tuition and threw herself into village life by reporting and reviewing events which would be published in the Warwick Advertiser.

Ernest died in 1951 and someone said it was the first time they had seen Cicely cry. She decided to leave Claverdon and live with her married daughter who now lived in London, but this didn't work out so she moved to the Clarendon Hotel in Blackheath. Her health was now in decline, though she continued to tutor pupils and she would engage in conversation with the travelling salesmen staying at the hotel. But her sight and hearing were poor and one day in 1970 she was knocked down by a lorry after stepping off the kerb without checking first and died two weeks later from her injuries.

Although Cicely Lucas was a difficult woman, argumentative and opinionated at times, she is remembered with real love and affection by many of her students on whose lives she had the greatest influence.

HARBURY WI

Mary Thompson

Warwickshire WI arranged a talk in Harbury Village Hall on 5th April. Lesley Smith talked about Sex and the Tudors. A few of our members attended, and as usual with her talks, thoroughly enjoyed the evening...

At our meeting on 10th April we welcomed Ruth Chipperfield. Ruth was studying chemistry at Warwick University when she became seriously ill and had to drop out. Her husband was her carer for three years. During that time Ruth started experimenting with lace and vintage jewellery. She is now a professional jeweller, with contacts in the jewellery industry in Birmingham, having designed earrings for Katherine Jenkins and others. Ruth spoke to us about bits of jewellery we might have that we don't want but could create a story about it.





Odd bits of jewellery that might have a stone missing or a collection of rings from deceased relatives can be remodelled into a ring, pendant or whatever you would like. Ruth's power point talk showed off some of her unique designs; there were lots of questions about old jewellery we can't wear but can't bear to part with. www.ruthmary.com.

Our next WI lunch club is on Thursday 22nd May at The Racehorse pub in Warwick at 1pm. **Menu choices should be confirmed at the May meeting.**

The Southam Group meeting hosted by Stockton WI is to be held at Napton Village Hall on Monday 9th June at 7.30pm. **Names will be collected at the May meeting.**

At our monthly meeting on 8th May, Chris will lead a discussion on the resolution to be discussed at the National AGM on 4th June. 8th May is also VE day so we hope some members will come dressed as if it is 1945. We plan to have a table of wartime memorabilia so members are invited to bring anything they might have – ration books, gas masks, medals, letters from the front etc. There will be 1940s music, VE cake and puddings. **In order to help with catering please confirm your attendance with a committee member.**

HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

Celia Stockdale

Hello theatre lovers!

As Easter is now upon us, we are pleased to remind you of our next production 'Death by Detective' (Corpsed by a Copper) by David Pemberton which will be performed on 15th, 16th and 17th May. It is a witty comedy loosely based on 'The Speckled Band' by Conan Doyle. Rehearsals are well underway now (see photo) and we hope as many of you as possible will come to support this amusing production.



As always, we welcome new members not only to act, but also to join our friendly back stage crew or other supporting roles such as scenery painting, props or even prompting!

We will also be performing the panto 'Dick Whittington' in November and we will be holding auditions for this on 17th June in the Tom Hauley Room at 7.30pm. Come and join us if you would like to have a part, small, large or something in between!

As always, you can contact us at: harburytheatregroup@gmail.com. Or check our Facebook page. Finally, don't forget to buy your tickets online on sale by Fienta or at the village Library for 'Death by Detective'. See you there!



FOLK CLUB

Ian Hartland

Sometimes, life throws challenges at you, and you need to confront them with whatever confidence you can muster. And so it was for the 459th running of the Folk Club in April. Your humble scribe had contrived to lose his voice. Just eight acts were present for the evening at the start of the night and no more arrived later. As no specific theme had been set, everyone was free to sing or recite whatever they chose. And that can lead to a memorable event.

The evening kicked off with Sue and I performing Iris DeMent's "Shores Of Jordan", which was to be our sole contribution due to lost voices. Luckily Rik was in good voice and performed Jake Thackray's "Brother Gorilla" and "The Belle Of Barking Creek" by the late Paddy Roberts. Maureen and Sue followed with "Hush Little Baby" and the iconic "Right Said Fred" popularized by Bernard Cribbins in the 1960s. We have been lucky over the years to have hosted a number of disparate performers and poets have been prominent amongst them. Hugh recited his poem "Did You Pity Gene Pitney?" and followed with the incisive "The Human Asteroid", referencing a certain contemporary American president.

Peter Mason took to the stage next with Jez Lowe's "You Won't Make Old Bones" and Ralph McTell's ever-popular "Streets Of London". A debut performance at Harbury from singer/songwriter Andrew gave us "Mister Crow" and "A Foolish Thing". Pete and Liz Bones were next to the stage with their lovely version of "The Loch Tay Boat Song" and that was followed by "Leaving The Land". Having chosen to feature all available acts in the first half, that left Peter McDonald to complete the proceedings with John Kirkpatrick's wonderfully titled "Laundro Loverette" about a romance amongst the washing machines, and "The Coffee Pot Song" with its tongue-twisting lyrics.

After the break, it was an opportunity for first-half acts to provide an additional song or poem. Peter Mason chose another Ralph McTell song, "The Setting". Rik gave us a Folk Club favourite "She Loved A Portuguese", by way of a tribute to our much-missed friend Ted Crum who often sang that piece. Hugh recited another of his humorous poems, "Life In Coventry". This was followed by Pete and Liz singing the ever-popular "Wild Mountain Thyme", guaranteed to get everyone singing along. Andrew returned with another of his self-penned songs, "All They Do Is Tell You To Shut Up". Peter McDonald completed the evening's entertainment with "Jam Tomorrow" a humorous tribute to the late Sid Kipper.

The raffle raised a creditable £60.00 for Myton Hospice. Next month's Folk Club will be on Thursday 1st May. Peter Bones will be hosting the evening, and the theme will be "Events".

HARBURY TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Ron Temple

On Thursday 10th April the Twinning Association held their annual Supper and Skittles evening. 25 members travelled to "The Masons Arms" in Long Marston, a new venue for us, and had a very enjoyable evening.

Lots were drawn for teams and each team was given the name of a French chicken. The winning team consisting of Joan Thomas, Ron Temple, Terry Furnivall, Malcolm Tanner and Dominic had the name "La Flêche" The Highest scorer was Ron Temple who had managed to

knock down, over three rounds, 25 skittles. The evening was wound up with a game of Killer. (One ball each aimed at the skittles left standing by the previous player; you were killed and had to drop when you failed to knock down one of the remaining standing skittles.) Malcolm Tanner was the winner as he was the last person standing.

Next month some of our members will be going to France to visit our Twinning Friends in Samois-sur-Seine. So next month we will be reporting on this important event in our Twinning Calendar.



HARBURY HERITAGE CENTRE

Bill Timson

Oh No! Don't stop the carnival

Next month sees the annual Harbury Carnival. An important event in the social calendar of the village. It is preceded by the wheelbarrow race on the Sunday before another spectacle enjoyed by many of us and the pub games leading up to the carnival which this year will be Saturday 7th June. Of course, these occasions would not happen without the hard work of a small group of dedicated people who give generously of their time to ensure the events run smoothly and safely. And all this to raise funds for good causes in the village.

Amongst our collection of documents in the Heritage Centre we have a number of programmes from past carnivals (Cat No HMC 1579). The picture shows the list of events from the carnival week in 1978. It is amazing how many of the village's groups and clubs were involved in the week leading up to carnival day. Interestingly, the 'Open Gardens' was the first event but there was no sign of the wheelbarrow race that year. Instead, there was an afternoon of athletics involving girls and boys, men and women and a Waiters' Race, described as a "men's novelty race". At the fete on the playing fields several other events including the dog show, still a firm favorite, took place.



Carnival Week Programme

Saturday, 3rd June

10.00 a.m. to

5.00 p.m. **Open Gardens,** Harbury Gardens open to the public. Proceeds to the Parochial Church Council. Tickets 50p Adults, 25p Children, Family ticket £1.

2.00 p.m. to
6.00 p.m. **Teas** in the Village Hall provided by Harbury W.I.

Sunday, 4th June

5.00 p.m. onward **Under 16 Badminton Tournament** at Village Hall.

2.00 p.m. **Bear and Wine Tennis Tournament** at Recreation Grounds.

2.30 p.m. **Sports** at Recreation Grounds, see programme overleaf.

Monday, 5th June

8.00 p.m. **Carnival Week Bingo** at Village Hall.

Tuesday, 6th June

7.30 p.m. onward **Mystery Tour** by Harbury Society begins at Old New Inn Green.

7.30 p.m. **Whist Drive** at Village Hall, 20p including light refreshments.

Wednesday, 7th June

8.00 p.m. **Youth Club Disco** at Village Hall.

Thursday, 8th June

8.00 p.m. **W.I. Fashion Show** at Village Hall by *Linda of Regent Street*. Admission: Adults 50p, Children 20p. To include coffee.

Saturday, 10th June

2.00 p.m. **Harbury Carnival and Fete Opens.**

2.00 p.m. **Clay Pigeon Shoot** (Ten down the line).

2.00 p.m. Six a Side Football; Tug of War; and Dog Show—see Carnival Day Programme for details.

8.30 p.m. to midnight

CARNIVAL DANCE

at Village Hall
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The whole week culminated in a 'Carnival Dance', in the evening after the carnival. Dancing to the 'Lew Roberts Sound' in the village hall.

1978 prices…. 15p for the programme, the lucky programme drawn out would be worth £10 to the owner.

Look out for our stall at the carnival this year, we will be sharing it with the Harbury Society and the theme will be the 80th Anniversary of VE Day. We will have games and prizes for all the family.

Mike Bloxham Collection

All of the photographs kindly donated by his family have now been sorted by our volunteers and can be viewed in the Heritage Centre. Amongst them we have both black and white and colour photographs in large numbers of the wheelbarrow races, past carnivals plus carnival kings and queens. We can scan any that you are interested in and print off copies for a small cost. Come along to our next open day and have a look. Details at the end of the article.

80th Anniversary of VE Day

Following on from my article in the April edition, further progress has been on the 'Blue Plaque' project which we are running in conjunction with the Parish Council. If you are a Harbury resident, by now you will have had the '**War Memorial Trail Guide**' through your door; kindly delivered by Liz McBride's helpers, to whom we say thank you. We have spare copies if you would like one and they will also be available in the library. There has also been an interpretation panel erected on the green by the war memorial in Crown Street. It shows a large-scale version of the map featured in the centre pages of the guide. This is aimed at visitors to the village, but can be used by anyone and contains a QR code linking it to the PC website, for finding out more about the names on the war memorial. There is also a display in the Heritage Centre focusing specifically on Harbury and VE Day. This will also be on view at our stall on carnival day.

I am grateful to many people who have helped to make this second round of blue plaques and all the parts of the project possible. Croft Casting based in Whitby; North Yorkshire made the plaques as they did for the first round back in 2017. I would particularly like to thank **Chris Roles-Wain of 'Just Anything'** and his side kick David for fixing the plaques with great care on the relevant properties around the village. Chris has managed to fit us in between lambing duties and running his full-time business!





Chris can be seen here in April, busy at work fitting plaques

If you are looking for someone who does 'Just Anything' in the building and allied trades, I thoroughly recommend Chris for his care and attention to detail.

Open Days

In May we will be open to the public on the following days:

Tuesday 6th May 7 to 9pm and **Sunday 18th May 2 to 4pm**.

Visit our website to find out more 'www.harburyheritage.org.uk'

We are on Facebook 'Harbury Heritage Centre'.

HARBURY TENNIS CLUB

Colin Mercer

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

Our traditional season opener, the BACS tournament (formerly the Cheque book 'remember to pay your subs' tournament) was played on a lovely sunny day. Organiser and correspondent Peter Walshe reports on the events: Sunday dawned fair and bright for the Sensational Sixteen taking part. Two groups of eight, carefully rotated within each group to ensure no one played with the same partner twice, battled it out to score the most games. A seeding system attempted to give each player a fair chance to win through to the finals. This was



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eminently successful as no fewer than 7 of the 12 matches played tie-breaks and only two had one-sided losses (your correspondent being the person suffering from his own seeding!). He has since been called Peter-3-points (out of a potential maximum of 12). The eight highest scoring players, in reverse alphabetical order, Nigel, Karen, Ian, Henry, Eira, Ed, David and Colin, smashed their way through to the semi-finals with Henry and David taking on Colin and Ed in the Grand Final. Henry was a friend of Ed, I say 'was' as, after another close game, Ed won through at the expense of his university friendship, and the shared victors were him and Colin. And not a cloud in the sky.

The Banbury winter leagues finished with mixed fortunes for our three teams. In the weekend format Harbury secured promotion and finished top of Division 3, losing only one match. In the floodlit league both A and B teams were in Division 3, and the A team finished strongly to move away from a relegation spot and finish 4th. Unfortunately, the B team was unable to do the same and were relegated to Division 4 after being promoted last year; let's hope there's a yo-yo effect and they bounce back next year.

It's going to be a busy summer as we have four teams in action. Three are in the Banbury Summer leagues, the A and B teams in Divisions 2 and 4 respectively of the midweek formats, and a third in the weekend mixed league. New this summer is the Warwickshire Seniors league with 21 teams taking part, Harbury are playing in the southern section. Fixtures have already started, and the A team kicked off with a good 6-3 home win against Middleton Cheney. The B team had a similar score but unfortunately the visiting Banbury West End team were the winners. The Seniors first match was against Bidford, and we started with a 6-2 win.

The coaching is now enjoying some better weather and the programme is going well. Pickleball with coach Ian Shorrocks is on Friday afternoons, along with his other sessions 4.00-5.00pm Mini Reds (4-9 years), 5.00-6.00pm Greens (10yrs +), 6.00-7.00pm Adult Beginners, 7.00-8.00pm Adult Cardio. Ed Spilman's Ladies'Coaching session is on Fridays, 9.30-10.30am and he can also offer coaching on Monday afternoons. For more details of any of the above, please contact Lianne Candappa at: Lianne@coolsportz.co.uk or phone/text her on 07919 104093.

Waiting Lists for Harbury Scouting

1st Harbury Cubs (8-10½ yrs) is currently full with a small waiting list and Beavers (6-8 yrs) is almost at capacity with healthy numbers in the pipeline who will reach Beaver age in the next year. Where we currently have spaces is in Scouts (10½ -14 yrs) where we would like to encourage more older children in Year 7 and Year 8 to join. The same applies to Explorers (14-18 yrs) where we are trying to encourage more from Year 9 and Year 10 to join Explorers. Scouting is for both boys and girls and teaches important skills for life. If you are interested in finding out more or would like to register your child, please email harburyscoutgroup@hotmail.co.uk.

Adult Volunteers

Welcome to Matthew Bolt who has joined the Beaver team. We are still in need of more adult volunteers to help run sessions each week, so if you would like to get involved or find out more then please email harburyscoutgroup@hotmail.co.uk. You don't need to have a child in scouting to get involved and it is a very rewarding pastime.

News from 1st Harbury Group

It has been a busy spring term for all our younger scouting sections:



Highlights from Beavers has included creating bird feeders, making robots, going bowling, learning knots, doing poetry and working towards the gardener badge including den building and pond dipping at Ufton Nature Reserve.





Cubs have been working towards lots of badges including environmental conservation, communicator, naturalist, artist and chef. They attended the district swimming gala at Newbold Comyn and have had trips to Meadow Farm and a night hike from Chesterton. One of the high points was the sleepover at Market Hall Museum, Warwick.

Scouts always do plenty of traditional scouting tasks each term such as route planning, night hikes and cooking over fires. They had their YHA weekend up in the Peak District which featured last month. Other activities last term included various STEM sessions and learning first aid.

News from Harbury Explorers (by Ali Kemp)

There have been some changes to Explorers in the last few months with a few of our older Explorers turning 18, so having to leave us. They are much missed but it has been great to see our group continuing to work together and join in, leading and contributing to sessions at the Scout Hut as well as out and about around Harbury and beyond.

The current group are very keen on being active and the winter months can prove more challenging considering the dark evenings and the uncertain weather. However, we have found lots to do that has included our regular 'chippy crawl' around Leamington, with lots of local navigating, to try out chips across the town. We have been tenpin bowling and had a supervised session at the climbing wall at Warwick University. There was also a muddy walk around Ufton fields and back to Harbury, with wet socks forgotten once the hot chocolate was poured!

Explorers have also enjoyed a few cooking sessions – both indoors and outdoors. Pancakes were a particular success with some impressive pancake flipping and the creation of new food types including deep fried pancakes…which may need some work before a roll out to the wider public! Also building and cooking pizzas over fires was a fun finale to the term. Quizzes, arts sessions and Wide Games on the Village playing field have also ensured a varied and active term!

As a leadership team we have had some challenges being available every week, as a threesome, so we want to extend a huge thanks to those who have stepped in to support sessions, and to the Explorers themselves who have prepared and led sessions with such skill. Wednesday evenings are such good fun – great to see the laughter and friendship as well as the achievements made by all.

Harbury Explorers Taster Session – Wednesday 7th May, 8.00 - 9.15pm

We would like to invite any teenagers aged 13½+ to a taster session of Explorers at Harbury Scout Hut on 7/05/25 starting at 8pm. If you would like your son or daughter to attend, please register in advance with Katharine Giblin (Team Leader) at harburyexplorers@outlook.com or text 07769 708832.

Harbury Explorers is the age group above scouts and is the feeder group for 1st Harbury Scouts and 1st Bishop Itchington Scouts. Guides can also join Explorers rather than moving to Rangers. Many of our Explorers, though, when they join us have never done any scouting before, so no experience is necessary. You just need to be over 13½ and under 18 to be in Explorers. We also participate in activities with the other Explorer units in the Leamington District including Southam, Fenny Compton and Heathcote and have some exciting events planned for the summer term. So it is a great group to meet new friends and try out new activities each week.

HARBURY PRE-SCHOOL

Staff and Committee

Healthy Eating

This half term we have been looking at how we can keep ourselves healthy and talking about the healthy foods we like to eat. We have been tasting a range of different fruit and vegetables at snack time to decide on our favourites! The children made a vegetable pizza; adding sweetcorn, pepper and cheese, which they chopped and added to the pizzas themselves. They looked delicious!



Last week, a group of children visited Harbury Market. Armed with pictures of different fruits and vegetables, the children tried to find the corresponding item at the market stall. They returned with some delicious items which everyone had an opportunity to cut up and add to as tasty fruit salad for snack.



The role play area is now a fruit and vegetable stall and the children have enjoyed playing 'shop' with their trolley and basket to buy things from the 'market'.

Gardening

The children have continued to enjoy planting and looking after the plants, vegetables and flowers that are growing in the garden. A big thanks to Julie who has contributed plants and a lot of her own time to spruce our outdoor area for the summer.





The children have enjoyed watching the plants grow and have been using watering cans to keep everything well looked after. It does look lovely out there.

A thank you also to Alice for creating a bug hotel and Emily for donating some tadpoles. We are very excited to see the changes over the next few weeks!

Preschool Roof Repairs

Unfortunately, our roof is in need of some serious repairs, costing in the region of £15k. As a not-for-profit charity, that is a huge amount of money. We have gratefully obtained grant funding from several sources, but are still short of the full amount. That is why we are asking for your help! Any donation, big or small, would help safeguard the future of our Preschool. We have a "Go Fund Me" on the QR code here. Thank you!



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.uk You can also find us on Facebook.

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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

Ofsted Report

We were very pleased with our Ofsted report. The inspector made some lovely comments. This reflects all the hard work staff contribute to our wonderful school. You can read more on our school website.

Harbury C of E Primary School is an inclusive school where staff and pupils celebrate equality and diversity each day.

The school sets high expectations for pupils' achievement.

The school sets high expectations for pupils' behaviour. Classrooms are calm, orderly places where pupils listen attentively and settle quickly to the tasks teachers set.

Teachers make sure pupils recall and build on prior learning.

Early reading is a high priority in school. Highly-skilled staff teach daily phonics lessons well.

Recent highly effective action to improve provision for pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) has successfully strengthened this aspect of the school's work.



Poetry Day 2025

Staff and pupils all enjoyed Poetry Day. We had a wonderful poet in school Ian Bland.

He made us laugh and cry. He has written some very funny poems. Some aimed at midday supervisors and some at headteachers! The children then all enjoyed a workshop writing their own poems.

HARBURY SCHOOL PTA

Alice Mellings

Fundraising

We have had our **Mother's Day Shop**, the children loved choosing their plant for their loved ones raising over **£400**.





Our new **Easter Tombola**, where the children had fun coming to school in non-uniform in exchange for an Easter egg, then after school the children got a chance to win an egg back in the tombola raising over **£200**.

Thank you to all involved, both volunteers and children, parents and teachers.

What we have contributed towards

We have been able to support the school with resources to support the children with their SATS. We have also funded Year 5's WOW day where Al Sylvester came to talk about how he survived in the Himalayas and Antarctica; we were told the children were fascinated by the tales of his adventures.



Dates for the diary

Whole School **Sponsored walk** will be on the Friday 23rd May.

Ongoing fundraising

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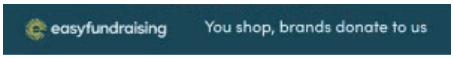

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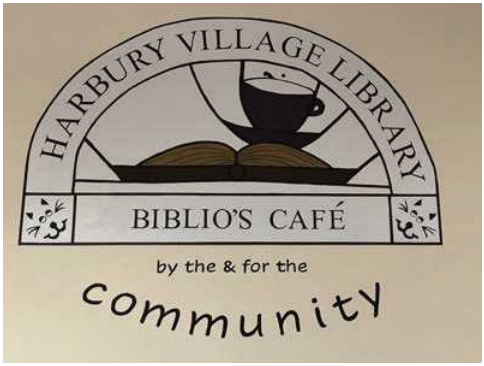
HARBURY LIBRARY & BIBLIO'S CAFE

Michael Luntley

Massive thanks to Dean Walton for his wonderful reproduction of the Library logo onto the front wall behind the desk. I think you'll agree that Dean's rendering of Tony Estrick's original stained-glass panel is a stunning piece of work.



As Dean's mural says, the library is your library, it's everyone's library. It is run by the community and for the community. If you would like to join the team of volunteers who keep it going, simply say 'hello' at the desk and let us know. New ideas and new faces are always welcome. They are the lifeblood of any volunteer-run charity.

Other changes happening.....You'll have noticed we're smartening up our front door. The old

red paint was looking tired and faded. So we're dusting things off a bit. There'll be more to come.

For some time now we have not been able to take posters within the library advertising group/clubs/activities and events in the village. We have limited display space inside the building. We all know the scramble for advertising space on the Parish Council noticeboards. It would be far worse if we accepted posters on the very limited space we have inside the library. Our policy has been, therefore, not to accept posters within the library for village events. We recognise, however, that it would be a bonus if we had a facility for providing information on events across the village. So, we have a plan....

We are exploring the option of installing an LCD display screen for advertising both the events hosted by the Library and those happening elsewhere in the village. We are exploring funding opportunities for purchasing a screen and hope to be able to get one installed in the near future.



GARDEN JOTTINGS

Christine Dakin from Bridge Nursery

Last month I went to the meeting for all who open their gardens for the National Garden Scheme in Warwickshire and the West Midlands. It's a kind of pep talk to let us know how much was raised in the region last year (£70,000) and to hear representatives from two of the beneficiaries speak of how important the donations are for their charities. Please try to visit some of the gardens listed online, there are many different styles of gardens and often tea and cake to be enjoyed. Bridge Nursery is open every weekend and Bank Holiday Mondays until the end of September where you can see a wide range of plants growing (mostly) quite happily in the heavy clay soil. I raised £1,800 last year so many thanks if you were among my visitors.



There is lots to do later this month when the risk of frosts should be over. You can plant out summer bedding plants half way through May...sow more hardy annuals such as cosmos, marigolds and asters....plant out cabbages, cauliflower and lettuces....sow sweet corn, hardy cucumbers and courgettes.....also sow dwarf French beans and runner beans either direct into the ground or in cell trays for replanting later....feed roses....leave any greenfly to let the birds or ladybirds feast on them. And don't forget to visit some open gardens.

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



NATURE NOTES

Martin & Amanda Randall

We recently planted an Alder Buckthorn in our garden. Readers will remember from our article in last month's edition that this is the larval foodplant of the beautiful Brimstone butterfly. We decided to add this plant to our garden after an inspiring talk given by Keith Warmington of the Butterfly Conservation charity. He showed some information about the positive effect of planting Buckthorn in 1.5km of hedge with other species at Ryton Wood Meadows. The hedge was planted in 2007-2009 and soon after, the number of Brimstone

butterflies seen in the area started to dramatically increase, as shown in the graph. There were also big 'spikes' in numbers in 2017 and 2020 when there was new growth of the Buckthorn as the hedge was pruned back. This shows that soon after the foodplant becomes available, it will be found by the butterflies for egg-laying, with the caterpillars feeding on the leaves. So, once established, our Buckthorn will be well pruned to maintain a good crop of young shoots and leaves.



The slender, skittle-shaped Brimstone eggs are laid singly on the underside of the Buckthorn leaves. They are about 1.3 mm tall and are pale green when first laid, turning yellow and eventually grey as the larva develops. The newly hatched caterpillar is olive-brown colour less than 2 mm long, reaching up to 35mm when fully grown. As it grows it becomes green and this colour, as well as the way they rest on the midrib of leaves, makes them well camouflaged among their surroundings. The brimstone butterfly pupa, or chrysalis, is even more camouflaged because it resembles a curled leaf. It's usuallly green and sometimes has a lighter line along its body that looks like a leaf-vein. The pupal stage lasts around two weeks before the adult butterfly emerges.

A recent scientific report on the state of the UK's butterflies showed an 80% decline in their numbers in the UK since the 1970s, with those in specialised habitats faring worse than more generalist species. Butterflies are an integral part of the UK ecosystem and are conspicuous, so their numbers and distribution are more easily recorded than other insect species. These decreases in butterfly populations are a huge cause for concern because their precipitous decline is an indication of the wider biodiversity crisis. However, it is not all bad news. There are good examples of targeted conservation work, which is very effective at halting declines. And we can all help in our gardens by providing a succession of nectar-producing flowers, that we can also enjoy. The area does not have to be large because our village gardens in total can provide an overall 'habitat' for wildlife. Even a few pot plants and containers can help provide a refuelling stop. Candy Tuft and the dwarf Buddleja 'Butterfly Candy' are good choices.


Brimstone egglaying
(Keith Warmington)


Brimstone Pupa
(Keith Warmington)

WHAT'S COMING UP AT THE BELL...

THE BELL'S FARMERS MARKET
Saturday 17th May
We're excited to announce that the Farmers' Market will be returning in May! Join us for fresh produce, local goods, and community fun for the kids too!

MILLENNIUM GREEN PARTY
Saturday 21st June
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OUR BRAND NEW SHEPHERD'S HUT ACCOMMODATION
This Spring we have something very exciting coming to The Bell, we are thrilled to introduce our brand-new Shepherd's Huts! Whether you are looking for a peaceful escape, a romantic getaway, or simply a place to stay after enjoying an evening at the pub, our Shepherd's Huts offer a welcoming and memorable experience.
Please see our website or ask the team for more details

LIVE MUSIC AT THE BELL
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WEEKLY DEALS AT THE BELL

PIE NIGHT
Every Tuesday tuck into a Chef's pie and a complimentary select drink
BURGER NIGHT
Every Thursday enjoy one of our delicious Burgers served with a complimentary select House Drink
HAPPY HOUR
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While watching butterflies and other insects we need to be vigilant in spotting Asian Yellow-legged Hornets. This is an invasive species that has increased greatly in numbers since it was first found in France after it was unintentionally introduced in 2004. Since then it has become a widespread pest in much of Europe, particularly in warmer countries and its spread has been aided by the changing climate. We have seen them in Spain. The concern with this 'alien' hornet is because it is a highly effective predator of insects that can cause significant losses to honey bee colonies, and potentially other native species. Fortunately there have been very few records in the UK so far, although there was one seen in Napton last weekend. Thanks to monitoring and eradication efforts, they are not yet established here but, in total, more than 120 sightings have been confirmed since first recorded in 2016. This hornet can be distinguished from the European Hornet by its slightly smaller size (3cm long) and generally darker colouration, only having yellow at the end of its abdomen. Its common name refers to its legs, which are yellow, in contast to the brown legs of the European Hornet. If you spot one of these you should report the sighting, preferably with a photograph if it is safe to take one, using the online form risc.brc.ac.uk/alert.php?species=asian_hornet or the special mobile phone Asian Hornet app. Care should be taken as they can give a nasty sting to humans.



Asian Hornet (Martin Randall)



Turning to another recent invader; we have noticed in the past few years the spread of a plant called Alexanders, or sometimes 'Horse Parsley'. It is an 'umbeliferous' plant, like Cow Parsley or Hogweed, but has clusters of little yellow-green flowers rather than white. The Romans brought it to the UK as an edible plant. Its shiny green leaves smell of celery. Alexanders is a salt-tolerant plant found mainly in coastal areas, growing in great swathes along sea cliffs, sea walls and path edges, probably favouring these localities due to its sensitivity to frosts, which are less frequent in coastal areas. This coastal occurence is evident from its distribution map. We used to see it covering the cliffs in parts of the North Yorkshire coast and so were surprised when we saw an individual plant growing by the gate on Bush Heath Lane leading to the top of the playing fields. Our book of Warwickshire wild flowers tells us that it is a recent colonist to the county but is now increasingly found along roadsides, possibly because these areas can have salt spray from the roads in winter.



UK distribution of Alexanders



Alexanders (Martin Randall)

HARBURY DISTRICT COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Susan Ostrander (Cllr Harbury Ward) sue.ostrander@stratford-dc.gov.uk

I hope everyone had a restful Easter and managed to enjoy some of the spring sunshine.

By the time you read this, the final County Council elections will have taken place. The newly elected councillors – like myself – are likely to be the last to serve under the current system, as we prepare for the transition to a new unitary authority. This change will bring a fresh structure and a new group of representatives for our area.

In the meantime, your local councillors remain committed to supporting residents and keeping you informed. This month, we're celebrating a great achievement for Stratford District - and taking a closer look at what really happens to your recycling.

Stratford's Brilliant Recycling Record – and What Happens to Your Waste

Stratford-on-Avon District has something to be proud of - we ranked third in the whole of England for household recycling in 2023/24, according to new figures from Defra. It's a fantastic result and a credit to the efforts of residents across the district.

But have you ever wondered what actually happens to your recycling once it's whisked away in the lorry?

Sorting It All Out

Your recycling goes to Sherbourne Recycling, a high-tech Materials Recycling Facility (MRF). Here, clever machines — including magnets and optical sorters — separate the mixed waste into clean streams of paper, glass, metal, plastics and more.

From there, it's sent on to specialist UK-based facilities to be turned into new products. Nothing is shipped abroad.

Here's where it all ends up:

Paper & Cardboard → DS Smith Ltd

- Paper becomes… new paper
- Cardboard becomes… packaging materials like boxes and takeaway containers

Glass → Recresco Glass Recycling Ltd

- Fine glass (under 12mm) is reused for industrial purposes
- Larger pieces become new bottles, jars, or even ceramics

Plastics

- PET (like drinks bottles) → turned back into bottles
- HDPE (milk bottles) → becomes new plastic items
- Plastic film (LDPE) → reused in industrial plastics
- Mixed plastics → pots, tubs, trays and more

Metals → Merlin Recycling

- Becomes steel cans, aluminium packaging, and scrap metal

What *Can't* Be Recycled

Not everything that ends up in the recycling bin belongs there. Items like food waste, wood, textiles, nappies, garden waste or liquids contaminate the load and can't be recycled. These are diverted and used to produce Solid Recovery Fuel (SRF) — a cleaner alternative to fossil fuels.

Electrical Waste & Batteries

These should never go in household bins. But when collected separately, they're recycled too:

- Electricals → turned into scrap metal

- Batteries → broken down safely and recycled

Food Waste → Severn Trent Green Power, Coleshill

Collected food waste is treated in an anaerobic digestion plant, where it's broken down to produce:

- Biogas — which goes into the national grid

- Liquid fertiliser (digestate) — used by local farms to enrich soil

Every Bit Counts

By recycling properly and avoiding contamination, you help Stratford-on-Avon stay among the top in the country — and support the wider goal of a circular economy. Thank you for doing your bit!

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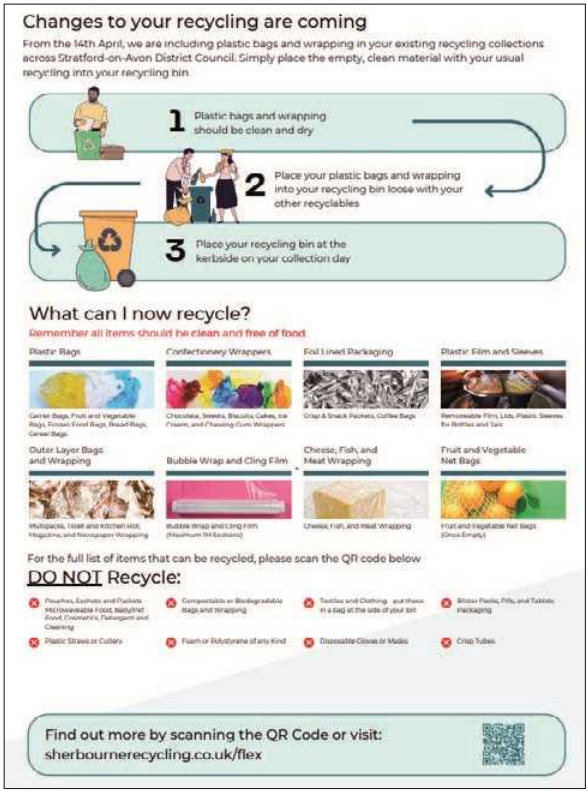

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LITTER PICK IN HARBURY

Ian Reynolds

Join us this month for the litter pick on Saturday 3rd May and next month on Saturday 7th June. Meet at the Village Hall car park, 10.00 - 11.00am, litter pickers, hoops and bags provided.



WEDNESDAY WALKERS

Gillian Hare

As I write, we have just come out of a wonderful spell of Spring/Summer weather. The cows are out, the hedges are green and the countryside at its loveliest. What better way to enjoy it than a walk? Apart from the Easter break, we have done just that, with no changes needed this time, and more to come. The sunshine has hurried the bluebells. We may have caught some in Oakley Wood at the end of April. There will be the chance of a pub meal at Bubbenhall on 7th May, then a variety of destinations in the rest of the month. The list is on the diary page or just meet us behind the village hall by 9.40am any Wednesday.



CARERS' SUPPORT GROUP @CONNECTIONS

Janice Montague

Connections: A Carers' Support Group
Please join us for our next meeting of the Carers' Support Group in the Tom Hauley Room at 2pm on Wednesday 21st May, when a social worker will be available to talk to carers about some of the issues that they face.

For further information, please contact any of the following:

Jill Baker - 07747 430470 Janice Montague - 07956 195405 Judy Timson - 07835 506008

HARBURY LOCAL MARKET

Steve Ekins

The Harbury Local Market this Month is Saturday 31st May 10.00am to 12.30pm in Harbury Village Hall.

There you will find local Traders selling: art, crafts and food.

The Community Group we will be supporting this Month is Harbury Rugby Club.

Come join us for tea or coffee and a bacon roll

Harbury Parish Councillors will be there 10.00 – 11.00am with Councillor's Corner to answer any questions you may have.

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

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HARBURY CARNIVAL GAMES WEEK 2025

Mike McBride, John Broomfield

Pub Games

We are going ahead with the games but venues will be decided sometime in May, by which time we will have two new sets of landlords in The Crown Inn and The Gamecock.

Last year we had TEN teams take part and hopefully we will have the same number this year. 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 2nd June through to Thursday 5th June, commencing at 7.30pm each evening.

The schedule this year will be:

Monday 2nd	Horseshoes
Tuesday 3rd	Aunt Sally
Wednesday 4th	Table Skittles
Thursday 5th	Quiz

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 7TH JUNE 2025

Carnival Committee

Are you ready - It's nearly carnival time?

We hope you will be joining this year's parade. There are plenty of categories to enter like the best decorated trade float, private float or junior Float.

Or how about dressing up for the best walking tableau or best family walking tableau.

At the playing fields 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. So get your dog ready to enter one of these groups - looks like owner, waggiest tail, best rescue, best junior handler or best trick.

In the weeks leading up to the carnival, the raffle sellers will be out knocking on your door and there are some great prizes to be won with the first prize being £100!!

As always we are hoping to bring you even more exciting things to do and see at this year's carnival so don't miss out, come along and get involved in this great village tradition.





HARBURY SENIOR CITIZENS

Mike McBride, On behalf of the Harbury Senior Citizens Benefit Association

Summer Outing and Carnival

The last time we went to Cardiff was in 2015. From memory, it was an excellent trip so we have decided to cross the border again to head for sunny Wales. The trip will be on **Wednesday 18th June** and we will be leaving the Village Hall at 8.30am.

Quoting from the Cardiff website it says:

"Whether you want to go by foot, by bus or by boat – there's so many different ways to find out about the capital city of Wales. Cardiff has a population of 350,000 people, and is a base for many of the country's political, cultural, sporting and commercial institutions. Points of pride include the city centre's iconic Millennium Stadium, St David's shopping centre, and historic Cardiff Castle. The Bay area now houses the Senedd, Wales Millennium Centre, and BBC studios. Cardiff City Football Club and rugby union side Cardiff Blues are also both based in the capital. It is also the home of Brains brewery, the Welsh national brewer."

We will be sending out invitations in early May. So that we can get a good idea of the numbers of people who will be coming. We would like you to return them to Harbury Library by **Friday 23rd May**.

We will be running a stall at the Harbury Carnival, on **Saturday 7th June**, 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**.

If you want to know anything about the outing, please contact Julie Clarke on 612066 or me on 612421.

HARBURY GARDEN WALKABOUT
SAT 28TH & SUN 29TH JUNE 2025

Peter Walshe, Trustee, Harbury e-Wheels

This year coincides with a Warwickshire Open Studios weekend so we will have a number of gardens with free exhibitions.

We hope to have over 20 gardens open this year (11am - 6pm on Saturday 28th June and 12noon - 6pm on Sunday 29th June) some with teas, coffee, cakes, lunches and art exhibitions. **So, please, if you would like to open your garden let Peter Walshe know** (details at the bottom of the article).

The Harbury Heritage Centre will also be open for some of the time.

Entry is by Programme and these will be available in the Library from Monday 23rd 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 2025') and collect your programme from the Library on the day.

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



We are also listed in the Open Gardens National Directory website *(opengardens.co.uk)* and Super Gardens *(supergardens.co.uk).* Search Harbury Garden Walkabout. Last year these 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.



THE RETURN OF THE GREAT WESTERN AT DEPPERS BRIDGE

Yvonne Lanchester



As a lot of you will know, the Great Western has been closed since 2016 succumbing to vandalism, ransacking and the weather. In February 2024 a group of us set about to buy the property as a Community Owned Pub with the help of Harbury Parish Council and Plunkett Foundation.

In September there was an incident when someone decided to take over the property claiming adverse possession. This put the group behind but also attracted the attention of a local business man, Mr Shane Bland.

Mr Bland had been unaware of the community trying to purchase the Great Western. He contacted us and after a couple of meetings it was agreed to support him in purchasing the property.

A meeting was held on the 8th April where 40 people attended. Mr Bland introduced himself and went on to explain a bit about his background in business, his interest in engineering, cars and how he became interested in the property. His vision and ideas for the community, using local contractors, suppliers and contributors align with those of the community and the Community Benefit Society. Shane can be contacted by email Hello@thegreatwestern.pub . We look forward to work starting at the end of April.

The meeting was recorded for those who were unable to attend and can be seen on YouTube www.youtube.com/@thegreatwestern



HARBURY VILLAGE SHOW

Louise Timms

Saturday 6th September 2025

The application schedules for both adults and children can be downloaded from hlnews.co.uk/harbury-village-show.html

Paper copies of the schedules will be available from Harbury Library, The Post Office and The Milk Shed, so grab your copy and start planning!

There are sections for showing Vegetables, Fruit, Flowers and Plants, Flowers Arranging, Preserves, Baking, Art, Crafts and Photography, so hopefully something for everyone.

We will always welcome new members to our friendly Committee team.

Check us out on Harbury news Facebook Group '**Harbury Village Show**'

This year we are **seeking a Judge for Preserves** if you know of anyone who may be interested please message us.



HARBURY SWIFT VILLAGE - UPDATE

Amanda Randall

Contact Harbury Swifts: swifts.harbury@gmail.com

Thank you to all those people who have offered their time to take part in the survey of Harbury's swift population. The method that we will use to survey the swifts is based on surveys designed and used by the Oxford Swift City project and Bristol Swift Conservation Group who have considerable experience in surveying swifts. With your help, we hope to be able to collect sufficient information to improve our knowledge of swifts in our village. Having a greater awareness of their numbers and nesting sites is crucial in helping us to protect existing swift colonies and to expand them through the provision of new nest sites. The data will be uploaded to the RSPB SwiftMapper website.

Surveys will be carried out from May, once the swifts have arrived, until July, during periods of peak low flying swift activity, which is usually between 7.30pm and 9.30pm, before dusk. So over the next three months, on evenings when conditions are dry and still, expect to spot people standing on the streets, staring up at Harbury's rooftops and making notes!

Swifts have declined in the UK by 60% over the last 25 years, with one of the key reasons being a loss of nest sites due to building renovations and other improvements. The data we collect will be used to assess the condition of the Harbury swift population, and to highlight any nesting sites, as well as contributing to the national database on swifts.

If you have any questions about this survey please email me (address above).

Warwickshire East Primary Care Network

FREE HEALTH COACHING SERVICES AT HARBURY LIBRARY

Ludmila Enticott

Free NHS Health Coaching Services – Find out more at Harbury Library

Do you know about the NHS efforts to implement more personalised care and focus on a whole person approach?

We offer Health Coaching sessions to patients who want to work on their lifestyle and contribute to the management of their own symptoms. Sometimes, patients are interested in taking a more active role in their care but there might be limited time to discuss the links between lifestyle and health. This is where Health Coaches can help as there is plenty of time to sit together and talk. It is common to talk about topics like exercise, diet, sleep, emotional health and stress management but Health Coaches are open to discuss all aspects that someone considers important for their health. Health Coaching is patient-led, which means coaches are there to offer support and help patients explore for themselves resources outside drugs and surgery. The main criteria to access Health Coaching sessions are patient interest in getting involved with their care and willingness to make changes for themselves. In other words, everyone interested is welcome to come talk to the coach and the conversations are tailored to each person's needs and interests.

So where to go and how to start?

In the EAST PCN, we offer 1-2-1 telephone appointments, which can last around 1 hour depending on your preference. We also offer face-to-face group coaching programmes in

the community and we have three different ones on offer: Weight Management Education Programme, Menopause Group Coaching Sessions and Chronic Pain Management Programme. You can contact the EAST PCN for more details or to sign up for sessions with coaches.

Every first Thursday of each month, during term-time only, an NHS Health Coach is also available at Harbury Library to explain the services or chat with any patients that would like to meet the coach and find out more about the services on offer. There is much to explore and other services to find out about so do consider coming along on a **first Thursday** for an informal **'Chat with the Coach' at Harbury Library from 12.30 to 2.00pm (term-time only).**

We look forward to being of help.

For more details, visit EAST PCN – www.wepcn.co.uk

Or Email directly for a self-referral: cwicb.we.connect@nhs.net

GALANOS HOUSE

Shelley Fardon

Chatty Café Table – FREE

When: Every Tuesday at 10-11.30am

Where: Community Hub Cafe

What to expect: 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' tables over on our comfy chairs by the window, marked by the yellow signs. Why not drop-in, treat yourself to a cup of tea with us and stay as long as you like.

Everyone is welcome to come along – no booking required.

Dementia Cafe – FREE

When: Every Friday at 2.30-4pm

Where: Community Hub Hall

What to expect: A dementia friendly café with various games and activities including reminiscence through music and sport.

Open to people with dementia and their careers.

Everyone is welcome to come along – no booking required.

Sporting Memories

When: 2nd Friday of the month at 2.30-4pm

Where: Community Hub Hall

What to expect: Sporting memorabilia, guest speakers and gentle exercise.

Musical Memories

When: Last Friday of the month at 2.30-4pm

Where: Community Hub Hall

What to expect: Live Music and dancing.

Silver Sunday – FREE

When: Sunday 6th July at the Community Hub

When: National Silver Sunday 5th October at The Grange Hall, Southam

What to expect: Join us to celebrate older people in our communities.

Come alone or bring a friend and have a dance. Includes free refreshments.

Everyone is welcome to come along – no booking required.

Nosh and Natter

When: 1st Wednesday of each month at 12-2pm

Where: Community Hub Hall

What to expect: The group is a fantastic way to meet new people and enjoy a delicious homemade two course meal.

We also, enjoy a light-hearted, fun quiz. Free collection and return transport from: Southam Library/Tithe Lodge and St Wulfstan Court.

£10 per person - Booking is essential. Everyone is welcome. Please call 01926 812185 Ext 5365.

Armed Forces & Veterans Breakfast Club

When: 2nd Saturday, last Wednesday and last Saturday of each month from 10am-12noon.

Where: Community Hub Hall

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Everyone is welcome to come along – no booking required.

Paper Quilling

When: Tues 10th Jun 2-4pm, Tues 15th July 2-4pm, Tues 19th Aug 10 12noon.

Where: Community Hub Hall

What to expect: This is a friendly and relaxed session for like-minded crafty people. Come along and enjoy the company.

Please call to book your place as numbers are limited. There is a small cost of £5 (payable on the day).

You will also need to bring the following equipment which is available from most basic arts and craft suppliers.

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For a full list of events, follow us on Facebook @RBLCommunityHub

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