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EDITORIAL

A round up of local news



Congratulations to the Harbury Village Show organisers on another successful event. There was a good standard of exhibits and the show was well supported. Photos taken at the show are in our middle pages.

The Harbury Footpath volunteers have been out and about again. This time replacing a stile with a kissing gate where the continuation of the Mill Lane footpath meets the footpath between the Co-op Field and Bull Ring Farm Road. Thank you to Pete, John, Patrick and Ed (not pictured).

GASS will be running the Bonfire and Fireworks on Saturday 8th November in Harbury. Tickets can be bought in advance or on the day. The usual house collection of garden rubbish and wooden items will be taking place. If you would like to use this collection service, please complete the cut off slip on page 42.

The Ladbroke Matters Team are hosting a Quiz and Fish & Chip Supper on Friday 10th October. Further details are in the article. The deadline for donating your Christmas Shoe boxes filled with goodies this year is Friday 7th November.

The annual Remembrance Day service and parade to the war memorial will be held in November and the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal starts at the end of this month. Once again there will be a village collection organised in Harbury with poppy merchandise available in local outlets.

HARBURY DIARY

For local events

OCTOBER

Sat 4 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Southam Bowling Club
Guitar Workshop, 2.00 - 3.30pm, Village Library

Sun 5 TRINITY 16
Said Holy Communion, 9.00am, Church
Muddy Church, 3.00 - 5.00pm, starts in Tom Hauley Room
Youth Group, 5.00 - 7.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
Zumba, 9.00 - 10.00am, Village Hall

Mon 6 Badminton, 10.00am - 12.00 noon, Village Hall
Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall

Tue 7 Everyone Active Fitness, 10.00 - 11.00am, Village Hall
Bumps & Bundles, 10.30am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room
Chess Club, 1.15pm, Village Library
Harbury Heritage Centre open - 7.00 - 9.00pm, Harbury School (Park Lane entrance)
'Poems and a Pint', 7.00pm, The Crown

Wed 8 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, behind Village Hall - Shipston (4 miles, flat)
Quiet Space, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
Knitwits and Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Village Library
Spellbound Dance Classes, 4.30 - 7.00pm, Village Hall
Hereburgh Morris Practice session, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall

Thu 9 Table Tennis, 9.30 - 10.30am, Village Hall, Tel: 01926 612951
Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
Silent Book Group, 2.00 - 3.30pm, Village Library

Fri 10 Chess Club, 1.15pm, Village Library
Harbury WI, Balloon Modelling - trade secrets by John Parnell, 7.30 for 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room

Sat 11 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Warwick Lifeboat Guild
Repair Café, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Village Library

Sun 12 TRINITY 17
Sung Holy Communion, 10.30am, Church
Messy Church, 3.00 - 5.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
Zumba, 9.00 - 10.00am, Village Hall

Mon 13 Badminton, 10.00am - 12.00 noon, Village Hall
Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall

Tue 14 Everyone Active Fitness, 10.00 - 11.00am, Village Hall
Bumps & Bundles, 10.30am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room
Tickets for Harbury WI Village Cinema to be purchased by today from Village Library - film showing on Sat 18th October
Chess Club, 1.15pm, Village Library

Wed 15 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, behind Village Hall - Crackley Woods, Kenilworth (4 miles, flat)
Connections: A Carers' Support Group, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
Spellbound Dance Classes, 4.30 - 7.00pm, Village Hall
Harbury Theatre Group Social Meeting, 7.30pm, The Crown Inn
Hereburgh Morris Practice session, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall

Thu 16 Table Tennis, 9.30 - 10.30am, Village Hall, Tel: 01926 612951
Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
Classic Book Group, 7.30pm, Village Library

Fri 17 Chess Club, 1.15pm, Village Library
Live & Local: 'Pepper & Honey', doors open 7.30pm, Village Library

Sat 18 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Myton Hospice
Harbury WI Village Cinema presents, 'The Amateur,' doors open 6.15, film begins 7.00pm, Village Hall

Sun 19 TRINITY 18
Said Communion, 8.00am, Church
Harvest 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)

Mon 20 Badminton, 10.00am - 12.00 noon, Village Hall
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Tue 21 Everyone Active Fitness, 10.00 - 11.00am, Village Hall
Bumps & Bundles, 10.30am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room
Chess Club, 1.15pm, Village Library
Harbury Society, 'The Railway comes to Harbury' by Bill Timson, doors open 7.30pm, presentation 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room

Wed 22 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, behind Village Hall - Radway (4 miles)
Knitwits and Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Village Library
Spellbound Dance Classes, 4.30 - 7.00pm, Village Hall
Hereburgh Morris Practice session, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall

Thu 23 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 24 Chess Club, 1.15pm, Village Library
Sheep Dip Session – Jon Wilks, doors open 7.30pm, Village Library

Sat 25 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Southam Mothers' Union
Councillors' Corner, 10.00am - 11.00am, Village Hall
Harbury Local Market, 10.00am - 12.30pm, Village Hall

Sun 26 TRINITY 19
Sung Holy Communion, 10.30am, Church
Informal Evening Service, 7.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
Zumba, 9.00 - 10.00am, Village Hall

Mon 27 Badminton, 10.00am - 12.00 noon, Village Hall
Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall

Tue 28 Everyone Active Fitness, 10.00 - 11.00am, Village Hall
Bumps & Bundles, 10.30am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room
Chess Club, 1.15pm, Village Library
Ponder in the Pub 'The Reality of Evil', 7.00pm for 7.30pm, The Crown Inn

Wed 29 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, behind Village Hall – Ladbroke (5 miles)
Hereburgh Morris Practice session, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall

Thu 30 Table Tennis, 9.30 - 10.30am, Village Hall, Tel: 01926 612951
Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
The Tiny Wine Club, 7.30 - 10.00pm, Village Hall

Fri 31 Chess Club, 1.15pm, Village Library

NOVEMBER

Sat 1 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of TBA
Harbury Craft Fair, 10.00am - 4.00pm, Village Hall

Sun 2 TRINITY 20
Said Holy Communion, 9.00am, Church
Youth Group, 5.00 - 7.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
Zumba, 9.00 - 10.00am, Village Hall

Mon 3 Badminton, 10.00am - 12.00 noon, Village Hall
Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall

Tue 4 Everyone Active Fitness, 10.00 - 11.00am, Village Hall
Bumps & Bundles, 10.30am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room
Chess Club, 1.15pm, Village Library
Harbury Heritage Centre open - 7.00 - 9.00pm, Harbury School (Park Lane entrance)
Harbury Theatre Group business meeting, 7.30pm, Village Club

Wed 5 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, behind Village Hall - Priors Marston (3 ½ miles)
Mothers' Union, communion service 2.00pm, meeting (AGM) starts 2.30pm, Tom Hauley Room
Spellbound Dance Classes, 4.30 - 7.00pm, Village Hall
Hereburgh Morris Practice session, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall

Thu 6 Table Tennis, 9.30 - 10.30am, Village Hall, Tel: 01926 612951
Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
Folk Club, 8.00pm, Village Library

Fri 7 Meeting Point, 12.30pm, The Crown Inn
Chess Club, 1.15pm, Village Library

Sat 8 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Repair Café, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Village Library
Harbury Bonfire and Fireworks, gates open 5.00pm, bonfire lit 6.00pm, firework display at 6.30pm, Village Hall Playing Fields

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All Saints HARBURY

FROM THE RECTOR

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Many churches are reporting an increase in people who feel drawn to church or are seeking a connection with God in recent times. It's hard to know exactly why that is, but we are certainly living in uncertain times at the moment and, with the rise of social media, some can feel increasingly isolated in the digital world.

In the churches of our Deanery it has been a busy summer, with many Christenings and Weddings taking place, and more recently Harbury's Muddy and Messy church sessions for children and young people have seen growing numbers of families coming along. In our rural communities the parish church, historically the heart of the village, has always drawn in people with all kinds of different backgrounds and experience of the Christian faith, and those who are simply exploring what that faith offers. That means that often our churches

are offering a variety of worship styles from the exuberant to the contemplative. In addition we are always reviewing how best we can serve the people in our communities.

There are a number of new initiatives being introduced and planned which include a regular sung Evensong at Ladbroke, an informal and more contemporary Sunday evening service at Harbury, 'Ponder in the Pub' a group set up to follow on from our recent ALPHA course and 'The Collective' meeting exploring how faith speaks into the concerns of daily life, which begins at The Crown on the 28th October at 7pm, and a new Afternoon Tea, cake and chat in The Tom Hauley room.

Keep your eye on our website, noticeboards and social media for further details and do join us as we begin this new season.



FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

Andy & Bez

September has been a busy month in the life of the church including welcoming lots of families to both Muddy and Messy church on Sunday afternoons.

Looking forward to October, we will be celebrating Harvest at the All Age service on 19th October. It's always great to see the church decorated for Harvest and we will be holding a Bring and Share lunch in the Tom Hauley Room after the service.

On the 28th October, a new initiative called Ponder in the Pub will be starting. This will be held at The Crown – get there for 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. We will be discussing a number of topics relevant to society today. All welcome.

The PCC thought it would be good to highlight the role that Rev Andy plays in the wider Deanery. Andy is Area Dean, which means as well as leading the churches in Harbury, Ladbroke, Ufton and Chesterton he oversees other churches in the Deanery. The Deanery includes Bishops Itchington, Southam, Long Itchington and other villages in the surrounding area. Andy's input is significantly increased when there are vacancies (i.e. during the appointment process for new clergy). Over the last 18 months or so there have been two vacancies and therefore Andy's time has been spread increasingly thinly as he has also needed to lead services, carry out weddings, funerals and baptisms as well as school visits and other activities in those areas.

We are very thankful that the Offchurch group have appointed Rev Adam Tams as Priest in Charge. Adam will commence his role in November. This should lessen Andy's role in that area albeit there is now another vacancy in Long Itchington. We are all praying that both of the remaining vacancies will be filled as soon as possible. We remain thankful to Andy, Julie and family for all that they do in the life of the church, especially given Andy's responsibility in the wider Deanery. We are also extremely grateful to Rev Ann, Rev Bob and all those that have led services in Harbury whilst Andy has been pulled away to other areas.

If you have any questions please contact us at warden@allsaints.org.

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

From the Registers

Baptism

21st September Ottilie

MOTHERS' UNION

Gillian Hare

Rev Andy led our service in September with an interesting talk about women in the Bible. Whilst the culture of the time often placed them in subservient positions, he highlighted several who appear as strong characters in their own right. And we see many examples in the New Testament who supported our Lord and the apostles from their own independent means.

Chris explained to us her suggestion that, instead of collecting toiletries for the Christmas Fair, we give them to the Coventry Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre. This "offers specialist support for adults and children who have been impacted by sexual violence or abuse at any time in their lives." Our gifts might help, in a small way, to reassure victims that they are recognised and valued at such a terrible time. We are joined in this by Harbury WI who also have a mandate to work against violence and abuse of women and girls. There is a collection box in Church for anyone who would like to contribute.

Our next meeting, on 5th November, will be a brief AGM and social time including a "quite easy Quiz".



LADBROKE NEWS & DIARY

OCTOBER

Sun 5 HARVEST FESTIVAL
Family Service, 10.30am followed by refreshments and children's activities

Tue 7 Photography Club, "Travels along the Karakoram Highway - a journey through Pakistan" by Gray Lewis, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Fri 10 Quiz Night, 7.00pm, Village Hall

Sun 12 TRINITY 17
Holy Communion, 9.00am

Tue 14 Table Tennis, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Thu 16 Wine Tasting organised by Warwickshire Wine School, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Sun 19 TRINITY 18
Holy Communion (BCP), 9.00am

Tue 21 Table Tennis, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Sun 26 TRINITY 19
Holy Communion, 9.00am

Tue 28 Table Tennis, 7.30pm, Village Hall

NOVEMBER

Sun 2 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
Family Service, 10.30am followed by refreshments
"Shine a Light" candlelit churchyard from dusk, names read out inside church 6.30pm

Tue 4 Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall

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

Thu 6 WI, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Fri 7 Last day to deliver Christmas shoeboxes to Cherry Trees for onward despatch

Sun 9 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
Village Remembrance Service, 3.00pm (no morning service)



LADBROKE CHURCH NEWS

Peter Rigby

www.ladbrokechurch.org.uk

Autumn has now arrived and it is the season for a number of special services that will be taking place:

Our Harvest Celebration will be on Sunday 5th October at our Family Service at 10.30am. We shall not be having an event at the Village Hall afterwards this year, but we shall be serving seasonal refreshments after the service, and there will also be some special activities for children.

On Sunday 2nd November, we shall again be lighting tea lights in the churchyard at dusk and the church will be open for reflection and remembrance of those we have lost. This year we are calling this event "Shine a Light". It is not a church service but a chance for all, of whatever faith or none, to join in this act of remembrance. The names of all those that we are remembering will be read out from 6.30pm. If you would like the name of your loved one to be included there will be a list on the table as you enter the Church from the beginning of October, please do add their names to it.

The following Sunday, 9th November, is Remembrance Day for those who have given their lives in defence of our country. The Village Remembrance Service will be at 3.00pm, when every organisation in the village will lay a wreath at our war memorial. Please note that there will be no 9.00am service that day.

From the Registers

12th September 2025 Wedding of Peter Mann and Danielle Farnsworth

Future Services and Events

Sunday 5th Oct	10.30am	Family Service and Harvest Celebration
Sunday 12th Oct	9.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 19th Oct	9.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 26th Oct	9.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 2nd Nov	10.30am	Family Service
	Dusk – 6.30pm	Shine A Light
Sunday 9th Nov	9.00am	No Service
	3.00pm	Act of Remembrance

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LADBROKE PARISH COUNCIL

Jackie West - H&L News Correspondent

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

Holidays prevented me from attending the meeting on 10th September personally but this is what I know about the main topic covered. As expected given the date of the meeting, this was traffic through the village due to the closure of the A423.

For those who don't receive Ladbroke enews, this summary was sent out on 11th September. "HS2/EKFB Attended the PC Meeting yesterday. They were updated by councillors and villagers on the problems that the village has suffered since Friday evening. They have been given a number of suggestions on how the diversion could be better managed. We hope to get their feedback before the end of the week and this will be shared with all. IF YOU BECOME AWARE OF ANY PROBLEMS CONTACT HS2 HELP DESK TO LOG PROBLEM CALL 0808 143 4434 (24 HR SERVICE) As well as talking to your normal contacts. Notes for the next two days: (1) Tractors are going through the village, there is no alternative route. (2) Friday 12th Sept lunchtime there will be a church wedding. Temporary parking in an adjacent field has been arranged but there will be pedestrians going to and from the church. Please be aware if you are driving by the Church.

There was an enews update on 13th September. This was a copy of the letter sent from the Parish Council Clerk and EKFB/HS2's response, given here in italics.

"Thank you for attending Ladbroke Parish Council meeting last night. Please see below the actions which were agreed by yourselves during our discussions. These have been taken from my notes. If you disagree please let me know. I have not copied this to Cllrs yet, but will need to do so, once the notes are agreed.

You agreed to do the following within 48 hours of the meeting:

- You agreed to check the tracking of all of your vehicles within the last week to see if HS2/EKFB vehicles have been using Ladbroke as a cut through, despite you advising your staff this is not acceptable. *In discussions, EKFB will look over data available.*
- You agreed to address this issue with any staff who have not followed your directives within. *For site vehicles and delivery vehicles there will be action taken.*
- You agreed to advise the Parish Council if you found any staff who had not followed your directive. *As above.*
- You will reissue the directive to all HS2/EKFB staff not to use Ladbroke as a cut through. *Completed. Please see attached.*
- You agreed to place better signage at the junction of the B4451/Harbury Lane turning at Deppers Bridge to stop HGV's in particular from taking this route (Thinking about this afterwards, might it be prudent to have signs before the Tesco's roundabout on the A425, reminding drivers there is a weight restriction on this road and there is no access to Ladbroke for HGV's. This then might, just might keep HGV's on the main roads.) *As described above.*

The other queries which are not as "time critical" are as follows:-

- If there can be a sign Access for residents only on the B4451/Harbury Lane this would be ideal. *We explored the wording around residents only, and unfortunately as the road is public and any road user is entitled to use it we can't use this wording as a deterrent. We can however use other wording on the electronic signage which I will inform you of what can be approved by Friday.*
- The signs in Ladbroke are not lit and there are very few streetlights within the village to assist drivers. Is there any way of lighting the road signs up? *Unfortunately, as described above we can't provide lit signage, however we can provide the two additional electronic signage boards to help with clear messaging. These boards will also be included in the future planning of closures.*
- You agreed to advise the Parish Council if the current closure will not be lifted on 22nd September 2025. *Agreed and we will keep you informed.*
- You agreed to advise the Parish Council why the information provided by Cllr Kettle in August 2025 in relation to the road closure and suggestions to elevate some of the issues the village has been subjected to over the past week were ignored. *I have spent time speaking with my colleagues today. I can report back that the suggestions were taken on board, and sent to WCC with three options of potential mitigation measures. These then sat with the council for deliberation over and above what was already consented to do with the standard traffic management plans. These measures were implemented as soon as agreement was given, unfortunately not in time for the Friday start. Regarding them not being included within an advanced notice, these are published two weeks before the closure, and do not include as standard details of traffic management. Maps used only illustrate closure locations and diversion routes. This is the appropriate information for this type of notice.*
- You agreed to attend the next two Parish Council meetings on 12th November 2025 and 14th January 2026. *Agreed, we will see you then if not before.*

Once again, thank you for attending."

The agenda for the parish council meeting listed a number of other items, including **planning**, with the parish council making no representation for either the side extension for additional bedroom and lounge space at Barnbrook nor reinstatement of previous highway access at Garden Cottage, Deppers Bridge Farm.

Next meeting: Wednesday 12th November 7.45pm

Post meeting note: the A423 reopened on the afternoon of Thursday 18th Sept, a few days ahead of schedule! There is now a 30mph limit between the lay-by and Southam.

LADBROKE & DEPPERS BRIDGE WI

Carol Lane

We met on Thursday, 4th September 2025 when four resuscitation dummies (originally known as Resusci Annies) were positioned across the floor and on the stage. Judith Davidson and Vicky Larner explained that, as part of Warwickshire Hearts Community, they work with colleagues from Red Horse Vale as 'community first responders'. Six days of training are

provided to volunteers by West Midlands Ambulance Service and consist of practical and written assessments which are updated and assessed each year. Buddy shifts then provide the new learner with more experience and they are able to work flexible hours up to 20 hours per month.

There are three roles: Responding to 999 calls by attending the scene and giving assistance until the paramedics arrive; community group teaching in schools, groups such as WI's and other community groups; first aid cover for events in order to raise money to keep the charity functioning.

We then went on to learn the difference between a cardiac arrest and a heart attack. A cardiac arrest is a sudden collapse where the electrical impulse in the heart itself goes wrong, someone becomes unconscious and is not breathing. A heart attack which is where the patient is still conscious but experiencing symptoms. such as crushing chest pain which radiates to the jaw and left arm, may feel breathless and have the sensation of 'impending doom'. Unfortunately, ladies do not always describe typical symptoms of a heart attack but this is a medical emergency and 999 should be phoned. The patient should be sitting on the floor leaning against a hard surface and reassured whilst waiting for emergency services.

Recognition of an event where someone may have experienced a cardiac arrest may be remembered as **DRs ABC**

D – do not put yourself or bystanders in **danger**.

R – is the patient **responsive**? Check by calling their name and pinching the ear lobe and pressing hard on their big shoulder muscles.

S – shout for help. If the patient is unresponsive call 999 and try to get local help.

A – check **airway** is clear, turn on their side if there is vomit and then 'head tilt and chin lift' to bring tongue forward away from blocking the airway.

B – is the patient **breathing**? Check by looking, listening and feeling for up to 10 seconds when there should be two normal breaths. If there is a gurgle or grunt then this is NOT normal breathing.

C – the **circulation** must be maintained by starting Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR).

In these circumstances **anything is better than nothing**.

Judith and Vicky then demonstrated the techniques used for manual CPR and showed us how to use the defibrillator. Some of the members made sure they could keep the patient alive - to at least give him or her a chance. The picture shows Heather and Sue being watched over by Judith. The chest should be compressed at a rate of 100-120 beats per minute (Staying Alive song) and the chest compressed by a depth of 1/3 of the total depth of the chest.



The directives differ for children and babies with five initial breaths being the most important first line management due to the underlying reason why a child may go into cardiac arrest.

The call handler will support your rate and rhythm of compressions and stay on the phone until the paramedics arrive.

The call handler will know where the nearest Public Access Defibrillator (PAD) is and will give a second person the code to get into the locked box. The defibrillator should be then taken to the collapsed person and the instructions followed. No medical training is required to use a PAD however it is the confidence to follow those instructions and know that you are the best chance that the person has.

Obviously, this is such a practical skill that I recommend trying to attend an event such as this or getting people like Judith and Vicky to come to your group.

Even though I have been to many training days, it is important to keep levels of confidence high. The final advice was to install What3Words in your mobile phone which will give the precise location if you are not at an address with a post code or you are not exactly sure of your location such as the canal tow path, field or beach.

At the business meeting Sue welcomed Pat as a guest and thanked Carol Locker for organising the August trip to The Lord Leycester Hospital which had been much enjoyed.

Lesley Smith will be depicting Catherine Swinford at Napton on the 7th October. Tickets £15.

The Annual Warwickshire Federation meeting is on Wednesday 8th October at Stoneleigh from 10.30 – 4.00pm.

This year's Carol Service is to be hosted by Ladbroke and will take place on Tuesday 9th December at 7 o'clock with mulled wine and mince pies to follow.

Sue suggested members should give thought to whether they want to have a Christmas meal out or celebrate it in the Village Hall.

LADBROKE MATTERS

David Wright

Our Website

Our website www.ladbrokevillagehall.org.uk contains photos of the interior and exterior of our village hall and general information. Please use the contact form on the website to get in touch with us for any reason.

Village Quiz Night

Friday 10th October is our next quiz night in the Hall, and we hope you have already organised your team of four people and come up with a team name.

The cost is £13 per player including a delicious mini fish and chip supper. Drinks will be available at the bar and there will also be a raffle. **Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm quiz start**. All in aid of the Millennium Green play area.

This is a great way to have fun with your friends in the village. Contact Helen Morten (**hrmorten61@gmail.com**) or Carol Lane (**carolandgeofflane@gmail.com**) to book your team's tickets.

If you have not yet managed to make up a foursome but would like to come, contact Helen or Carol who may be able to arrange something for you.

Village Safari Supper

We are planning a village safari supper for the evening of Saturday 22nd November. This is a fun way to socialise with other villagers, especially if you are a newcomer. It doesn't involve


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Contact Kip Warr (**kip.warr@gmail.com**) or Anthony Tierney (**anthonytierney@hotmail.co.uk**) for more information, or if you would like to host a meal or take part in the safari.

Funds raised will go towards the Millennium Green play area.

The Millennium Green Trim Trail Survey

We would like to thank all who completed our survey regarding the future of the trim trail on the Millennium Green. The results will be most helpful, and we hope to come to a decision soon.

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 winter booking rates are £16 per hour, or £13 for Ladbroke residents - applicable from October to March inclusive. 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 tasty 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 always looking for new team members, so if you would like to join us get in touch via our website.

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LADBROKE PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Richard Bedwell

September's meeting saw us having a competition of printed images of "Architecture – near and far" and then projected images on the same subject and also photos from our trip to Chedham's Yard earlier in the year, A couple of examples are shown below. Our October meeting will be a talk by Gray Lewis on his journeys through Pakistan and the Himalayas (see the full description on next page). Our November meeting will be a workshop on "Spectrums in water".





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LADBROKE HERITAGE

Jackie West

Our main activity in Ladbroke last month was Heritage Open Days at church. In keeping with the theme of Architecture there was an interesting display of photos by Ladbroke Photography club showing buildings and structures across the world.





There was also a STEM challenge to build a spire using just a few sheets of paper, glue allowed but no sticky tape, with some great examples on display to inspire budding architects and engineers. These constructions had been made a few days earlier by 7-10 year olds who come to the after-school Science Club at The Dassett School in Fenny Compton. More than 40 visitors came over the weekend; some to see the fossils and others for the building and its history. Two of them had worked in various museums and knew lots about the stained glass studios that made our windows and even more than I did about some of the saints depicted. They thought the child saint in the royals panel of the Great East window was St Kenelm. I'd never heard of him before but he was the boy king of Mercia, who was (according to ancient chronicles) murdered in the Clent Hills around 821 AD on the instructions of his older sister, Quendryda. His body was buried at Winchcombe Abbey which became an important medieval shrine to him; centuries later his coffin was moved to St Peter Church, Winchcombe. There are two long distance footpaths: St Kenelm's Trail and St Kenelm's Way linking Romsley in the Clent Hills with Winchcombe.

Our monthly Heritage and Friendship group's topic for the September meeting was memorable journeys. A number of those shared were amusing with hindsight..... but disastrous at the time. They including having to drive through the Whinlatter Pass in the Lake District in reverse as that was the only gear that would work and crashing into the Lord Mayor's official car! There should be more smiles at our October meeting as we recount how we met that special person - a spouse or lifelong friend. That meeting will have happened before the magazine is distributed, as we get together each month on the first Wednesday morning. But if you fancy giving the group a try, the following one will be on Wednesday 5th November 10.30am to noon at The Old School. For more information or to let us know you plan to come please contact Carol on 814715.

TEAMS4U - LOVE IN A BOX APPEAL UPDATE

Sue Wright

I will once again be coordinating our local response to the Teams4U Christmas Shoebox appeal.

As always there are a variety of ways to get involved. You may want to complete an entire box for either a boy or girl or contribute items to be included. Financial donations would also be gratefully received.

If you have any spare empty ladies sized shoe boxes please drop them round to me at any time from now on.

Information can be found on the Teams4u website (www.teams4u.com) which has a brilliant guide on how to complete a box.

In order for me to get boxes to our local collection point I need them at the latest by **Friday 7th November**.

My address is Cherry Trees, School Lane, Ladbroke CV47 2BU.

Tel: 07768 333675 or email suewright21@googlemail.com

Please contact me for any further information or if you need me to collect completed boxes.

As always thank you in advance - the charity receives feedback that these Christmas boxes make a huge difference to children and their families - not only through the items themselves but the love and thought that they represent.

Thanks in advance.

HARBURY SOCIETY

David Turner

Sustrans Talk

Martyn Brunt came to talk to us on Tuesday 16th September about Sustrans, the charity that manages, maintains and expands the National Cycle Network. It started out as a small campaign group in Bristol called Cyclebag in the 1970s. They were upset at the changes that were happening in Bristol with major roads being developed without consideration to cyclists, pedestrians etc.



We were tested with an 'Only Connect' type quiz, with 1. an advert for Sawday's Holidays, 2. a picture of a man standing in front of a large building, 3. a picture of Wallace and Grommit and 4. a picture of Meatloaf and two other people. It transpired that the pictures referred to the four graduates who were the founders of Cyclebag which went on to become Sustrans. They were: 1. Alastair Sawday who founded Sawday's, 2. George Ferguson who became Mayor of Bristol,

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3. Dave Sproxton who went on to found Aardman Animations and 4. John Grimshaw who became the first chief executive of Sustrans, and the photo is of him, with Meatloaf and Anthea Turner, receiving a cheque for £50 million, the first big award to a charity from the National Lottery, to develop the National Cycling Network.

It began as an idea to create spaces for people, who perhaps were not very mobile, to be able get around and be safe.

He then surprised us with the news that Sustrans have just announced they have changed their name to 'Walk Wheel Cycle Trust'. 'Don't blame me' he said, but including the word 'trust' should ensure they are identified as being a charity and 'walk, wheel and cycle' speak for themselves. The aim of the WWCT is to create spaces, with better connectivity, where people can easily interact. They put pressure on authorities to implement transport and planning policies that put people first, are mindful of heritage, and create cities and towns that are inclusive and safe for all.

The National Cycle Network started in the 1990s and has gone from 500 miles to 16,575 miles today, covering the length and breadth of the UK. There has been a lot of work undertaken by Sustrans over the years to make the vast majority of it traffic-free and, although it's called the National Cycle Network, it's not only for cyclists, it's for walkers, horse riders, parents with children on scooters, people on mobility scooters - no one has priority over anyone else.

It started with the Bristol and Bath Railway Path. This was completely derelict in the early 1980s; bridges were falling apart, platforms were crumbling – a complete wreck! The Sustrans founders got together and bought it for £1, on the understanding that they take responsibility of all the infrastructure because British Railways wanted rid of it and the repairs would cost millions. Undeterred, they pressed on because they believed that, by creating a path along the Bristol to Bath railway line, the rest of the country would be impressed enough to follow suit. In reality, this did happen in some areas but not in others. It was a demonstration project, going from a derelict line to what is now the busiest cycle way in Britain, used by thousands of people every single day. It was built entirely by volunteers, no one was paid, they had work camps and they even managed to get road planings from local councils.



What Martyn tried to convey was that, although the network links different places together, the important part of the Bristol and Bath Railway Path was that couple of miles from the outskirts of Bristol to the centre, because this is where people needed to get to and which allows many people to travel there sustainably and safely.

We were shown before and after shots, taken two years apart, of the McClean Way in Walsall, which Martyn had been involved with, and had all been completed by volunteers. One of the benefits of this project was that it allowed children from a housing estate to travel safely the relatively short distance to school and avoid a dangerous road intersection known as 'Miner Island'. This was a project that the local community had requested and a lesson that Sustrans learnt was to listen to what the local community wanted, rather than to try and sell a project that they probably hadn't needed. He said that the McClean Way is not a glamorous path but it's a vital one.

If you want glamour, he recommends finding the Water Rail Way in Lincolnshire that follows the 35 mile route of the former Lincoln to Boston Railway track alongside the River Witham. The vast majority of it is greenway and the one road that it utilises is a private road that sees very little traffic. Marsh harriers and kingfishers can be seen as well as the Red Arrows that train in the area.

Wherever possible, they try to preserve the railway heritage, so platforms, signal boxes, signs etc. are retained and Sustrans doesn't attempt to hide the railway connection, because people actually like the relationship. Although Sustrans theoretically owns a lot of the railway lines, they are leased to the charity on a 999 year lease. The reason that the Department of Transport retains ownership is something called the 'Rail User Clause' which says that, if they want to re-open the line and they can make a good case for it, the line can be taken back. The Department of Transport approves of Sustrans because they keep the railway corridor intact – the land is not going to be developed with housing, retail parks etc. In the meantime Sustrans is using it as a transport corridor.

A Sustrans project closer to home is the Lias Line which runs between Rugby and Leamington Spa with a branch line going out to Long Itchington. The main line was originally a passenger line but was later used for freight and the branch line was entirely used for freight; it was there to serve the quarry. The last train ran on it in 1984 after which it quickly fell into disrepair. An HS2 grant funded the first section to compensate for the upheaval caused by that project. Sustrans surfaced the section between Long Itchington and the Fosse Way and, as a result, HS2 were impressed enough to offer another grant that would allow them to renovate the line as far as Marton.



The Lias Line before restoration



The same view after restoration

HS2 are going to build a bridge over the Fosse Way that will allow the Lias Line to connect up with the Offchurch Greenway and Warwickshire County Council is planning to spend some money improving that, which will allow a traffic-free connection between Long Itchington and Leamington Spa. Going in the other direction, the path exists almost as far as Birdingbury and continues between Birdingbury and Draycote. Sustrans are next looking at the section between Draycote and the A45, hopefully to be funded by Section 106 money from all the development that is underway in that area. There is a section to be completed near the Model Village, which is going to be complicated because of flooding and probably will be the last section to be undertaken.

When the line was closed, Network Rail ripped all the drains out which led to flooding and consequently rare newts moved in. The newts issue has been overcome by building a boardwalk with a green mesh floor which lets light through so that the newts can flourish and additional ponds have been created to increase their environment. A further complication presented itself when a weed which newts don't like proliferated, so Martyn was given the task of introducing a particular weevil that devours the weed.

Subsequently, with the weed gone, the newts eat the weevils, so it's a win-win situation. After that's completed, Martyn said that it's straightforward on to Draycote Water and then up to Rugby. He predicted that the path will be fully open within five years.

Of course, there are other projects on the go throughout the country but he finished with some facts about the network such as: 4.6 million people live within a two-minute walk of the network and 4.4 million people use the network for both leisure and for travelling to work, taking the children to school, visiting the shops etc.

Chairman Ed thanked Martyn warmly for coming to speak to us and, after answering several questions, he was enthusiastically applauded.

Harbury Society Programme

2025

Tuesday 21st October – Presentation by Bill Timson, Chair Harbury Heritage Group, entitled 'The Railway comes to Harbury'.

Tuesday 18th November – Presentation by Catherine Evans, Community and Charity Adviser for the Heart of England Co-operative Society, focusing on the history of the Heart of England Co-op Society.

2026

January – Members' social evening. Date/venue/time TBC.

Tuesday 17th February – A presentation by Steve Dean, Senior Historic Environment Advisor, on the subject of the Staffordshire Hoard.

Tuesday 17th March – Annual General Meeting followed by 'Medical Detection Dogs', a talk by Dr. Fiona Baskett.

Tuesday 21st April – Butterfly Conservation. A presentation by Mike Slater, a volunteer with Butterfly Conservation for more than 40 years.

All talks are held in the Tom Hauley Room. Doors open 7.30pm with the presentation starting at 7.45pm. Free to Harbury Society members – guests £2 (pay at the door).

Thank you to Cllr Alex Potter

We are very sorry to say goodbye to Alex Potter who has been a member of the council for several years. During his time with us, Alex was part of the playing fields inspection team who check all the equipment each week. He has been involved in organising the planting of a number of trees on village greens, and he also chaired the council's environment group which has responsibility for street lighting, roads and traffic. We are very grateful to Alex for his contribution over the last few years and wish him well in his future endeavours.

Vacancy for a Parish Councillor

Following the recent resignation of Alex Potter, we now have a vacancy for a new councillor. If you are interested in joining the council, we would like to hear from you.

The parish council is the grass roots of local government. We are best placed to listen to the concerns of local residents and understand the needs of the local community. Harbury PC has 10 councillors who are supported by the parish clerk. We provide some basic services such as maintenance of all the village greens and verges, the playing fields and play area, street lighting and the cemetery. We are consulted on all local planning applications and planning policy, traffic and highways issues, and also respond to wider consultations by the Government. We support local clubs and organisations including the village hall, the library and the tennis club as well as many smaller groups. Our work is diverse and interesting. If you want to play an active role in your local community, this is the ideal opportunity.

No special qualifications are needed to become a councillor as we need people from all walks of life with a wide range of experiences. However, you must be able to regularly attend the parish council meeting on the 4th Thursday of each month. All parish council business is conducted electronically and no hard copies of documents are provided, so you must also have access to, and be a competent user of, the internet and email.

If you would like to find out more, please contact the parish clerk, Alison Biddle, on 01926 614646 by **15th October 2025**. We are hoping to be able to co-opt someone at the October parish council meeting on 23rd October 2025.

Vacant Allotments

We currently have a couple of vacant allotments at the Pineham Farm site off South Parade. If you are interested, please email the clerk at clerk@harbury-pc.gov.uk of tel 01926 614646.

There are also some vacant plots on the Hall Lane allotments. These plots are much smaller than those at Pineham Farm but we are not currently renting them to new tenants because we are still waiting to have the wall repaired which will include the construction of a new access to the site. Unfortunately, the repairs have been delayed because planning permission is required. Initially, we were advised that this wouldn't be necessary. We are still hopeful that once planning permission is obtained, we might be able to complete these works by the end of the year. However, if you are interested in a plot on this site, you are welcome to add your name to a waiting list and we will contact you again as soon as the works have been completed and we are in a position to be able to welcome new tenants.

Christmas Lights

We are beginning to plan for the Christmas lights display again. We always need volunteers to help install the lights (and take them down again!) so if you can spare a few hours and

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would like to be involved on the day, please email Cllr Julie Balch at cllrbalch@harbury-pc.go.uk to find out more. It's usually a fun occasion, although the weather can sometimes be challenging!

New Cemetery Bench

We have recently installed a new bench in the cemetery. It's right at the very far end of the path which may seem like an odd place to put it but it's close to the section of the cemetery which is currently in use for new burials and we have sited it so it does not encroach on the burial ground. The new bench is for everyone to use but we particularly hope that our more elderly and less mobile visitors to the cemetery find it a convenient place to rest for a while.

Replacement of Stiles

Over the last couple of years, we have been replacing some of the old stiles on the field paths surrounding the village with gates which are more accessible for everyone. This work continues with the help of our local footpath volunteers and the co-operation of local landowners. Please look out for some more gates to be installed over the coming months.

HARBURY WI

Mary Thompson

Thank you to those who supported our coffee morning – we raised £129 for WI funds.



The speaker at our September meeting was Ian Scott Hunter who told us about his life as a royal footman.

He was originally from Aberdeen but was living in Wales when his second child was born. Sadly, Alexandra was very ill and the family needed to move to London. Ian was a royalist and discovered that Prince Philip was advertising for a valet. He didn't get that job but was appointed as a footman, after intensive background checks, including his mother in Aberdeen. Ian used some wonderful photographs to illustrate the eight years he spent as a footman – he also worked for Princess Alexandra for a number of years. The family had a Grace and Favour apartment in the Mews behind the palace and then a larger apartment in Hampton Court. Ian said there was a lot of initial training and he described the different uniforms – some of which were uncomfortable to wear. Ian served the royal family and their guests in Buckingham Palace, Windsor, Sandringham, Balmoral, the Royal Yacht and abroad. He told us that it took two days to lay up for a state banquet.

Although Ian isn't working for the royal family now he clearly had lots of contacts and knew what was happening. Sadly his daughter died in 2019 – Ian and his wife Rachel use these talks to raise money in her memory. They have already raised 1 million pounds to support severely disabled children. This was a really interesting talk by a very good speaker offering a rare glimpse behind the scenes of royal life. It was good to meet Rachel who showed the many colourful photographs.

At our meeting on October 9th we shall welcome John Parnell who is going to describe the trade secrets of Balloon Modelling.

The film at the September Cinema proved to be very popular and the evening was a sell-out. The next Cinema is on Saturday 18th October when we shall be showing the 2025 film "The Amateur " starring Rami Malek. The film is about a man who seeks revenge after his wife is killed. Tickets should be purchased from the village Library by 15th October.

HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

Lynn Macwhinnie

There is a wonderful buzz at rehearsals. We're fortunate to be rehearsing in the village hall so that the cast, with director Ali Hodge, and musical director Simon Stenner, can become familiar with the staging, dialogue, and singing the lively musical numbers. Meanwhile, the backstage crew are busy preparing scenery, sets, props, costumes, and planning the special effects.

Our village panto is always very popular for young and old alike, and a delightful doorway into the festive season. Evening performances are 27th, 28th, 29th November with a matinee on the 29th too.

A handy reminder to save the dates, is to take a photo of the Dick Whittington poster when you see it displayed around the village.

You can buy your e-tickets immediately from: fienta.com/o/dick-whittington/ or if you prefer the non-tech way, Harbury Village Library will be selling tickets by early November.



HTG Rehearsal Dick Whittington



FOLK CLUB

Peter Bones

The 464th meeting of the Folk Club took place on 4th September and was also the second time we met in the village library.

Before we can start the meetings in this new venue, the bookshelves and other items of furniture have to be rearranged but with the help of several willing volunteers this task was done quickly and without too much difficulty. The room soon looked ready and inviting to accommodate an audience of up to 40.

As it happened, the audience was quite small, and at the start of the evening there were only six performers. I therefore decided to have a long first half when all the perfomers were invited to present two items and in the second, shorter half, they would be invited to do one more. Not long after starting however, two more performers arrived which led to the first half being even longer.

With it being the first week of the academic term, I selected Schools and Education as the theme for the evening. Most of the performers seemed to find no difficulty in finding material that fitted the theme, and we were treated to a programme of musical items ranging from traditional to ragtime, all of which was performed to a high standard. For a list of what was performed, please see tinyurl.com/harbury-folk-club.

Everyone was in fine voice when we finished the evening at about 10.15, with the singing of the well-known parting song "Rolling Home". I think we had all enjoyed an evening of good music in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere, and appreciated the good acoustics in this new venue.

The raffle raised £70 which was donated to the Trussell Trust Food Banks. Many thanks to those who bought tickets.

With even more volunteers helping to return the room back to how it had been, this task was done in a matter of minutes. Many thanks to Michael Luntley for being instrumental in the arrangements for the folk club using this new venue, and helping us to sort out the furniture at the end.

The next folk club, which will be on 2nd October, will be hosted by Peter McDonald, and the theme will be "The Senses".



HARBURY TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Ron Temple

A bit of a quiet time for us at the moment in the Twinning Association. Our next key event is our AGM which will be held in the Tom Hauley Room on 13th November 7.30pm. Here we will agree the members of our committee but more importantly we will have an open discussion about the events that we would like to hold over the coming months. The main one of course is the visit by our friends from Samois-sur-Seine to Harbury in Spring of next year. One of the things we did for them on their last visit was a demonstration of what the English Civil War was like for the soldiers involved. We need a theme for next year.

The meeting is open to anyone that would like to join us, so please come along. We would welcome your thoughts on what we could do. Drinks, nibbles and a raffle await!

See you there.

HARBURY HERITAGE CENTRE

Bill Timson

As we move into the autumn, once again our AGM comes round and this year it is on Wednesday 22nd October at 7.30pm in the Heritage Centre, Park Lane. Any member of the public is welcome to attend this meeting and it will not last very long! In fact, just long enough to enjoy a cup of tea/coffee and a biscuit.

At the AGM we appoint officers for the coming year and we welcome new faces who might like to be part of this village group charged with the responsibility of looking after the village archives. As a volunteer you would not have to make a heavy or regular commitment but be contacted if we need extra help on a project or when other groups visit for instance. We really do need more people; particularly those with an interest in local history and those willing to find out more about our village.

The heritage collection continues to grow, thanks mainly to donated material which we copy, if it has to be returned, often brought in by visitors on an open evening. This includes information, documents and photographs etc., all of local interest.





One of our latest projects, which I mentioned briefly last month, is to update our '***P1 photograph collection***' in the form of 6 x 4 colour prints. This was an idea which was originally started by Nigel. The subject is '***Street Scenes***' most of which date back to the mid-1980s, and will now include 2025 photographs, showing changes in the last 40+ years. They are sorted into streets and roads in alphabetical order, so are easy to access.

Where possible, we have included significant buildings, as well as shops and other amenities. Shown above is the Co-op store in High Street.



A special visitor from London!

During the school holidays the Centre had a visit from a young man who was here on holiday from London. Our grandson, Leo aged 7, spent time enjoying the 'Children's Corner' colouring and completing word searches as well as looking at all of the displays. We encourage children to visit during our open days, provided they are accompanied by a responsible adult.

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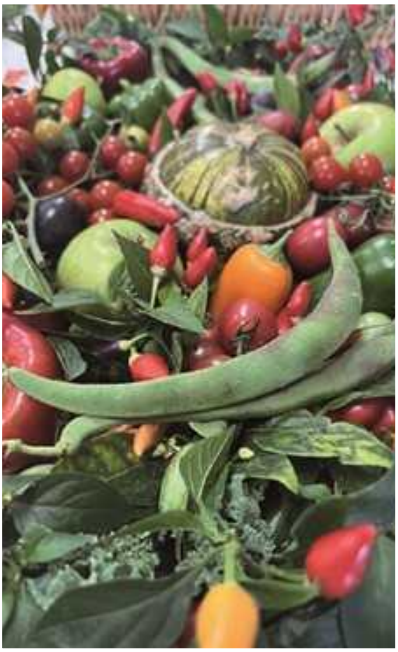




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It was fantastic to see the pub and former hotel at Depper's Bridge open its doors again on Saturday 6th September. A tremendous effort by Shane, Siobhan, Dillyn and their team to bring 'new life' into this iconic building after several years of neglect and decay. Both inside and outside the pub looks great, I hope it will go from strength to strength as the team's 'new ideas' come into play over the next few months. Congratulations to all concerned.

Treasure Hunt

Our 6th Annual Treasure Hunt took place on Sunday 21st September; the weather was perfect and we had a record 26 teams take part. I must thank all of our volunteers who very generously donated items for the 1st prize treasure chest, so much so that we had a runner's up and third prize too! The winning team was the Robertson / Clarke family with full marks. We had a five-way tie for second place, the Rousseau family came out of the hat first followed by the Bloxham Bunch.

Shown below are the winners and runners-up and children enjoying the 'Lucky Dip'.



A **BIG** thank you to all of the families who took part. We raised £150 towards the running of the Heritage Centre.

Open Days in November

We are open to the public on ***Tuesday 4th 7 – 9pm and Sunday 16th 2 – 4pm***.

If you wish to come at another time….no problem… just contact us via our website at www.harburyheritage.org.uk

Hope to see you at the AGM on the 22nd.

HARBURY E-WHEELS

Bob Sherman
harburyewheels@gmail.com www.harburyenergy.co.uk

Special fundraising Christmas concert for e-Wheels

Be ready for a great event!

Harbury e-Wheels will present a magical evening of winter and Christmas music in All Saints Church Harbury on 12th December to raise funds for the charity.

Leamington choir, 'Sing It Loud', Harbury Primary School Choir and a saxophone quartet will bring us an evening of wonderful music finishing with a rousing (that's up to you) audience singalong to well known carols.

Tickets will be on sale online at £10 (£5 children under 11 years) from early November, so look out for further announcements in Harbury and Ladbroke News, Facebook and on village noticeboards.

We are deeply grateful to 'Sing It Loud' for supporting us as their current selected local charity and enabling this concert.

HARBURY TENNIS CLUB

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

It has been an excellent summer season in the Banbury leagues. Pride of place goes to the "A" team who went into the last Division 2 match against Banbury "A" needing a win to overhaul Brackley "B". It turned out to be an extremely close match but the team of Eira Owen, Jeunine Crabtree, Sue Panton, Ben Fish, James Cattrell and Josh Marshall got a 5-4 win to become champions by 1 point and secure promotion to Division 1. The "B" team's season was even closer with Harbury and Tysoe "A" both finishing on 51 points. Harbury were denied top spot because of an inferior games difference to Tysoe but still got promoted to Division 3. The weekend team also finished in the runners-up spot to runaway winners Hook Norton "A".



Overall, a very successful and enjoyable season and thanks to everyone who played, some of whom enjoyed a pleasant end of season get together in the Shakespeare. We quickly move on and by the time you read this the first fixtures in the winter league will have been played!

The coolsportz Autumn coaching programme started with some fine weather. Our coach Ian Shorrocks is running sessions on Friday for Pickleball (3.00pm - 4.00pm), Juniors (4.00-6.00) and Adult Beginners/Rusties (6.00-7.00), and Lianne Candappa is taking the Ladies' group on Friday mornings, 9.30 - 10.30am For more details of any of the sessions, or individual lessons, please contact Lianne Candappa at: Lianne@coolsportz.co.uk or phone/text her on 07919 104093.

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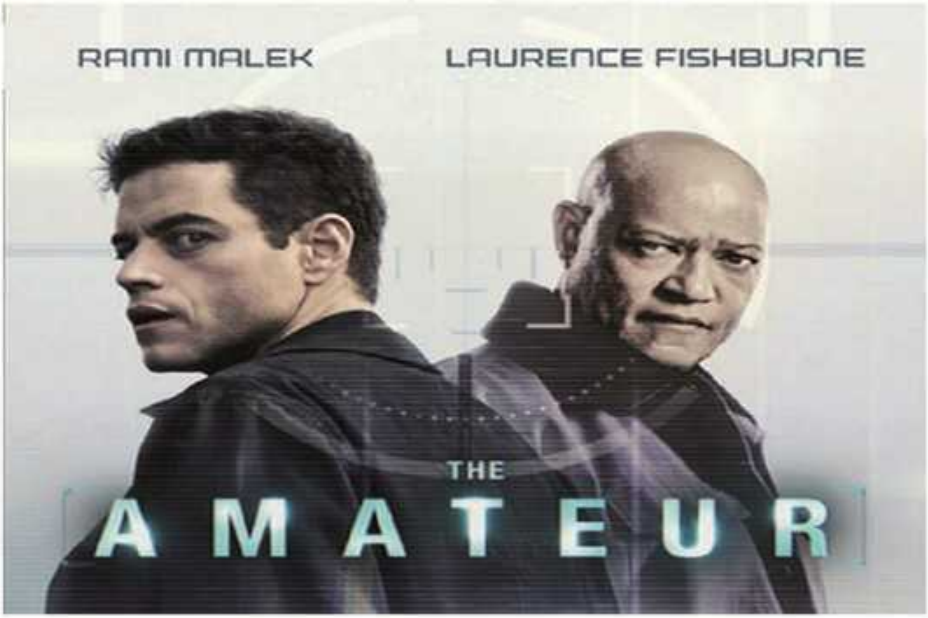
Harbury Village Cinema

Harbury Village Hall



Saturday October 18th

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1ST HARBURY RAINBOWS

Girlguiding Harbury

We've had a busy start to the new academic year across all three units and have a lot of big plans coming up. 1st Harbury Rainbows would like to invite the community to our 20th birthday party on 15th November. This will be a bring and share afternoon tea where we'd love anyone with a connection to Girlguiding past or present to come along and share some memories. Due to our increasing numbers we are looking for volunteers for all three units, both leaders and young leaders/DofE are appreciated. Please do get in touch if this interests you via harburyrainbows@outlook.com on email.

GUIDES AND SCOUTS SUPPORT

David Browne



Harbury Guides and Scouts Support will be hosting the annual Harbury Bonfire and Fireworks Night on Saturday 8th November from 5.00pm at the Village Hall and Playing Fields.

After another successful event last year, we hope you will be able to join us to enjoy the bonfire (we were one of the only local displays with one last year), a fireworks display and some food and drink from our excellent vendors to help raise funds for the scout hut, our equipment and all of the village's uniformed Scouting and Guiding groups.

As normal, tickets will be available ahead of the event but can also be purchased on the night with the car park entrance being the main route in for pre-paid ticket holders and the entrance from South Parade being for those who need to purchase on the night. Our food and drink vendors will all be located in the Village Hall car park behind the hall.

Some key details of the event:

- Gates open at 5.00pm
- For safety reasons, members of the public are not permitted to enter from behind the bonfire and through the firework display area so the **gate to Ridgley Way will be locked**.
- The bonfire will be lit at 6.00pm, fireworks display at 6.30pm. We're opening the gates earlier to allow longer for those who want food to be sure they have time to get it.
- Entrance will be £6.00 for adults, £4.00 for children (under 3s go free) at the South Parade gate.
- Tickets will be on sale at Harbury Village library from 2nd October until Friday 1st November and are on sale online (search for 'Harbury Bonfire' on www.ticketsource.co.uk).

Save up your bonfire materials and let GASS collect them from your door!

We will also be running our garden refuse/wood collection service, find all the details and application form overleaf. More forms are available from g.a.s.s.harbury@hotmail.com or if you contact us through our Facebook page (GASS Guides and Scouts Support). We have a limit on the number of collections we will be able to make so if you have any suitable wood/garden refuse please do get request forms back in early.

GASS fundraiser garden refuse and scrap wood collection service

All donations of garden rubbish and other wooden items, such as fence posts, pallets, shed panels, benches will be gratefully received and collected **from your door** by our team of volunteer bonfire builders.

- Complete and cut out the slip below or message your details on the GASS Facebook page @GASSHarbury
- Take your slip and a **generous** donation to Harbury Village Library or to 10 Dickens Road before Friday 7th November.
- Leave your pile of bonfire material within easy reach of the roadside by 9am on the morning of Saturday 8th November.
- **No** metal, soft furnishings, rubber, glass, plastic/melamine coated chipboard etc.
- **Apply early to avoid disappointment!**

Please do NOT deliver to the Village Hall car park or playing field yourselves as it may cause danger or obstruction and slow down our carefully planned operation.

Please do NOT leave any valuable wood near your bonfire wood OR label it clearly AND tell our wood collectors ON THIS BONFIRE SLIP.

Call 07792 514647 with any queries or message @GASSHarbury on Facebook.

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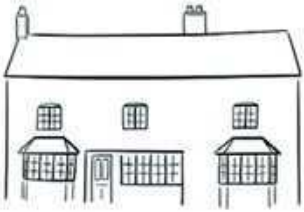

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Back to Pre-School

We were all eager to return to Pre-School after the summer break. We have welcomed some new starters and have been enjoying chatting with the children about what they did in the holidays.



A Pre-School Jungle!

The children have thoroughly enjoyed our jungle themed activities. The role play has become nature themed and is full of some wild animals. The children have been dressing up as jungle explorers and using binoculars to see what they can spot. The jungle can be quite treacherous but luckily the children have a tent to hide in.

We have been using our small group times to explore some of the jungle animals and look at their features and sounds that they make.



Outside, we have a 'river' full of dangerous 'crocodiles' so the children have been using beams and stepping stones to avoid getting snapped. Lucky for the staff, the children have been keeping us very safe and warning us to come to land every time we accidentally step in the water!

We have also acquired some monkey bars for the children to practise their climbing skills. We were so proud of how hard they tried, repeating the activity until they had mastered it!





Julia Donaldson Online

The children enjoyed an online live video with Julia Donaldson. We discussed who she was, her job and we talked about the books she wrote, including the Gruffalo and Superworm, which is one of Pre-School favourites! Before the call we tried to see if the children could remember these facts, they did a great job, especially remembering all her books.

She shared her new book, Paper Chase with us, which is a story all about two children and how paper was made; the book also told us lots of things that paper is used for.

We hope to try and make paper at Pre-school after reading about such an exciting job, so we can reuse our paper as part of being a more sustainable Pre-School.

Julia then read her other book, The Oak Tree, which is another lovely book all about an ancient oak tree and the children that played with it over the centuries.

The children all sat wonderfully and listened and we watched the illustrator draw a picture of one of the characters from the book.

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.

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

Autumn Joy



The children at Harbury have been fully embracing the beauty of autumn. From picking delicious apples and pears from our trees to collecting colourful leaves for composting, there has been a real sense of joy in the changing season. Our squashes and pumpkins are nearly ready to harvest, and we are so thankful for our environment and the opportunity to grow our own fruit and vegetables. These have even been used by our school kitchen - adding a special homegrown touch to our meals!





We are also excited to share that we have started working with a new catering company, Caterlink. They use fresh ingredients every day and even bake their own bread on site, which the children have been thoroughly enjoying.



Volunteers

Armed with their trowels, gloves, and plenty of enthusiasm, our wonderful Earthworm volunteers have been hard at work in our gardens. We are truly thankful for the time and care they give - helping our outdoor spaces flourish and

inspiring the children to value and enjoy nature. They do such a great job, and we are so grateful for their support. (There are more that aren't in the photo.)

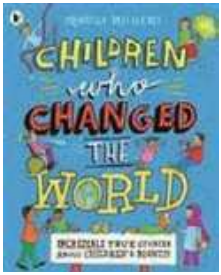


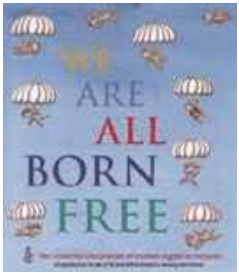
Earthworms Help

Our Hedgehog Hill needs some plants that are happy in soil on a dry bank. Things like grasses, heather, lavender etc.. As you can see, it's very sad at the moment. If you work at a nursery or garden centre or have some spares in your garden, please drop them off at school or contact Amy at earthworms3032@welearn365.com. We are hoping to soon turf it over with some wild flowers.

International Day of Peace

International Day of Peace is an important part of the calendar for our school. It represents all of our school values. The focus this year has been on The UN Rights of The Child through these lovely books. Each class is busy preparing reflections for a display and a peace pole which we will display inside school.





We are looking forward to our Harvest Festival on 3rd October at All Saints Church.

HARBURY SCHOOL PTA

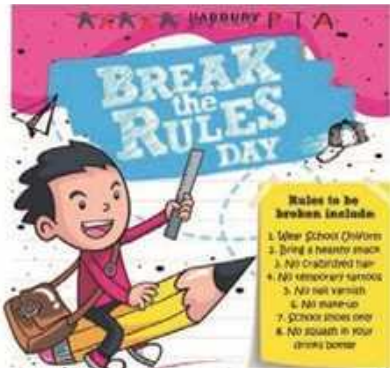
Alice Mellings

Fundraising

We want to thank The Shakespeare Pub for donating all of the entry money for Ed's leaving quiz back in September, we really appreciate this kind gesture to kick off fundraising for the 2025 new academic year.

What We Have Contributed Towards

We have donated £500 towards Year 4's WOW Day which will enrich the children's understanding of their 'invaders' topic! The PTA have also supported an art project workshop with an artist and new resources, by donating £200 for Year 6 children.



Dates for the Diary

- Our AGM will be held on the 2nd October 2025 from 7pm, all are invited to come along.
- 23rd October is BREAK THE RULES DAY, which is a highlight for the children and a lovely way to end half term.

- Friday 28th November is our annual Wreath Making Workshop. Tickets are £30 to include all materials to make your own wreath and a drink on arrival. Please email harburypta@gmail.com if you want tickets to make a beautiful wreath for the front door.

Lottery

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HARBURY LIBRARY & BIBLIO'S CAFE

Michael Luntley

At time of writing it certainly doesn't feel like autumn even if the trees are beginning to show off their colours but by time of reading, autumn will probably be well established.

And talking of 'well established'... our wonderful Biblio's Cafe is a precious thing and a powerful reason for calling in to the Library. Biblio's are on the look-out for more volunteers to help staff the cafe. If you think you could help, call in and have a chat with the Biblio's volunteers. Biblio's is open from 9.15am – noon, Wed to Fri and from 10.00am - noon on Saturdays.

Autumn brings new things going on in the library. Here are some you might not want to miss. On 17th October we have our first 'Live & Local' production of the new season. It's a powerful piece of writing from *Notnow* Collective called 'Pepper & Honey'. The show explores themes

of home and belonging and, as the poster says - 'not a dry eye left in the house'. Tickets from the Library desk or online via ticketsource - www.ticketsource.co.uk/harbury-village-library.

There are also new things going on during the Library's opening times.

'Silent Book Group'. Do you leave book reading to the evening, because it's the only quiet time, but then you're too tired to start? Well, perhaps the new 'Silent Book Group' is for you. It's for people to meet up regularly, but informally, to give themselves space and time to read with no obligation to discuss or analyse and for them to bring their own reading matter. Janice Montague has kindly offered to start this off on Thursday 9th October 2 - 3.30pm. Oh, and if you're not sure where to start, we have a lot of books ready for you to dip into. There will be opportunity for a cup of tea or coffee on arrival, but the idea is mostly to meet up with like-minded folk looking for a quiet space and time to read.

In addition, we are grateful to Ramin Shahsavar who has offered to start up a chess club on Tuesday and Friday afternoons from 1.15pm. If you want to polish your chess strategies, learn some new ones or simply have a bit of fun, do come along. Rami cannot be there every time, but will get along when possible. The chess set is waiting. Your move next. Rami has also offered to trial a guitar workshop on alternate Saturday afternoons, starting on the 4th October, 2 – 3.30pm. If you'd like to practise, improve, develop your playing, it's an opportunity for players to share licks, styles and approaches. Whether you play acoustic or electric, bring your instrument and see what you can share with others and they with you. Young players welcome, but children need to be accompanied by an adult.

Note, the Library's 'poems and a pint' continues on Tuesday 7th October at The Crown and thereafter on the first Tuesday of the month. Also, at the first meeting we changed the start time to 7.00pm from now on...the evenings are drawing in.

Looking further ahead, the season of mellow fruitfulness means there'll be a half-term 'autumn craft session' for our younger members in the last week of October. Look out for the posters advertising it on the noticeboards and social media.

Starter packs for the BBC 500 story-writing competition have now all been distributed. If your child/grandchild is writing a story, there will be a support session, in the Library, on Monday 27th October from 10.00am. Two or three of us will be available to give feedback on draft stories - plenty of time before the closing date of 7th November. We will compile a small book of all stories entered from the village. If your child/grandchild plans to enter, let them know that they can expect to see their story in print in a HVL edition of Harbury BBC 500 stories.



GARDEN JOTTINGS

Christine Dakin from Bridge Nursery



Winter is rapidly approaching (how did that happen?) and it's time to add in a few plants to give scent and/or colour through the grey months. Sarcoccoca is an excellent evergreen shrub with a strong scent, I like the slightly rude sounding name also Rubus cockburnianus which has bright silver stems (I really haven't made up the names, honestly). Try Viburnum farreri 'Nanum' a slow growing deciduous shrub with small pink flowers which thrives on the clay soil.

The garden seems to have perked up after the rain but I feel sure certain plants have died. My tulip tree has lost all the leaves and looks very stressed but there are new buds forming.

Don't forget to take hardwood cuttings, divide primroses and other perennials to plant around your garden, add compost onto the borders and rake up and add leaves to the compost bin to rot down.

It has been an odd year, it started off well but as the drought continued the plant buying decreased, which I completely understand. Consequently I shall be having a sale of some of the surplus which will include Bamboos, Shrubs and perennials all at half price all month.

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



NATURE NOTES

Martin & Amanda Randall



Swallows gathering (Martin Randall)

As we write, it´s September, and the late summer swallows sit on telephone wires like musical notes, then skim over the fields flycatching. Some are already refuelling before their southward migration, others are still raising a final brood of young. The pair nesting in our son's outhouse in the Yorkshire Dales are on their third brood this year. Many swallow pairs manage two broods but, exceptionally, in some years when there is a long productive summer, a third brood is possible. A pair needs to have successfully raised their first two broods and have the time and energy for the third. However, there are risks. As autumn approaches the days are shorter, meaning less time to forage for food and with colder, damper weather there can be fewer insects available.

That insect resource is crucial to the success of many birds, and swallows in particular will be collecting them from the pasture land where cow pats and sheep dung provide breeding grounds for their insect prey. There are a great many different species of insects to be seen feeding on dung; though we accept that watching cowpats can be regarded as rather odd behaviour - such is science!

Insect succession on cow pats is a predictable sequence of species colonising and utilising the dung as a resource. Early colonisers, like certain fly species, are attracted to fresh dung by its volatile compounds. They lay eggs in the pat, and the resulting maggots play a role in the initial breakdown of the dung. One common and familiar species is the Golden Dung Fly. A heavily male-biased sex ratio on dung pats leads to intense male-male competition for arriving females, which they capture to mate. After mating the females lay their eggs on the surface of the dung. The larve hatch one or two days later then burrow into the dung to feed. Adults of these Golden Dung Flies are primarily carnivorous, preying on smaller insects often in the surrounding vegetation. Another interesting fly that has a close relationship with this food resource is the Noon Fly. In contrast to the previous species, Noon Fly adults are nectar and pollen eaters. The female will only lay five or six eggs in her lifetime, each on a separate cow pat. The egg hatches soon after laying. However, in this case, the larvae are carnivorous

and feed on other fly larvae that are also developing within the dung.

As the dung ages and its chemical composition changes, different insects, particularly beetles, become dominant. One common group, the Aphodius dung beetles, have an interesting courtship behaviour because the males produce species-specific vibrations on the dung to attract the females. Both males and females live within the dung pat, excavating burrows as they feed and where females lay their eggs. This provides protection from the environment and from other predatory beetles for them and their larvae.



Golden dung flies (Martin Randall)

Dung beetles and other insects play a vital role in breaking down dung and returning nutrients to the ecosystem. The burrowing activities of dung beetles can improve soil structure and aeration. They can also help with the germination of some plants whose seeds have been passed through the cow, sheep or other mammal, by burying the seeds in the soil below the dung. In Australia, the introduction of livestock created an imbalance in the ecosystem due to the inability of native dung beetles to efficiently process the dung from introduced cattle. This resulted in a breeding ground for pest flies and other issues. To address this, Australia introduced foreign dung beetles from other parts of the world to help decompose the cattle dung. A good example of applying ecological knowledge to solve an environmental problem.



Noon fly (Martin Randall)



Aphodius dung beetle (Annie Smith)

The results of Butterfly Conservation's Big Butterfly count had not been published when we wrote last month's Nature Notes. The Big Butterfly Count is the UK's largest citizen science project, and this year over 125,000 volunteers each spent 15 minutes during mid-July to early August counting butterflies and day-flying moths in their local green spaces. Butterflies are key indicators of the UK's biodiversity and environmental health and this survey, carried out annually for the past 15 years, helps Butterfly Conservation understand the impacts of climate change, habitat loss, and conservation action on these species.

The 2025 results are now in, and, following the sunniest spring and hottest summer ever recorded in the UK, the numbers are a vast improvement on 2024's record lows. With 1.7 million butterflies and moths recorded, the top five species were Large White, Small White, Gatekeeper, Red Admiral and Meadow Brown. However, this year's results are a reminder of how much we still need to do if we want to restore butterfly numbers in the UK. Overall,

the results from 15 years of Big Butterfly Count have shown that more than twice as many widespread species have declined significantly than have increased, causing experts to warn that urgent measures are still needed to reverse the long-term decline in these insects. You can read more by following the links from the QR code.

Butterflies need two things to thrive: good weather and a healthy environment. Unless we take urgent action to improve the environment for our butterflies, by restoring habitats and reducing pesticide use, we are unlikely to see a great recovery in butterfly numbers, regardless of how much the sun shines. Using insecticides also kills butterflies, caterpillars, and other beneficial insects. Herbicides can kill the wildflowers and other plants that butterflies need to lay their eggs on and for their caterpillars to feed on. Systemic pesticides like Neonicotinoids remain in the environment and are absorbed by plants. They have been shown to negatively impact various wildlife, and studies have linked their use to population declines in widespread UK butterflies. This summer, Butterfly Conservation has launched a campaign asking UK retailers to remove these garden pesticides, herbicides and fungicides from their shelves and is asking the public to stop using them and opt for natural solutions instead.



HARBURY GENERAL NEWS

HARBURY DISTRICT COUNCILLOR UPDATE

District Councillor Susan Ostrander (LibDem)
(susan4harbury@gmail.com or sue.ostrander@straford-dc.gov.uk)

And so we are into the Autumn with a bang as soon as September arrived. Who else has already caved in and put the heating on? Incidentally, if anyone has concerns about putting the heating on because of costs, please see the item on Warm Homes below….

Housing Numbers – An Update

You may remember from my report last month that Stratford District Council had been in a very strong position on housing supply – with around 25 years' worth of planned housing set aside. However, recent changes to the national planning framework have moved the goalposts.

The new rules set down by the Government have increased the number of homes required and changed the way supply is calculated. A public inquiry held in September at Bordon Hill reviewed the figures, and while Stratford Council's calculation showed a 5.06-year supply, the ruling reduced this to 2.74 years – well below the required five year level.

Why does this matter? Falling short of the five year target means the district is more vulnerable to speculative housing applications. This could see more developments on the edges of villages and towns, even where they go against our local planning policies such as Neighbourhood Development Plans.

The Council is now working hard to bring the supply back up. Steps include:

- ✓ Using reserve housing sites
- ✓ Bringing empty homes back into use
- ✓ Pressing developers to get on and build homes they already have permission for, rather than leaving land unused – called land banking – which is part of what has led us here.

This is a significant challenge, but it's one that Stratford is tackling head-on to ensure that future housing is planned properly and in the right places. I am working closely with local Parish Councils to keep them up to date and work collaboratively with our communities and residents.

🔥 Warm Homes – Help with Energy Bills

As we look ahead to the colder months, Stratford-on-Avon District Council is launching a new scheme to help residents keep their homes warmer and cut the cost of energy bills.

The Warm Homes Local Grant (WHLG) is funded by the District Council, alongside support from the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero and the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. It builds on the success of the Home Upgrade Grant 2 scheme, which upgraded 98 homes in our district.

The aim is simple: to improve the comfort of some of the least energy-efficient homes, reduce fuel bills, lower carbon emissions and tackle fuel poverty.

If eligible, an assessor will visit your home to recommend the best energy efficiency measures – such as insulation or clean heating systems – which will then be installed free of charge.

You may qualify if:

✓ You own your home or rent privately

✓ Your home has an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) rating of D, E, F or G

✓ Your combined household income is under £36,000 a year, or you receive means-tested benefits

The District Council is working with E.ON and Act on Energy to deliver the scheme.

👉 Apply online: E.ON Grant Finder – www.eonenergy.com/energy-efficiency/home-grants/grant-finder.html

👉 More information: www.stratford.gov.uk/environment/energy-warmth.cfm

👉 Contact Act on Energy: **0800 988 2881** or **advice@actonenergy.org.uk**

If you think you may be eligible, do get in touch – this could make a real difference to your comfort and energy bills this winter.

🌱 Community Climate and Nature Fund – Round Three Now Open! 🌱

Do you have a green idea that could make a real difference in our community? Round Three of the Community Climate and Nature Fund (CCNF) is now open, with £150,000 available for projects across the district.

The fund is open to:

✓ Town and Parish Councils

✓ Local charities and community groups

✓ Sports clubs

Projects must meet at least one of these goals:

- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- Build resilience to climate change
- Support research that unlocks larger funding opportunities
- Enhance biodiversity

💡 **How to apply**: Email climate.emergency@stratford-dc.gov.uk and the team will guide you through the process. Further info on: www.stratford.gov.uk/environment/climate-change-fund.cfm

Applications are reviewed every three months. Upcoming deadlines are:

- 20th October 2025 (for consideration on 22nd October)
- 14th January 2026
- April 2026 (date TBC)

This is a great opportunity for local groups to secure funding for projects that benefit both people and nature – so if you've got an idea, do get in touch!

💧 Severn Trent – Tackling Wastewater Issues

In August, Severn Trent held a meeting in Wellesbourne with local environmental groups to discuss the ongoing issue of foul discharges. Alongside resident representatives, several local Liberal Democrat District Councillor's, as well as Stratford's MP, Manuella Perteghella attended.

Questions were raised about both the history of spills and how Severn Trent plans for the future. Representatives were assured there would be follow-ups, and Severn Trent were pressed for better liaison between themselves and Stratford District Council, particularly when it comes to infrastructure planning.

This is an issue that affects many of our communities, and we will continue to monitor progress and push for stronger accountability. If you look at the data available at the websites below I feel sure you will agree.

If you would like to see up to date data on the numbers of foul discharges in our local area please visit: www.stwater.co.uk/in-my-area/about-our-storm-overflow-map or top-of-the-poops.org/company/severn-trent-water

HARBURY LOCAL MARKET

Steve Ekins

The next Market is Saturday 25th October in the Village Hall 10.00am until 12.30pm.

Up to 20 stalls selling local produce, food, art and crafts. This month we are supporting Harbury Junior Football Club.

Free admission, tea/coffee and bacon rolls available.

Councillors' Corner will also be there to answer any question you may have from 10.00 to 11.00am.

We are also on Facebook @Harbury Local Market join for regular updates.

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HARBURY VILLAGE SHOW

Show Committee



The diverse talents of our local residents were put on display at the Village Show. The drought conditions over the summer obviously had some impact on the vegetable sections this year. However, losses in that area were more than made up for in the fruit and flower entries! The craft, art and photography entries were impressive, as were the flower arranging creations. In the food section there were no fewer than 13 entries for both the Victoria Sandwich and the Chocolate Chip Cookies, making them the most popular sections in this year's show. A special mention of Harbury School's Earthworms who won a cup in the novice section for their entry!



Another special mention should go to Sheila Newbold, who's basket entry was given the Horticultural Achievement Award, by the judge. This is a separate award from the Guild of Horticultural Judges which is given when they come across an exceptional exhibit!

Every year the Parish Council makes awards for the best Large and Small Allotment Plots. This year, the Allotment Association has sponsored a new trophy in memory of Terry Timms which is to be awarded to the winner of the best Small Allotment. The winner this year is Judith Cardwell who, due to prior commitments couldn't be at the show, however her grandchildren Annabelle and Edward, who help out on the allotment were there to help receive the trophy!

After this year's show, we seem to have gained a wicker basket, if it's yours please let me know! Also we have photos of all the prize winners receiving their awards, so again if you would like a copy, please contact me.

We are always pleased to welcome new members to our committee. Our aim is to offer a traditional showcase for people of the village and surrounding area, so if you would like to

join the team and help us decide what categories we can plan for next year's show, please email Gordon Robbins on g.d.robbins@outlook.com.

A huge thank you to all who entered and a special thank you to the Village Show Committee who put a lot of effort into ensuring that the show is financially viable and not least good fun to take part in! Also, thanks to the Parish Council for their grant which helps us to put the show on and keep it running every year.

A list of this year's prize winners:

Farley Cup *For the most points in the vegetable Section*	Patrick Clarke
Grey Cup *Novice Class*	Harbury School's Earthworms
All Saints Cup *For most points in fruit section*	Chris Hill
Reg Harris Cup *Best in exhibit in fruit section*	Pam Parton
Courier Cup *For most points in flower section*	Patrick Clarke
Rosamond Schofield Salver *Best exhibit in flower section*	Julie Bradford
Finch Challenge Cup *Most points 4 kinds of Veg*	Patrick Clarke
Brunton Challenge Cup *Flower Arranging*	Gillian Hare
Dorothy Groves Cup *For most points in food section.*	Rachel Bright
Top Trug/Basket Display	Sheila Newbold
Top Vase	Julie Bradford
Horticultural Society Trophy *Craft including art*	Amy Pedvin-Lewis
Rigden Cup *Photography*	Gael Conway
Barnes Cup *Best performance of exhibitor not winning another cup*	Liz McBride
WI Trophy *Member with Most points*	Gillian Hare
Harold Wilkins Cup *Most points in show*	Patrick Clarke

Young People Classes	
The John Smith Cup *Judges Choice*	Alex Edge
The Buck Trophy *For young people aged 8 to 12 years*	Luna Pinero-Rousseu
The Jean Dunn Cup *For young people aged 7 years and under*	Alex Edge
The Fred Lines Cup *For young people aged 8 to 12 years*	Wilf Stein
The Janice Siddle Trophy *Best exhibit not winning another cup*	Benjamin Roles-Wain

Allotment Holder's Prizes – Awarded by the Parish Council	
Best kept large allotment plot	Malcolm Bloxham
Highly Commended large allotment plots	Helen and Kevin McMahon
Best kept small allotment plot	Judith Cardwell
Highly Commended small allotment plots	Aaron & Kayleigh Wilson

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 2025

Gill Holden & Nicola Thompson - Poppy Appeal Organisers

Last year nationally the Poppy Appeal raised an incredible £51.4 million. Across Warwickshire the amount collected was £573,644.73 with our district, Harbury, Ufton, Chesterton raising **£2,519.55** towards this.

Whilst the 2025 appeal launches on Thursday 23rd October, unmanned collection boxes can be distributed to their collection points from 16th October and will be in place until Remembrance Sunday on 9th November.

We will again be running the appeal in our district as usual. There will be ample opportunity to buy your poppy or pin from shops, pubs and businesses in the villages and Harbury School to support the essential work of the Royal British Legion.

Payment is, as always, by donation. If you don't happen to have any cash, payments can also be made via the QR code on the poppy box. If you are not able to get to one of the shops or pubs in the village or if you are looking for something a bit different to show your support for the Legion, a wide range of products are also available online.

Visit www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/ways-to-give/shop/poppy-shop for more information.

The Royal British Legion is the country's largest Armed Forces charity with 235,000 members, 110,000 volunteers and a network of partners giving support to former military personal and their families. The RBL, either directly or indirectly, through its partner charities, runs programmes of rehabilitation and adaptation to civilian life, provides dementia care homes and gives advice on housing and legal issues. It provides support for carers, help for independent living for ex-serving personnel and much more.

We are confident that Harbury, Ufton and Chesterton will be able to support the Legion as generously as in the past and we will be working hard to make this year's appeal a success.



PONDER IN THE PUB

Fliss Harris

This new discussion group focussing on everyday questions for everyday life, hosted by All Saints', Harbury, will meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month at The Crown Inn, Harbury; 7pm for 7.30pm, closing at 9pm.

We meet for the first time on Tuesday, 28th October when the topic will be "The Reality of Evil." Everyone welcome. Please come along and join us.



SEASONAL LIGHTS

Tim Lockley

We will be putting up the seasonal lights on Saturday 29th November this year. If you are able to help for a few hours that morning please contact Cllr. Julie Balch (cllrbalch@harbury-pc.gov.uk) - the more the merrier!

WEDNESDAY WALKERS

Sheila Burtt



We've had a very successful summer of walks and we are now well into our autumn programme. So far, the weather has been kind. We had a very enjoyable lunch at the Blue Lias Inn on the 10th September after our walk in the Stockton area. We took the opportunity to thank Gillian Hare for all her involvement over many years.

Gillian set up the group with Pam Parton in 2011 and decided on the very simple format of "turn up if you want to go for a walk". Many people have enjoyed the walks over the years and new and lasting friendships have been made.

Gillian is thrilled that it is still going strong as she takes a step back from organising the walks. We would all like to pass on our thanks to Gillian and Pam and hope the group continues for many more years.

THE GREAT WESTERN

Sarah Taylor

Well, what a start to September for the Great Western! The management team of Shane, Siobhan and Dillyn, and their enthusiastic, polite and competent staff have pulled out all the stops and are really putting The Great Western on the map.

From literally turning Google Maps red on the opening day, through to showing how many different ways people can get to the Great Western – with a bus stop outside, cycle racks/routes locally, and even horses which can be accommodated along with other four-legged friends.

There is a fascinating radio interview with Siobhan on BBC CWR radio (see below) where she explains the background to the restoration of the pub and "Gwendoline" (the G-scale engine). The team have also had to navigate a day's shut down due to utility works in the road which was outside of their control but nevertheless are still smiling!

The support from the local community and beyond has been outstanding, and Shane has talked on his weekly YouTube updates about undertaking "continuous improvement" - taking on board feedback, alongside additional kitchen staff. Further updates also include a shiny new coffee-making concoction serving in-house blend "combustion coffee" as well as tea and hot chocolate (real chocolate), along with croissants/pastries from 11am (available until they are gone). The pub is now set up with free wi-fi and plug in points for "WFP" (working from the pub), a sociable alternative to "WFH" (working from home)…..

Due to some confusion between the original 'Save the Great Western' Facebook group set up by Yvonne Lanchester and the new 'Great Western' page run by the pub team, the original group has been renamed 'The Great Western Deppers Bridge Community Group'. This is not

administered directly by the GW management team, but by the community group volunteers, and both groups continue to grow day by day (now 3,000 and 4,000 members, respectively).

There is an upcoming community group meeting towards the end of September, at which the future direction for the community group will be discussed and the outcomes then shared more widely.

Thank you to everyone for their ongoing support (and if you haven't been yet – do drop in and say hi) - and to Harbury Parish Council, who supported the concept of a community-based pub from the very start!

Link to Siobhan's story and interview: www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cy4ryyvxlkro



SCAM ALERT

John Stringer

I've twice been scammed when attempting to register to pay for parking by phone. I have no memory of doing anything but paying to park.

On both occasions, £39.95 was taken from my account and my 'subscription' for monthly payments was confirmed. After a lengthy call to my credit card company the money was returned and all future payments cancelled.

Looking on Trustpilot, I see that this is a worldwide scam, catching many. In the USA and Australia, $49.95 is abstracted.

The website is flnst.com and the company is Appsility.

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Tania Martin, Senior School Appeals Officer

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To find out more, please email schoolappeals@warwickshire.gov.uk

If you have any queries regarding this request or the role, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or my colleague Jayne Comerford and we will be happy to provide any further information required.

Dear Editors

Have you heard of Warwickshire CAVA (Community and Voluntary Action)? They were a very helpful resource during the Harbury Theatre Group funding explorations for an electric lift. CAVA provide funding advice and support free of charge to voluntary and community groups. They have a free drop-in advice session (no booking necessary) on Wednesday 8th October at 1.00 – 3.00pm at the Graham Adams Centre, Southam. For more information visit wcva.org.uk

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