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## Editorial



**Processing to the War Memorial**

Well done and a thank you to all those who helped organise the various events connected with the World War 1 Centenary commemorations. They provided a fitting tribute to our villagers who paid the ultimate sacrifice in the conflict. Our thanks also to those who submitted photographs for publication which appear in the magazine.

Little ones should look out for Santa visiting Harbury with the assistance of Southam & District Lions in early December - see article for further details. In Ladbroke there is Songs and Snacks on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

Please note there are slight changes to the recycling week collection immediately after

Christmas, details follow the diary pages.

Belated congratulations to our magazine editor Katy and her husband Oly on the birth of Max Edward born in October.

January 2019 edition - The deadline for articles will be Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> December. With the Christmas and New Year holiday, the January copy will not be available from the printers until Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> and this will be distributed as soon as possible after this date.

We extend our condolences to the families of Edna Gilks and Kenneth Luke.

Finally, we wish all our readers a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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Seasons Greetings

# Harbury Diary

## DECEMBER

- Sat 1 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of MeetingPoint  
Christmas Fayre, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Village Hall
- Sun 2 **ADVENT SUNDAY**  
Holy Communion, 9.00am, (Said Service)  
'Little Saints' Service, 10.30am, followed by breakfast in the Tom Hauley Room  
Advent Evening Service, 6.00pm  
Youth Group, 7.00 - 8.30pm, Tom Hauley Room  
Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall  
Quiz in aid of Warwickshire Vision Support Charity, 7.00 for 7.30pm, Village Club
- Mon 3 Last Upholstery Class this term, 9.15am, Farley Room, Village Hall  
Martial Arts, 5.30pm, Village Hall  
Southam & District Lions Father Christmas visits Harbury from 5.30pm
- Tue 4 Pilates, 9.30am, Village Hall  
Bumps and Bundles, 10.30am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room  
MeetingPoint Christmas Lunch, 12.30pm, The Crown Inn, (booking required)  
Southam & District Lions Father Christmas visits Harbury from 5.30pm  
Heritage Room open, 6.30 - 8.30pm, Harbury School  
Holy Communion with Advent Reflection, 7.30pm
- Wed 5 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park - Wormleighton (4 miles)  
Mothers' Union Service and meeting (Christmas Activity), 2.00pm, Tom Hauley Room  
Inspire Dance, 4.30pm, Village Hall  
Ballroom Dancing, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 6 Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am  
Folk Club, 8.00pm, Village Club
- Sat 8 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Rotary Club of Southam  
Senior Citizens' Christmas Party, 5.00 for 5.30pm, Village Hall
- Sun 9 **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
Holy Communion, 8.00am  
Special Communion Service and opening of the new Memorial Garden with The Bishop of Warwick and Children's Church, 10.30am  
Messy Church, 3.00 - 5.00pm, Tom Hauley Room  
Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall

- Sun 9 Chesterton Church Candelit Carol Service, 5.00pm
- Mon 10 Martial Arts, 5.30pm, Village Hall
- Tue 11 Pilates, 9.30am, Village Hall  
Bumps and Bundles, 10.30am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room  
Holy Communion with Advent Reflection, 7.30pm
- Wed 12 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park -  
with Christmas Lunch booking essential  
Away Day, 10.00am - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room  
Inspire Dance, 4.30pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 13 Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am  
Harbury WI., 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room, Sarais Crawshaw -  
Life as a Wildlife Artist
- Fri 14 Harbury Twinning Association Christmas Party, Tom Hauley  
Room
- Sat 15 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid  
of Multiple Sclerosis  
Family Bingo, doors open 7.00, eyes down 7.30pm, Harbury  
Village Club
- Sun 16 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
Holy Communion, 8.00am  
Holy Communion, 10.30am  
Christingle Service, 4.00pm  
Carol Service at Ladbroke, 6.30pm  
Youth Group, 7.00 - 8.30pm, Tom Hauley Room  
Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall
- Mon 17 Last Posting Day for GASS Christmas Post
- Tue 18 Pilates, 9.30am, Village Hall  
Bumps and Bundles Christmas Party, 10.30am - 12 noon, Tom  
Hauley Room  
Holy Communion with Advent Reflection, 7.30pm
- Wed 19 No Wednesday Walk today  
School Service in Church, 10.30am  
Connections (Dementia) Café, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley  
Room  
Inspire Dance, 4.30pm, Village Hall  
Martial Arts, 5.30pm, Village Hall  
Beer and Carols, 7.00pm, The Crown Inn,
- Thurs 20 Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am  
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- Sat 22 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid  
of PCC / Church 'Free' coffee morning
- Sun 23 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
Holy Communion, 8.00am  
Holy Communion and Children's Church, 10.30am  
Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall
- Mon 24 **CHRISTMAS EVE**  
Dressing of the Crib Service, 1.30pm  
Village Carol Service, 5.00pm

- Mon 24 Midnight Mass, 11.15pm  
 Tue 25 **CHRISTMAS DAY**  
 Christmas Communion Service, 9.00am  
**NO** Holy Communion service this evening
- Wed 26 No Wednesday Walk today.  
 Thurs 27 **NO** Holy Communion service this morning  
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 HIGH ST OR EMAIL TO ARTICLES@HLNEWS.CO.UK BY  
 5.30PM
- Sat 29 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid  
 of Education China
- Sun 30 **FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**  
 Holy Communion, 8.00am  
 Holy Communion, 10.30am  
 Informal Service, 6.00pm

### JANUARY 2019

- Tue 1 **NO** Holy Communion Service this evening  
 Wed 2 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park -  
 Warwick Town (4 miles - flat)  
 Mothers' Union Party, 2.30pm, Tom Hauley Room (no  
 communion)
- Thurs 3 Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am  
 Folk Club, 8.00pm, Village Club
- Sat 5 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid  
 of Church Work with Children

Refuse Collection Rota			
	Deppers Bridge	Harbury, Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge outlying properties	Collection Week
December	Wed	Fri	
	5	7	Grey Bin
	12	14	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	19	21	Grey Bin
	Blue Bin Fri 28 Dec Green Bin Sat 29 Dec	Blue Bin Fri 28 Dec Green Bin Sat 29 Dec	Green & Blue Lid Bins
January	2	4	Grey Bin
	9	11	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	16	18	Grey Bin



All Saints  
HARBURY

## From the Rector

Reverend Craig Grocock

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### Advent - don't miss an opportunity!

The word "Advent" is derived from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning "coming", where Christians not only think about Christ's coming at Christmas but also about his coming again at the end of time. During the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> centuries, Advent was a season of preparation for those who were to be baptised early in the New Year. The season is given as a real opportunity for a time of reflection where (if possible) we slow down a little and take some time to contemplate what the Christmas message means for us.

The Advent season lasts for four Sundays leading up to Christmas. The new Christian year begins on Advent Sunday (2<sup>nd</sup> December) and leading up to the twelve-day celebration of Christmas itself, which lasts from Christmas Eve until the 'Epiphany' season that begins on 6<sup>th</sup> January when we remember the coming of the wise men to Bethlehem to visit the Christ child.

Advent traditionally has been a season of the year where we take time to ponder and reflect on what God's coming to us in the baby of Bethlehem really means. But it's an opportunity that we can sadly miss. I know I say this every year but December and the run-up to Christmas can be so busy that it can take real effort to stop and slow down. However, it can be so worthwhile when we do so.

The season of Advent is more than an opportunity; it is a gift to us. It invites us to take some time out to think about Jesus' coming to us, not just as an event in history, but his coming to each of us every day of the week. On Tuesday evenings during December we will be having a brief advent meditation during our short Communion service at Harbury Church at 7.30pm where we will be able to take a bit of time out and be still. You are all invited to join us for this. The whole service lasts for about half an hour - just come along for some peace and stillness, you are very welcome!

May this, the season of Advent, be a real blessing and opportunity for you as we once again prepare to celebrate Christmas with all that means!

Blessings and all good.

### From the Registers:

#### *Funerals*

24<sup>th</sup> October Edna Gilks (92 years)

26<sup>th</sup> October Kenneth William Luke (85 years)

#### *Baptism*

28<sup>th</sup> October Joseph Thomas Austin



## From the Churchwardens

Liz & Michael

Thank you to Sue Hartland and to all those who busily knitted poppies over the last umpteen months. The Church looked magnificent draped in the 2000 poppies from the tower and added greatly to the atmosphere surrounding the Remembrance Service on 11<sup>th</sup> November. Again, thanks go to Rebekah Dimmock for playing so well at the war memorial and to all the young flag bearers who played their part. The collection in Church for the Royal British Legion raised £802.31.

Bishop John Stroyan, Bishop of Warwick, will dedicate the new Memorial Garden on 9<sup>th</sup> December as part of the 10.30am Holy Communion service. We are most grateful to all those who have made this Memorial Garden possible and hope you can join us.

You should by now have received our Christmas cards with the details of the Christmas Festival both here and at Ladbroke. As with last year the start of the **Village Carol Service on Christmas Eve will be at 5pm**. The crib service at Harbury starts at 1.30pm. And Midnight Mass does not start at midnight but at 11.15pm as usual - yes, this is an Anglican Church! And **all** are welcome at the Lord's Table.

Other events around Christmas include Beer and Carols in the Crown on 19<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm and the Christingle service is at 4pm on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December when the church is bathed in candlelight and smells wonderfully of oranges!

If you have any queries or would like to volunteer to help out at Church, please do not hesitate to contact either of us.

Liz McBride (tel: 612421) or Michael Vincent (tel: 614806)



## Mothers' Union

Gillian Hare

Our AGM last month was short, informal and happily led to Chris Rutherford agreeing to continue as our leader. We then did a nostalgia quiz – did all those well remembered events happen so many years ago!

Since then, two members joined Whitnash branch to welcome a group from Kapabet Diocese in Kenya. These lovely people - the Bishop, another clergyman, a teacher and Mama Seline, brought us news of the great work done by MU members there. Mama Seline wore a beautifully tailored suit in a deep blue cotton printed with the MU logo and showed many slides showing their members all proudly wearing blue and white in various designs. Their work is mainly with families, children and schools and we felt humbled by their cheerfulness and positivity in some very hard places.

As you receive this, we shall be at the Christmas Fayre with our ever successful toiletries stall.

Our December meeting, on the 5<sup>th</sup>, will celebrate Christmas with communion at 2pm then a chance to make a table arrangement. Everything is provided – just bring scissors/secateurs.

More celebrations at our party on 2<sup>nd</sup> January at 2.30pm – games, food and a bran tub. Do invite a friend too.

We wish you all a peaceful and blessed Christmas.

## Ladbroke News & Diary

<http://www.ladbroke-pc.org.uk>

### DECEMBER

- Sun 2 ADVENT I / CHRISTINGLE**  
Family Communion followed by refreshments, 10.30am
- Mon 3 Homegroup, 8.00pm, 2 Hedges Close
- Tue 4 Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Wed 5 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 6 WI, 6.30pm, The Bell Inn
- Fri 7 Christmas Film Night, doors open 7.00pm, Village Hall
- Sat 8 Songs and Snacks, 7.30pm, Church
- Sun 9 ADVENT II**  
Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am
- Wed 12 Beer and Carols, 7.00pm, The Bell Inn  
Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall
- Sun 16 ADVENT III**  
Holy Communion (BCP), 9.00am  
Village Carol Service, 6.30pm
- Mon 17 Homegroup, 8.00pm, 2 Hedges Close
- Wed 19 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 20 ADVERTS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE TO 36 MANOR ORCHARD,  
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- Sun 23 ADVENT IV**  
Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am
- Mon 24 **CHRISTMAS EVE**  
Crib Service for children and families, 3.00pm
- Tue 25 **CHRISTMAS DAY**  
Family Communion, 10.30am
- Thurs 27 ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY PHARMACY,  
HIGH ST OR EMAIL TO ARTICLES@HLNEWS.CO.UK BY  
5.30PM
- Sun 30 CHRISTMAS 1**  
Holy Communion (said), 9.00am



**JANUARY 2019**

Wed 2 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall

Thurs 3 WI, 7.30pm, Village Hall

**Sun 6 EIPHANY**

Family Communion followed by refreshments, 10.30am

Tue 8 Photography Club meal (TBC)

Wed 9 Parish Council Meeting, 7.45pm, Village Hall

**Sun 13 CHRISTMAS III**

Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am

**Ladbroke Church News****Peter Rigby**

Remembrance Sunday on 11<sup>th</sup> November marked 100 years since the end of World War One and there were almost 100 people in Church to commemorate the event and to pay their respects to those who laid down their lives for us.

As we move into December our thoughts inevitably turn towards Christmas. All our normal services will continue during the month, and the Home Group will meet on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Monday 17<sup>th</sup>, but please note especially the following events and services:

Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> 10:30am	Christingle Family Service
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> 7.30 pm	Songs and Snacks - a concert featuring Krystal Tunnicliffe and friends
Weds 12 <sup>th</sup> 7:00pm	'Beer and Carols' at the Bell Inn
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> 6:30pm	Village Carol Service
Christmas Eve 3:00pm	Dressing of the Crib
Christmas Day 10:30am	Family Communion

**Happy Christmas!**

**LOCAL FOODBANK** - there is a facility in the village to donate any non perishable food to your local Foodbank, which supplies the area around when need arises, including Harbury. Please put your contributions into the large plastic box located inside our Parish Church open 8.30am to 5pm. Enter the main door and you will find it on your left, just in front of the red curtain. Thank you.



## Ladbroke Parish Council

Jackie West

**Official minutes can be viewed on the noticeboard by The Bell Inn or on the parish council page of the website. <https://sites.google.com/site/ladbrokevillage/parish-council/pc-meetings>**

### November 2018 Meeting Report

*(Information in italics expands on that given at the meeting).*

The meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> November started with Steven Morten being co-opted as our fifth Parish Councillor before moving onto the regular agenda items.

**Public Participation:** There has been no feedback from Environmental Health regarding the smell from "muck spreading" so, at the suggestion of the person who raised concerns, the Parish Council will contact the Environment Agency.

**SDC & WCC:** Our SDC councillor is out of action at present following an operation. At WCC several senior people are retiring or moving on, so expect more re-organisation lower down and poor handovers to new post holders! The good news is WCC finances are sound, helped by cuts to non-essential services, including having transport assistants on school transport for young children (if they can't stop at the gate, the driver now parks nearby and escorts the kids there). There is still talk of having a fire service training ground near the Southam garage... and we thought fire and petrol didn't mix.

**Finance:** Councillors discussed the budget for next year. Although a big chunk of our reserves will go on converting the street light heads to LEDs, the precept will probably stay at £5000; to be confirmed in January.

**Planning:** SDC had approved tree works at The Old Well House and Langford Cottage but rejected the new homes behind The Bell Inn. The council had no objection to the proposed disabled access and toilet at the Village Hall but will object to the huge new development at Dallas Burston polo grounds (ref 16/00775/OUT) for up to 700 homes, primary school, 100 bed hotel, 80 bed care home etc - on grounds of impact on local infrastructure and that it is not in the core strategy.

**Highways:** You may have seen the tyre marks or heard the noise - someone has been doing wheelies/doughnuts/handbrake turns at both entrances to the bypass. This will be reported to the police.

**Flooding:** Most of the practical work is done but a letter for homeowners to pass to their insurers, about the study and investment in anti-flooding measures, has still not been received, despite being told that it has been passed by WCC legal dept.

**Broadband:** Frustration and disappointment! We are now told that a major part of the infrastructure is missing (*not enough fibre to the premises capacity between Leamington and Southam*) with no date for it being provided.

**HS2:** There had been two public events in Southam, the second much better due to the numbers and experience of HS2 and contractors' staff there. In addition there have been two meetings with representatives from local councils. Our area is complex because the start of the tunnel under Long Itchington Wood is the handover point between the two main contractors and also the two different contractors for the enabling works.

Work on the A423 bridge will be done off line, starting summer 2019, and once complete contractors will create an access road to haul materials alongside the line of the HS2 trackbed, passing underneath this and other bridges. Most construction work will be done 8am-8pm but the grading unit at Harp Farm will sieve extracted material 24 hours a day.

Of concern are:

- the road closures associated with surveying initially and subsequently the works to bring in power from the substation at Bishops Itchington to the tunnel entrance (*this power is needed for the tunnel boring machine during construction and for fans, lighting etc during operation*). Ladbroke residents should have received a notification of the initial closures and the signposted diversion route.
- with all the staff changes at HS2 our select committee petitioning may be forgotten. We were told various aspects not specifically mentioned in the environmental statement would be thought of when doing the enabling works and detailed planning. So, rather than the proposed Ladbroke meeting covering similar ground to the public events in Southam, councillors will request it involves the relevant parties and specifically reviews the implementation of the petition - what is being done to protect our local environment? The meeting must have HS2 and WCC present as they are responsible for various aspects.

**Grant request from VASA:** Each parish council has been asked to give £500 towards voluntary transport - this is 10% of our precept so rather than say yes, the clerk will enquire how many Ladbroke residents have benefited from it.

**Speeding:** The cost of a speed gun and Cubbington's experiences of volunteer speed checks will be investigated.

**St James School Southam:** This joined the Diocese of Coventry's Multi-Academy Trust (MAT) in September.

**Next meeting:** 9<sup>th</sup> January, 7.45pm.



The speaker at our November meeting in Ladbroke Village Hall on the 1<sup>st</sup> was Dr Rae Ritchie, an academic historian who has taught British, American and gender history and researched women's lives in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. Her particular interest is in fashion and the way women have been depicted in magazines over the years.

Dr Rae compared the lives of two prominent women, Queen Victoria whose existence was all that seemed 'proper', to Georgiana, Duchess of Devonshire, who ran up gambling debts and had an affair with a politician. Both of these women have been immortalised in film but Dr Rae felt that the films reflected how we think now rather than how it was then.

At this stage many women worked at cottage industries in the home but in the late 18<sup>th</sup> century with the industrial revolution many women went out to work for a wage. These women worked long hours in dangerous occupations and it was many years before their rights were recognised. The loss of a job for unmarried or widowed women could result in being incarcerated in the Poor House where their clothes were taken away and they were all dressed the same.

Upper and middle class women, who remained in the home, were seen as a calming influence for men and cultivated domestic crafts like sewing and music. Over time they took these moralising influences further afield into prisons and started Sunday schools and improved education for girls.

Making a 'good marriage' was the thing to be strived for.

Dr Rae instanced many prominent women who had an influence on the lives of women, which led to the suffrage movement in the 1860s. It is amazing that it took until 1918 to give women over 30 the right to vote and another 10 years before the age was dropped to 21 years.

Anyone wishing to contact Dr Rae could do so at [rae@ritchie.com](mailto:rae@ritchie.com)

Hazel then chaired her first Ladbroke business meeting.

The date for planting 100 bulbs at the entrances to the village was agreed. These will mark the centenary of Warwickshire WIs.

### **Dates for your diary:**

The Carol Service was confirmed on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December in Priors Marston Church.

Federation meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at the Dallas Burston grounds.

The Group Meeting will also be at Priors Marston on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019 when the speaker will depict Lady Denman.

Our December meeting is a dinner at The Bell on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm.

The next meeting will be on 3<sup>rd</sup> January when Betty Winkfield will bring 'Call the Midwife' to life with her experiences in the 1950s. All welcome.



## Ladbroke Matters

David Wright

The Ladbroke Matters team is responsible for the upkeep of the Village Hall and Millennium Green. To help with this we organise regular fundraising events so that we can continue to offer both of these resources for the benefit of our community.



**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December** is the date set for our **Christmas Film Night**. It will be a screening of ***Finding Your Feet***. Come and join us for a two-course meal including seasonal puddings. Tickets will be £15 and include a glass of wine/soft drink as a thank you to all our filmgoers who make these occasions so successful. Doors open and food served 7pm. Film screening 8pm. Tickets from Nicky Lewis on 815196 or [nicolalewis24@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:nicolalewis24@tiscali.co.uk)

**2019** We have a great programme lined up for 2019 including our regular **film nights**, our popular **summer barbeque** with a live band, the **Last Night of the Proms** (again), and a **quiz night**. We'll let you have further details and dates soon.



Don't forget that you can hire the Village Hall for your party or celebration at a very reasonable rate. We have a kitchen, and room for up to 80 people. To book your special occasion contact Nicky (tel 815196 or email [nicolalewis24@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:nicolalewis24@tiscali.co.uk))



Thanks to all of you who have helped with and supported our events over the past year. None of them would have happened without you! We wish you all a peaceful Christmas and hope to see you again in 2019.

If you would like to join the Ladbroke Matters team, have any suggestions for future events, or any other comments please contact the Trustees (details on the Ladbroke website).

### Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Draw for October 2018

£50	Sheena Healey	£50	Sue Lord
£25	Jim and Pauline Laidler	£25	Helen Ballard
£25	Carol Lane	£10	Wild Indians
£10	Lorna Carleton	£10	Beverley Bradley
£10	Martin and Debra Neal	£10	Susan Moore

**Margaret Bosworth**





## Ladbroke Photography Club

Kip Warr

Night Photography was the subject for both the competition and phototopic at our November meeting. The bonfire, sparklers and fireworks were popular subjects, as were sunsets and the moon and stars. Our two worthy large-print winning entries are shown here, both conveying atmosphere and drama. Thinking ahead we pooled ideas for future meetings; there will be plenty of variety in our programme for 2019.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> December when we shall have a talk by wildlife photographer George Blake. Visitors are invited to join us in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. In January we shall meet up for our annual mid-winter meal. In February we shall hold our AGM followed by a session painting with light (always fun). Visitors and guests are welcome at our meetings which are usually at 7.30pm on the second Tuesday of the month; for more information see our website ([tinyurl.com/ladbrokephoto](http://tinyurl.com/ladbrokephoto)) or contact [jackieszzone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jackieszzone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk)



**Lifeboat Night Landing by  
Tony Mancell**



**Resting after a Hard  
Day's Work by  
David Hannan**





## Ladbroke General Section

### All Saints for All Generations

Back in August 2018 it was announced that the All Saints for All Generations project to repair Ladbroke Church and share its heritage had successfully bid for initial funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund. Development funding of £47,000 was awarded to help the church progress its project plans in order to apply for a full lottery grant at a later date. In order to submit a strong application next year for the full grant, a plan will need to be in place to offer a range of activities to a diverse audience aimed at encouraging and enabling people to find out about, share and enjoy Ladbroke's rich heritage.

Following a well-attended presentation to members of the village at the end of August, a small activities team was established and has been meeting regularly to develop and implement ideas to encourage wider community interest and involvement. We are developing projects to engage local schools, care homes and support groups, visitors, scout and guide groups and a wide variety of special interest groups such as local history societies, photography clubs, walking and rambling groups and raise awareness and interest in the wonderful heritage of Ladbroke's church, village and natural environment. If you would like to be involved, we are looking for anyone who can offer skills, experience, contacts and ideas to help us develop our plans further. Please contact: Jackie West by email at: [jackieszone-heritage@yahoo.com](mailto:jackieszone-heritage@yahoo.com)

They are probably not reading this but if you know of any young people who are doing their Duke of Edinburgh award in 2019, 2020 or 2021, the project offers many and varied, volunteering opportunities and we'd love to hear from them too. Meanwhile meet our latest recruit - he hopes to have his own web page in future, but needs help from someone computer savvy



**Caryl Thomson**

### 🎵🎵 Songs and Snacks – Christmas Edition, 8<sup>th</sup> December

Once again, Ladbroke Church will be filled with wonderful music thanks to pianist Krystal Tunnicliffe and sopranos Sian Dicker and Harriet Burns. I've had a sneak preview of the programme – classical, opera, traditional songs, musicals, an encore of Adelaide's Wedding (I wonder if Sian sang that to the Llangollen Eisteddfod in 2017) and many carols.

Do join us for the concert on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>, starting at 7.30pm. No tickets are required and admission is free but donations will be gratefully received.

**Jackie West**



## Harbury Parish Council

Linda Ridgley  
Harbury News Correspondent

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### November 2018 Meeting Report

**Planning** - matters of various kinds dominated this meeting, but as issues were dealt with, the large audience gradually faded away until only politicians and a very few others were left.

Adrian Lewis, Mrs Flower and Linda Ridgley, explained why neighbours objected to revived plans for a new dwelling in the front garden of 1 Farm Close citing the previous rejection; the loss of mature trees and garden space; and impact on the Conservation Area. Cllrs objected with concerns on: potential damage to the Conservation Area, views of Farm Street, small site, loss of garden space; all of which were contrary to elements of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Next was a plea from residents of Bush Heath Lane that the Parish Council reject the Henry's developer's plans for two street lights which would shine into their properties on either side of the road. The Councillors were urged to demand just one light placed centrally at the entrance and the Council, which is responsible for funding and maintaining street lights, agreed to this.

Patrick Tanner presented revised plans for a modest, eco-friendly, self-build dwelling on the side garden of 43 Manor Road for his daughter. Although she was born in the village and registered on the housing list, she had been unable to find a home. He argued that the dwelling met the criteria in the Neighbourhood Plan and the parking area had been increased.

Chairman Tim Lockley pointed out the Council had not objected to the initial application and would not object to this one as it complied with the NDP. They would however want a Local Need Covenant applied to the dwelling to ensure it remained as a home for a local family. After further discussion the Council agreed to support the application.

Adam Moore then presented the case for an expansion of the caravan site at Churchlands explaining that it had accommodated workers dealing with the cutting collapse. In reply to Cllr Rutherford he said at present sewage was contained in a septic tank. The Councillors had questions about the need for more caravans, and reiterated their demand, endorsed by County Highways, that no further development could take place until a footway had been constructed to Hall Lane. This demand was included in their response to the proposal.

Plans by Dallas Burston for a huge new estate to be built over the HS2 Tunnel were rubbished by Councillors who saw no need for extra housing which would be close to Southam but with poor connectivity and would only further exacerbate traffic congestion on local roads. The plans were similar to previous applications with only minor changes. They objected on the grounds of extra traffic and the further burden on the Fosse Way, lack of connectivity,

pressure on places at Southam schools and the achievement of Core Strategy housing totals. They did not like it!

They made no representation on thoughtful plans for repairs to the listed Stonehouse in Mill Street.

**Out of Council:** No representation was made on: the felling of a weeping pear at Mill Lane Windmill or more crown reduction on poplars and reshaping of a silver birch at Lorne Cottage.

The Council had objected to HS2's latest plans for undergrounding an electricity cable to the proposed railway tunnel at Ufton Wood as "there is no traffic management plan to mitigate the impact on local roads, in particular with reference to HGVs leaving the M40 at J12".

District Councillor Jacqui Harris said MP Jeremy Wright was involved in dealing with the County Council and HS2 over the lack of updates to the Parishes on the project. County Councillor Bob Stevens implied this was due to the imminent retirement of up to 6 Senior WCC Officers and promised to tell the Parish what was happening with HS2 when they told him!

The Chairman and Cllr Summers urged all residents to vote in favour of Harbury's Neighbourhood Plan, with the Chairman quipping, "Vote Early, Vote Often!"

**Parish Council Assets** - A survey of the Burial Grounds reveals that there are still a potential of 47 plots to be used, giving up to 7 years before the Cemetery is full. The Council is working to update its policy on the purchase of multiple plots which is normally restricted to two.

Viability tests were proposed for a soakaway to deal with rainwater from the chapel roof. Cllr Summers and her volunteers were still working; weeding in the Burial Grounds.

Cllr Gibb, reprising the decision on street lighting for the Henry's development dubbed it the "one lamp solution" but was warned that, as the developer appeared to be working on this now, he should "step in quickly". Our Council maintains our footway lighting and pays for the electricity.

Cllr Gibb liaised with WCC Transport Officers and reported that they have some funding in place to support the 665 bus, but from 5<sup>th</sup> January it "will not operate on the current basis". However they hope to be able to keep the weekday buses and will let Chris know when new timetables are available for him to publicise the changes.

**Parish Council Financial Matters** - All but 10% of the Parish Council's Grant Fund has been used up. My apologies for raising the hopes of the PTA about their application last month.

As the Southam Volunteer Transport Project had only been used by our villagers for six journeys, the Council decided not to renew its £560 annual contribution which had, in any case, had been on a trial basis. Cllrs agreed that Harbury's own e-Wheels project was better used and more deserving.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2019, 7.30pm in Harbury Village Hall.

**Current Parish Council members contactable via the Parish Office are:**

Tim Lockley (Chairman), Keith Thompson (Vice-Chair), Samantha Allen, Chris Christou, Steve Ekins, Chris Gibb, Tony Mancell, Andrew Rutherford, Pat Summers, Janet Thornley

## Parish Council Elections 2019

**Planning** - buses - **traffic** - bus shelters - **street lights** - carnivals and festivals - **library** - playing fields - **litter bins and benches** - play areas - **cemetery** - allotments - **Christmas lights** - grants for local organisations - **village greens and verges**.

All of these things affect our everyday lives and are provided or supported by your parish council. Would you like to be more involved? Do you have a few hours to give? Are you keen to find new ways to support and improve village life? If so, have you thought about becoming a parish councillor? No special qualifications are required as training will be provided but you will need to have access to email and the internet. We are looking for people of all ages from all walks of life with a range of different skills and experiences.

The next parish council election takes place in May 2019. It sounds like a long way off but it will soon come round so if you are interested, please start thinking about it now. Please contact Alison Biddle on 01926 614646 for more information or call into the parish council office in Church Terrace. We are looking forward to hearing from you.

**Harbury Parish Council**



As well as being a very good storyteller, Susan is a considerable artist, and brought along some of her books, paintings and greetings cards. The failure of the projection system made little difference to the audience's enjoyment and amazement at Susan's revelations about her very alternative parents. So let's start with them.

Dorothy and Reg Calvert married in 1946 and lived for some time in an orchard in an old bus converted into a mobile caravan. Reg was dyslexic but surrounded himself with musicians and learned to play clarinet, saxophone and piano.

From an early age he was an entrepreneur, selling popcorn on a market stall and repairing a radiogram to broadcast (illegally). He became a radio and TV engineer and imported Rock & Roll records from America and began training lads to play Rock & Roll.

By 1960 Reg was a big name on Southern TV and nightclubs in France and Germany with Rock & Roll bands. He bought Clifton Hall near Rugby, known as the "School of Rock & Roll" and employed the best musicians to back the US Artists. Reg's Clifton Hall "boys" had to work hard and he would not tolerate swearing, alcohol, drugs or girls.

Screaming Lord Sutch was Reg's best friend. "Sutch", as part of a publicity stunt, was persuaded to stand for parliament on a manifesto written by Reg, which promised the vote for teenagers.

By 1964 Radio Caroline was broadcasting from a ship outside the ten mile limit. Reg wanted his own pirate radio but he did not have a boat, so he sailed up and down the Thames with Sutch playing records. Finally he found an old Fort in the Thames Estuary at "Shivering Sands" and set up Radio City.

Radio Caroline, in financial trouble, wanted to amalgamate with Radio City - it was cheaper to run than a ship and had a better transmitter. Then things got very dark when a Major Smedley came on the scene. He hijacked the Fort and later shot Reg dead. Major Smedley went to prison for a short time but the police evidence "went missing" and Reg was made out to have been violent. A "D" Notice was put on the whole affair so that what evidence the police did have was not made available for 40 years.

Susan has written everything up as a biographical novel, although it is a true story. Her book costs £16.50 on Amazon and Kindle.

Our next talk is on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February** 7.30 for 8pm in the Tom Hauley Room when Sheila Woolfe will tell us about the American heiresses who married into our upper classes and, in doing so, saved many of our country houses. Title of talk:- "Here Come the Girls".

	<b>Harbury Women's Institute</b>	<b>Mary Thompson</b>
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The AGM was held on 8<sup>th</sup> November with little change to our committee and officers.

Ann Mayer was re-elected as president. Hilary Scott - secretary and Gill Thorpe - treasurer.

Committee members are Sue Coupe, Maureen Handle, Lin Hayes, Chris Rutherford, and Mary Thompson.

Ann thanked committee members for their support during the past year and also thanked Pauline Smith who has decided to stand down from the committee after serving for some time.

Members have continued to do "good deeds" as part of celebrations for our centenary. A new bench has been purchased for the Old New Inn green. We provided refreshments for the Festival of Remembrance on 9<sup>th</sup> November - the £90 in donations we received were given to the Royal British Legion Poppy fund.

A group of members helped with Church lunches on 17<sup>th</sup> November - no charge was made and donations of £192.50 were given to the Tom Hauley room. Thanks to Lin Hayes and her team for their hard work.

Another group of members have helped children from Harbury School make a banner to take to the Diocesan schools' service at Coventry Cathedral on 28<sup>th</sup> November.

Two members attended a lunch organized by the Warwickshire Federation in Rowington. The speaker was Ruth Rogers who was the head of Joey in the musical "War Horse" from 2009 to 2011 in the West End. She described how she attended a two-week puppet school before the actors arrived. There have been 15 Joey puppets all made in Johannesburg from bamboo canes. There are three puppeteers – two inside and one outside to support Joey's head which weighs 7.5kg. Ruth emphasized that the puppeteers were performing as a horse and little was choreographed. She then spent two years supervising the puppeteers. Ruth was an excellent speaker and demonstrated some amazing horse noises. Ruth is now the artistic director of The Canvas in East London - a café and work space that hosts workshops and live art events.

On 15<sup>th</sup> November members met together at the Village Club for an indoor games evening. We played curling, jenga, tiddlywinks, pin ball and other games. A most enjoyable evening - thanks to Lin Hayes for her organization.

Our Christmas meeting will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> December when Sarais Crawshaw will be talking about Life as a Wildlife Artist. Visitors are always welcome.



### **Fake Review of "Intimate Exchanges"**

Unfortunately, the Harbury News has gone to press on the same day as our first performance. So, I'm being on trend (I think that's what the young folk say). Here is a "Fake News" critique of our show. Before I go much further, I must say that the views stated here are mine personally and no other member of HTG wishes to be associated with them at all.

"Even we were surprised by our first night reaction. The crowds were overwhelming and riot Police would have been deployed had there been any available. The cast were magnificent. I'm just amazed they took any notice of the Director. Trust me if I'd been on stage I wouldn't have bothered. Lines remembered, acting and breathing we've never manged that before. All this does is put pressure on those of us that missed the final cut".

Enough of this nonsense!

HTG always does its best to entertain you. Thank you if you came, we really appreciate your support. If you didn't come you missed a treat. Honest!

**Your Unbiased Producer  
Brian Trump**





## Folk Club

Peter McDonald

With a noticeable change in our weather, my mind went to thoughts of temperature when setting a theme for the November meeting of the Folk Club. I chose the theme "Hot and Cold" and, of course, the singers interpreted this in many different ways.

I opened the evening with Allan Taylor's 'Lady Take Your Time' and then vacated the 'stage' for Janny and Maureen. Their first song was 'Horncastle Fair' then, for their second, they were joined by Margaret for 'Minnie Sherva's Cradle Song', beautifully sung in close harmony in a rather strange dialect. The band known as 'Ragged Round the Edges' (alias Sue, Sally and Robin) were next up with the traditional 'Cold, Haily, Windy Night' and then 'Ladies in Waiting' by the late Maartin Allcock. Poacher's Pocket (Campbell and Colin) went on next featuring Campbell's banjo on 'Wind will still blow' and his accordion on 'Looking for some loving tonight'. Keith Donnelly made a rare appearance in the early part of the evening as he finished the first half with two self-penned songs, 'Only when the moon' (with an impossibly complicated time signature) and 'Freemantle Sand'.

The Folk Club Choir started the second half with two songs related to the First World War - 'Only Remembered' (as adapted by John Tams for the stage production of 'War Horse') and 'Home, Lads, Home' where the writer dreams of the return of both men and horses from the war. I followed with 'Some People Cry' which draws attention to the cold weather endured by these who have to sleep on the streets. Sue Crum, accompanied by Ted, sang 'Punch and Judy Man' (before anyone else could), recalling the seaside entertainer in warmer seasons, while Ted followed with 'Wife of the Soldier', an unusual Bertolt Brecht song with an original accompaniment on melodeon. Also demonstrating instrumental skills was Rik who played concertina for Joni Mitchell's 'Urge for Going' after giving us 'Butter and Cheese and All'. Martin sang 'Cold Winds' then followed with 'Everything Glows', a Les Barker spoof (on a Cole Porter ballad) which imagines the possible consequences of living too near to Sellafield. Ian and Sue, playing guitar and banjo respectively, brought the second half to a close with two American songs, 'Willy Moore' and 'Hand me down my walking cane', both including the obligatory temperature words.

There was still plenty of music to go and a large proportion of the audience made the wise decision to stay for the third half. Pete Bones got the ball rolling with two funny songs. He was obviously pleased that the Kipper Family's 'Rusty Cold Farmer' had one of the theme words in its title and also included some classic lines like "I don't say a lot but I thinks it". He followed that with the 'Bundling Song' about the challenges of developing a romantic relationship tied up in a sack. John Zetterstrom was up next with two of his own novelty songs, 'I've got a song' and 'Mosquitoes'. Once again, Don demonstrated his considerable guitar skill with The Doors' 'Light My Fire',

followed by the somewhat older standard, 'Cry Me a River'. Peter Mason chose a great James Taylor number, 'Frozen Man', and then Fred Wedlock's hilarious song, 'Early One Evening', about a traveller who misguidedly hopes to enjoy some traditional pub hospitality. It was left to Dave Fry to close the evening for us, first with 'Cinderella Shoes' and then 'The Rose of Allandale', a great chorus song which allowed the rest of us to join in and raise the roof. Hopefully the Village Club suffered no serious structural damage.

Our charity raffle raised a magnificent £101 which was split between Cancer Research UK and Ovacome, a charity which funds research and supports people affected by ovarian cancer. The next Folk Club, at 8pm on 6<sup>th</sup> December, will be led by Doug and Janny with the theme of "Traditions".



The Harbury Twinning Association held their Annual General Meeting in the Tom Hauley Room on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

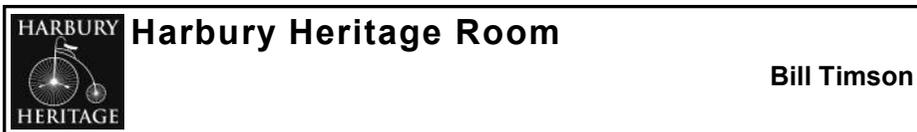
In his Chairman's report, Richard Marshall-Hardy outlined the many activities that the Association had undertaken during the year and also presented the audited financial report.

The members praised Richard for the work he had done as Chairman and Treasurer and re-elected him to both offices for a further twelve months.

We welcomed the new members who joined our Association at the AGM and hope they will enjoy our events.

Last year our Australian based Christmas party was so successful that we decided to follow the practice and have an alternative theme, so we have chosen a Mexican theme for our Christmas party in the Tom Hauley Room on Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> December.

Once again, we are grateful to June and David Eaves who will be opening their home for us to celebrate Fete des Jour (the festival of the three kings) on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> January. A day earlier than usual but a day on which the event is celebrated in many countries.



I have just arrived home from the Remembrance Service held at All Saints Church and the War Memorial in Crown Street. This year it was especially poignant as we mark 100 years since the end of the Great War. In the Heritage Room based at the Primary School, (entrance via Mill Street), we have a vast collection of documents, photographs, DVDs, maps and memorabilia all relating to the village of Harbury and its people. Amongst them are copies of the WW1 Memorial Trail including the Blue Plaque trail

honouring the fallen of Harbury. This information is available on the Parish web site at [www.harbury-pc.gov.uk](http://www.harbury-pc.gov.uk).

After the service, I had the privilege of meeting the great granddaughter of Private Charles Bird. A Harbury man, Charles lived in Yew Tree Cottage in Mill Street and later the family moved next door to what is now known as 'Birds Cottage'. Charles died in battle and is honoured not by a blue plaque, but by having a road named after him on the Oakfield's development off Bush Heath Lane.

On a Happier Note we will soon be welcoming this Gentleman once again!

So from all of us involved in the Heritage Room, may we wish you a very peaceful and enjoyable Christmas and Best wishes for the New Year.



If you visit our website at [www.harburyheritage.org.uk](http://www.harburyheritage.org.uk) you will see that you are able to view 'thumbnails' of many of the early photographs we have available to view. If you want to see the original or would like a copy you will have to visit the Room **which is open on the first Tuesday of each month from 6.30 to 8.30pm**, or by appointment at other times. We would be delighted to see you!

To contact us please use our email – [group@harburyheritage.org.uk](mailto:group@harburyheritage.org.uk)

**Please note: next opening dates - Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December and Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019, both 6.30 to 8.30pm.**

	<h2>Harbury Energy Initiative</h2>	<p><b>Bob Sherman</b></p>
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### HEI gets wasted

Time spent on waste is rarely wasted. Which is why a bunch of us, half from HEI and half from Harbury Society, went to see how Veolia manage waste at their Materials Recycling Facility in Staffordshire. It was extremely impressive. The site takes waste (excluding paper and card) from Birmingham, Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin, processing 50,000 tonnes of waste a year. Nothing is shipped abroad for reprocessing and they are almost at the stage of sending nothing to landfill. Aluminium cans are reprocessed so regularly that they can be used and back for reprocessing within 12 weeks of having left the plant in perhaps an endless cycle. Undersized glass particles go to Liverpool to be turned into insulation board. Anything non-recyclable goes across the road to their waste to energy incinerator, which generates

40MW of electricity an hour. Chemicals in the exhaust gases are reclaimed and the emissions cleaned to the point where only water vapour leaves the chimney. 'We are making nothing more toxic than clouds', the manager told us. Any metal fragments are removed from the ash and what is left is used as a road sub-base material. Even waste paint can be reclaimed and Veolia are hoping soon to launch their own range with B&Q.

Dealing with waste is an enormous problem in Britain as everywhere else. It uses a great deal of energy. We can no longer dump our waste out of sight in China, Vietnam or Poland. As individuals and families our responsibility is to reduce the waste we bring into the house, sort such waste as remains carefully and try to recycle or re-use as much as we can. Veolia had a few tips for us:

- Paper and card needs to be clean. Food soiled cardboard (pizza boxes etc) should go in the grey bin.
- Butter and spread tubs should not be recycled and any black plastic containers cannot be detected by the current computerised equipment in use.
- Removing the screw cap on non-corked wine bottles isn't enough. The whole of the alloy sleeve needs removing. Otherwise the bottle neck does not shatter in the tumbler and remains intact.

Please note that our waste is managed by Biffa not Veolia and they may use different processes. Let's hope they are at least as efficient.

Warwickshire County Council run an excellent programme called 'Slim Your Bin' (<https://warwickshire.slim-your-bin.com>). It is also available as an app. It helps you monitor week by week how well you are recycling. If you are one of the most successful in any month, you can win vouchers. It's not that hard; I have had £40 in vouchers myself so far.

### **Solar school**

We are well into discussions on our next project, which is to put some solar panels onto the school roof as a further efficiency measure after the success of the LED lighting. We are working with the governors and a company called INECO Energy. We have a plan but that's as much as I am going to tell you at the moment. We will see what happens. I have run out of fingers to cross.

### **E-Car upgrade**

On 19<sup>th</sup> November Doug Freeman and I drove one of Harbury's electric cars to Birmingham Airport to swap it at Europcar's office there for a new longer range model. The new car should do at least 180 miles on a full charge in summer, which should answer all those who



have 'range anxiety'. Fancy a go? It's waiting for you. You have to be an E-Car Club member first, however.

Since I have your attention, rapt or not, let me wish you all a Happy Christmas from all at HEI.

**Bob Sherman - Tel: 612277**

**email: info@harburyenergy.co.uk www.harburyenergy.co.uk**





## Guides and Scouts Support

**Laura Harris**  
**G.A.S.S. Committee**

It has been a very busy autumn for the new GASS committee and we have collected more pallets, dished out more bangers and carted more "Guys" and "Tommies" around the village than ever before!

With all our main events coming in quick succession from the beer festival in September, the village bonfire and firework display in November, the remembrance parade and the centenary beacon event just one week after that, not to mention the formation of a whole new uniformed group, it has been a very busy time.

Our new Chair, Rosanna, has managed everything brilliantly though and with more social media presence than ever before we hope the village is now well aware of what we do in the community. We intend to keep you all updated on why we raise all this money and how we spend it to maintain the scout hut and provide Guide and Scouting activities for Harbury children.

### **Bonfire and Fireworks**

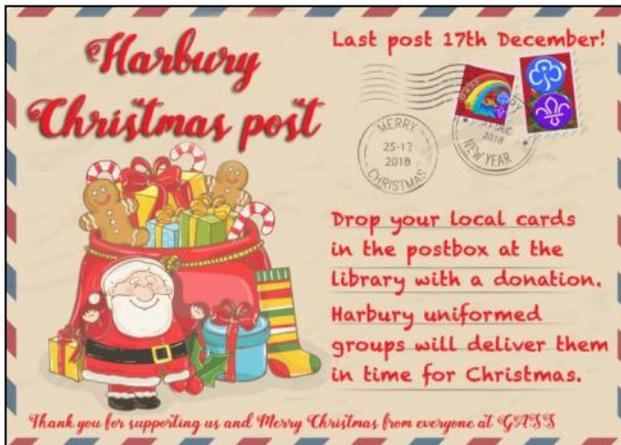
The bonfire and fireworks event was a massive success this year with record numbers of wood donations, over 300 advance ticket sales and a total increase of nearly 30% in tickets sales. Our total profit came to over £4500, that's a record-breaking sum and a massive help towards our £6500 fundraising target for group costs this year! We can only put this down to dry weather on the night, a larger number of residents in the village but also the generous donations of our sponsors and fantastic support at your local Harbury event, we thank you all for that.

With over 70 people involved in organising an event like this, there are too many names to mention but we'd like to say a special thanks to:

- Mike McBride and his team of volunteers for such a wonderful display of fireworks, in what were very difficult weather conditions.
- Paul Quinney and his team of fire marshals and overnight fire watchers who managed the magnificent bonfire which was absolutely blazing this year!

- All of the children from our uniformed groups, their parents and other volunteers who turned out in their 4x4s and trailers and worked tirelessly on Saturday daytime to collect material for the bonfire.
- Everyone on kitchen duty, under Wendy's supervision who shopped, chopped and served up the refreshments.
- Our stewards who manned the gates and kept everyone safe.
- Everyone who gave up their Sunday to litter pick, rake ashes and remove bonfire debris from the field.
- Harbury Chemist and the library staff who sold tickets and kept records of food orders.
- The Parish Council for allowing us to use the playing field.
- All of our local sponsors; Cana wines, Taylormade, Tiny Cotton Tents, Green Cameleon, Balch consulting, Harbury Co-op, The Shakespeare pub and Southam Tesco who together covered most of our food costs.
- Tracey Pettipher for the hay.

## G.A.S.S. Christmas Post



With our year of fundraising nearly over, we've just about got time for one more service to our community. As usual G.A.S.S. will be running the "Harbury Christmas post". In return for a generous donation, why not let us deliver all of your local Christmas cards in that busy run up to the festive season?

This years' service will start on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November and the last posting day will be on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December**. You will find our special post box in Harbury Library. Please remember to put the **house name/number and the road name** on your envelopes as we cannot deliver your cards without this information! We are able to deliver anywhere in Harbury village but unfortunately, we do not have the capacity to deliver any further afield.



## Harbury Rugby Football Club

Steve Kittendorf

### **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October: Harbury 34 Redditch 21 Midlands 4 West (South)**

Forced to concede a match the previous week because of an acute shortage of front row players due to injury and unavailability, Harbury were particularly keen to get back on track, especially as it was a VP's, Sponsors and Guests Day with over 70 attending. The weather was foul and the guests along with a number of players recovering from injuries were more than keen to watch the match from the clubhouse. Nonetheless, there were more than a few hardy souls who ventured out to watch the team playing in cold, wet and windy conditions.

Redditch's forwards looked to be an intimidating group but neither side initially coped particularly well with the conditions, with passes dropped and kicks affected by the wind. For Harbury a good committed performance but needless loss of possession and field position through a poor penalty count allowed Redditch to gain a foothold and create a potential foothold in the match. All in all, the VPs and supporters were treated to eight tries between the teams.

### **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November: Bedworth 101 Harbury 3 Midlands 4 West (South)**

Yes, that really was the score! Without offering any excuses and taking nothing away from the hosts, the score line needs to be read in light of the following. Fifteen players were due to meet at Bedworth's new ground (Nicholas Chamberlain School) but unfortunately only twelve arrived. It was assumed that that the others had gone to Bedworth's old ground and would eventually turn up. Keen to honour the fixture, twelve players took to the field despite the overwhelming odds they were up against. Whilst the final score was not pretty, those twelve lads came off the field having earned the respect of **everyone** on the touchline.

### **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November: Harbury 13 Burbage 33 Midlands 4 West (South)**

A number of changes to the side together with a few returning players resulted in a lack of cohesion amongst the home side during the first half of the match against a strong and well organised Bromyard team seeking a quick return to Midlands 3. The visitors dominated the first half and turned around leading 22-3. However, Harbury started to string together some positive phases of play and more importantly their tackle count improved dramatically demonstrating a determination and togetherness as they 'drew' the second half 10-10.

Harbury RFC are still looking for young people to join our ranks, especially within our U13's and U14's squads. As a club we have over 160 players now playing on a regular basis on a Sunday.

## Forthcoming fixtures

8<sup>th</sup> December - 1<sup>st</sup> XV home to Claverdon. 2<sup>nd</sup> XV home to Manor Park 2<sup>nd</sup> XV.

9<sup>th</sup> December - All Mini age groups away to Shipston. U13s and U14s home to Rugby St. Andrews.

15<sup>th</sup> December - 1<sup>st</sup> XV and 2<sup>nd</sup> XV away to Coventrians.

16<sup>th</sup> December - Mini and Juniors Christmas party.

5<sup>th</sup> January - "A" side home to Newbold 2s.



## Harbury Tennis Club

Colin Mercer

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



It has been a busy couple of months for our league teams starting with the Mini Reds (Under 8s) who are playing in the Warwickshire Mini Tennis Leagues, with matches being played indoors at the David Lloyd centre in Coventry. Harbury's squad of Jack, Josh, Ben, Megan and Morgan are new to matches and are in a group with a number of very experienced teams. They started with a 9-6 win against Tysoe but lost the next two

against Rugby (5-11), and Coventry & North Warwick (4-12). The final fixture is against Stratford in early December. The children are enjoying the experience and, as Jack and Josh's mum said "the kids did a great job bearing in mind it's new to most of them".

In the Banbury Floodlit league the "B" Team remain unbeaten and top of Division 4. In the home match against Hook Norton "C" Helen Cooper and Sue Panton had a comfortable win, as did Nigel Eaton and Adam Crossling to put Harbury in a strong position at the midway point. In the mixed doubles Helen and Adam had a very close match but narrowly lost both sets, the second after a tiebreak, but Sue and Nigel had another comfortable win to complete an overall win by 6-2. In the next match, away against Middleton Cheney "B" Helen and Nigel were joined by Clare Callaghan and Josh Marshall and romped to a 7-1 win.



In Division 2 the “A” Team have yet to win and are currently in 6<sup>th</sup> place propping up the other 5 teams!! The team came very close to a win against Middleton Cheney “A” in a home match. All the matches were very close with Caroline Morland, and Sue Panton winning the Ladies’ doubles, and Ben Fish and Josh Marshall losing the Men’s. The mixed doubles were shared with the result being effectively decided by the a tiebreak in Sue and Josh’s match which unfortunately went to the visitors and Harbury had to settle for a 4-4 draw. In the next match Caroline, Helen Cooper, Colin Mercer and Adam Crossling made the long trip to Towcester on a Friday night. It felt an even longer journey home after suffering an 0-8 loss!!



In the Weekend format only the “B” team have been in action. Caroline Morland, Jane Minchin, Joe Robson and Steve Stark made the trip to Deddington. The Deddington Ladies won both sets with Joe and Steve (returning from injury) losing a very close tiebreak first set, but winning the second to keep Harbury in the match. Jane and Steve halved their mixed doubles but Caroline and Joe suffered another tiebreak loss with the overall match score being a 6-2 win for Deddington.



## Harbury Toddler Group

Lynne Barton

### ***Dear Readers,***

Hello from everyone at Harbury Toddlers.

Our transition to the Scout Hut is now complete and we have settled in - pom poms, fairy lights and new mats brighten the room but overwhelmingly it is the families who attend who make it such a great place to be on a Monday morning #HappyMonday

We can’t quite believe how blessed we are with such a group of dedicated, committed, compassionate parents, grandparents and carers always offering to help, sharing ideas, bringing cakes, toast and biscuits to help with funds. You can see the theme here can’t you?

We acknowledge that we all have much to be thankful for so when we say Toddlers is a ‘bit skint’ at the moment it must be taken in context. We have applied to WH Smith for funding, have our planned coffee morning on the rota for next March and intend to keep looking for external funding as we would like to purchase some non-fixed barriers to create a safe outside play area in the Spring.

So, what have we been up to? Well continuing the food theme we made apple and pear crumbles, the smell of the honey, cinnamon and fruit was delicious and we were so grateful to Liz for presenting the session, it was like a cookery class at the shopping mall!



Other recent visitors included Miss Laura from LoveBallet.com, a firm favourite, our very own Alison Hunt who reads us stories and traditional songs and rhymes and Alan Toms a local amateur photographer. Thank you all for your ongoing support. As most of our readers know, Entrust Care Partnership, a not for profit organisation supporting disabled children and young people, run the Toddler Group and a special thanks this month goes to Mal Leeman (Grandmother to George) and the fantastic Chinewrde Morris Dancers for their generous cheque to help our work.



By the time you read this we will be busy with our Christmas Activities, making Christmas Puddings, preparing our Reindeer Food with edible glitter so that it is perfectly safe to scatter on the lawn, letters to Father Christmas, Christmas songs and the Nativity Story. We are looking forward to our Christmas Party at All Saints Tom Hauley Room with Reena's Soft Play Take

Away which always pleases everyone and a visit from shhh you know who..... Merry Christmas everyone.

### Come and join us

If you want to join us at the Toddler Group then Lynne, Selina and Reg look forward to welcoming you - come on round, the kettle's on.

We are based at the Scout Hut, High Street, Harbury, CV33 9HW and meet at 9.30am saying bye bye at 11.15am.

Thinking of coming along or need more information? Please do ring Lynne on 01926 612748 or email [lynnebarton@btinternet.com](mailto:lynnebarton@btinternet.com)



## Harbury Pre-School

Staff & Committee

**Autumn Walk:** We were accompanied by the beautiful colours of autumn on our walk to The Spinney. Buckets in hand, the children thoroughly enjoyed collecting natural objects related to autumn. Their buckets were soon filled with all the colours of autumn, including leaves of different shades, shapes and sizes; conkers; twigs, seeds and feathers.



Once in the woods, the children created some bark rubbings using crayons and used 'listening spheres' to concentrate on the many different sounds around us. We heard birds singing, leaves rustling, wind blowing and an aeroplane! We also enjoyed making our very own 'bonfire' out of sticks and toasting some 'marshmallows'.

Back in the warmth of Pre-School, we examined our finds and the children have been using them to create some fantastic autumn collages.



**Diwali:** The children have been learning all about Diwali this month. We have been making our very own diva lamps out of clay and creating some beautiful Rangoli patterns using powder paint and water.



Our role play area became an Indian home area, complete with Indian clothes and jewellery for the children to try on. We have even had a little dance to some Indian music!

Snack was also a big hit; the poppadums and naan bread certainly didn't last long after being served to the children!



**Bonfire Night:** The children have enjoyed sharing their memories of Bonfire Night and talking about the colours, sounds and shapes of the different fireworks they have seen.

They have been creating firework pictures using paints and glitter and built their very own bonfire outside. The more safety conscious children created a 'barrier' around the fire because it was 'hot' whilst others sold 'tickets' and 'hot chocolate'.



### Physical Play:

Physical play comprises a significant part of the early years curriculum and the children have been busy working towards their Harbury Pre-School 'Physical Challenge Certificates'.

Achieving these is no mean feat but this hasn't stopped the children putting their all into the challenges!

Walking on stilts, balancing on a beam, crawling through a tunnel, climbing, standing on one leg, throwing and catching a ball are just some of the physical activities that we have been busy practising and we are very proud of the children's determination and persistence!

**Looking forward:** Christmas is fast approaching which means we will shortly be busy preparing for our traditional Pre-School Christmas Nativity.

We will also be making decorations for the Pre-School Christmas tree and making Christmas



crowns for our Christmas Party. We are also expecting a very special visitor during the Christmas Party which will be held on the last day of term.

*If you would like further information, or to register a child for Harbury Pre-School, please contact Deborah Williamson, Administrator: e-mail enquiries@harburypre-school.org.uk text 07907 598461 or look at the web site [www.harburypre-school.org](http://www.harburypre-school.org) You can also find us on Facebook.*



In October the Harbury School PTA had their AGM, the shift to 7pm timings is obviously the key, as we had a fabulous turn out, but most importantly 10 new parents/carers signed up to join the PTA. So a very warm welcome to: Amber, Georgie, Alice, Vicky, Jo, Lindsey, Leanna, Clare, Fiona and Susie. There is no limit, so more are welcome!

We had our first meeting this month and have some fabulous plans to have fun village events, and raise cash to build an outdoor playground for the infant children.

Watch this space for more news about a pop up ice rink, outdoor cinema, black tie gala evening!!!!

Our next event will be the village quiz night on the 8<sup>th</sup> February, with TJ our fabulous quizmaster setting the questions, so please put a save the date in your diary.

If you can spare a couple of pounds a month, then join our Lottery - forms are available from the library or at [harburypta@gmail.com](mailto:harburypta@gmail.com), and if you are having a clothing clear out pre-Christmas, all shoes, textiles and clothes can be put in the clothing bin just by the steps up to the school reception.



The Theatre Group will have performed Alan Ayckbourn's "Intimate Exchanges" by the time you are reading this and I have no doubt it will be another successful production. I hope they received the support they deserve, the commitment and work involved is fantastic.

The hall hosts no less than three Christmas Fairs and December is always a busy month. Many of the bookings are of course fundraising and the committee is regularly asked for a reduction in the hire charges. As I wrote last month the charges are set to cover the running costs of the hall and to produce a small surplus and have remained unchanged for three years. There are no plans to increase them at present. It would simply not be possible to give every charitable booking a reduction in the fees and of course the hall is itself a registered charity and must cover its costs. Reduced charges do apply for bookings made by anyone living in the village.

***The Village Hall report continues on page 36***



*Sending all our friends and neighbours in Harbury best wishes for a very happy Christmas and peaceful New Year. We are making a donation to Embrace the Middle East this year instead of sending cards.*

*Ann and Michael Vincent*

*Sue and Alan Lord send seasons greetings to all of our friends in Harbury and Ladbroke.*

*Colin and Jen Ingram wish you a very happy and healthy Christmas and New Year. Instead of Christmas cards we will donate to our village organisations.*

*We wish all our friends in Harbury a very merry Christmas, and a happy New Year. In place of sending cards, we shall send a donation to the Leamington and Warwick Helping Hands Community Project.*

*Andrew and Jenny Patrick*

*Michael and Gillian Hare send Christmas greetings to their friends in and around Harbury.*

*We wish all our friends and neighbours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*  
*Jackie and Simon West*

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to Friends, Family and Clients.*  
*Love Ellis-Greenways and Green Chameleon*  
*xxx*



*David and Barbara Thistle  
all their friends in Harbury  
and a peaceful and*

*Beryl Checkley wishes  
Happy Christmas and*

*Can I wish all my friends  
Ladbroke a Happy and  
thank you all for  
Please note my new address  
Tony*

*To our friends  
Merry Christmas and  
from Pauline and*

*John and I would like to  
neighbours in and  
Very Merry Christmas  
Best Wishes  
John and Joe*



Wishing you all a joyful Christmas and a New Year  
filled with peace.

With many thanks for the love and support shown to us .

From Pam Brown and family

Many thanks to all friends for lots of love and  
support. I am not sending any Christmas cards  
this year but will donate to charity.

With every good wish for 2019.

Moira Rollason and Family

thwaite would like to wish  
ry a very Happy Christmas  
l healthy New Year.

Peter and Gemma Took wish all their friends in  
Harbury a very Happy and Holy Christmas.

May you all look forward to a peaceful New Year.

her friends in Harbury a  
a peaceful New Year.

ends in Harbury and  
l Blessed Christmas and  
r your kind wishes.  
Address is Galanos House.  
Stubbs

*Alan and Pauline Hayes would like to  
send Christmas greetings to all our  
friends and neighbours in the village.  
We have made a donation to Myton  
Hospice in lieu of cards.*

nds in Harbury  
nd a Happy New Year  
nd Rod Baldwin

*Gordon Bennett would like to wish all his friends  
and neighbours a very happy Christmas  
and best wishes for 2019.*

wish all our friends and  
around Harbury a  
as and a healthy 2019.  
Wishgs,  
an Broomfield

*A very Happy Christmas and best wishes for 2019  
to all our friends in Ladbroke and Harbury  
- we will be donating to charity instead of  
sending cards.*

*Gray and Nicky Lewis xx*



### ***Village Hall Report continued from page 33.....***

Two dates for your diaries! Southam Rotary 2000 Burns' Night with a raffle in aid of the Village Hall, on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January, always a wonderful evening, and The Folk Club Concert on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January. An equally wonderful evening!

A Happy Christmas to everyone and especially to all the volunteers who help keep the hall running smoothly. Our plans for the New Year include long overdue improvements to the Farley Room and the front door and entry.



## **Harbury Village Library & Biblio's Café**

**Janice Montague**

Seasons' greetings to all our volunteers, borrowers and cafe goers!

Please be aware that we will be closed for the festivities from Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December until Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January, but in the meantime please come along and choose from our selection of Christmas cards, or for a last minute present, take a look at the varied selection of art which is available for sale. Or just choose a few good books to curl up with in front of the fire and enjoy a freshly brewed hot drink and home cooked cake after you've done so. Hope to see you soon - you will be very welcome.

**Janice Montague**

### **Inspector Morse beats Miss Marple**

The World Premiere of John and Rob Stringer's 'Whistlebury Murder' played to a sold out house in the Harbury Library on 22<sup>nd</sup> November. The audience were surprised and delighted to feel under their seats at the beginning of the evening to discover a note saying which literary detective they had been allocated and thus in which group they were to solve the mystery. Father Brown, Hercule Poirot, Inspector Clouseau, Kurt Wallander, John Rebus, Philip Marlowe, and of course Sherlock Holmes joined in the fun and immediately got to work hearing the evidence from the four suspects: brilliant performances from Archibald Proffitt (John Stringer), Berta Brush (Moira Rollason), The Rev Joy Collar (Sue Bushill) and Brian Bodger (Terry Hunt).

Helped by wines from Cana served expertly by Trevor Montague, the evening was huge fun with a thoroughly engaged and participatory audience. You can see a 'mindmap' produced by one of the teams showing how modern crime techniques have evolved in Whistlebury.

In case there is a repeat performance the murderer is not revealed here (although author John Stringer is bound to rewrite the ending if that is the case). Needless to say it was Inspector Morse (along with D. Kay Scarpetta, Sam Spade and Jonathan Creek) who solved the mystery leaving Miss Marple wanting.



We have been given another donation of £100 from the WI Ladies who play darts on a Wednesday. I have sent a letter of thanks but words seem inadequate at times to express our thanks. We are so grateful for all the donations we receive and the monies will be used to benefit the club, see further on in my article for just one example. Plans have been finalised for the OAP Xmas party on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December but less will be attending this year which is a shame as so much effort goes into ensuring that all who do come have a good evening. I will report back next month.

Our recent committee meeting was again a lively evening and much was discussed. Hopefully with the growing number of functions booked for the rest of the year we should see the benefit of this when the annual accounts are complete for our year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December. The results of the flyers that we have received back have been analysed by Janet and it was interesting to note some of the things suggested. The majority were in favour of a quiz night but as so much is happening over next few weeks, dates etc will be decided in January. Skittles featured - a brilliant idea. If I can get a grant that would be another function that we will be able to offer. Other suggestions were nearly new sales, table top sales, car boot and a party night once a month, plus card games and one reply said a bingo night. As you know, we already have a regular bingo night on Friday evenings please come along and join us. As for the other ideas, thank you for those and they will all be considered for 2019.

As you can see we are responding to your suggestions and we are having flyers printed for insertion in the Harbury & Ladbroke News, possibly January now to make everyone aware of what we do offer, opening times etc. Our thanks again to Janet who has put this information together and received a positive endorsement from the committee.

Traffic signage was discussed but this has been shelved for the time being but we are aware of possible confusion when leaving the club. I have typed up a notice to remind visitors and members when leaving to right turn only and I have placed this on the door. No new members this month but as it is so close to the year-end not unexpected, we have bookings already for next year - brilliant.

It was brought to our attention that we do not have any baby changing facilities at the Club and as we aim to be family friendly we are arranging for a baby changing table to be purchased and located in the disabled toilets. As earlier, the donations we receive will be put to good use and to enhance our facilities.

A preliminary date for next year: Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March. The club will be part of a cycle event featuring 800 to 900 cyclists. Just imagine all that lycra!! They will bring portable toilets, marshalls, first aid and all that is required and will be on the car park from 8.00am to 3.00pm, a prestigious event and we are proud to be asked to be involved. Hopefully publicity too.

Please do come along for our festive family bingo on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December, non-members very welcome and children. Doors open at 7.00pm and eyes down at 7.30pm. Lots of festive prizes to win and a bumper raffle, we look forward to welcoming everyone. The Easter and Summer

family bingos were a success and enjoyed by all who came. Can't promise a visit from a certain white bearded and whiskered man as I expect that he will be very busy!

Thank you for wading through this; it was only meant to be a shortish article but so much is happening. It is lovely to chat to everyone in the village and get all your feedback. Be warned, the arm twisting could begin shortly for recruits for the committee!! I promise it will not be painful.



Here are a few garden gifts you might want to suggest to your nearest and dearest if they're stuck for ideas for the gardener in the family.

- Seeds, always useful. Cheap and cheerful.
- Plants, or at least a plant voucher (we have our own at BN)
- Any gardening books from the instruction manuals to glossy coffee table books.
- Gardening gloves (I wish there were left-handed ones to buy because the right-hand ones always get holes in first.
- A decent pair of secateurs. This will be more expensive but so worth having good tools for the job. I have used Felco for many years.
- Pruners/loppers. As above. It will make gardening easier in the long run.
- Bits and bobs like string/twine/labels and an HB pencil rather than a marker pen which tends to fade.
- Thermal boot socks.
- Pots and or containers
- If all else fails, an offer of help in the garden, some jobs are done more easily when two are working together.

Seasons Greetings everyone.

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





## Nature Notes

John Hancock

Writing this on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November, the weather is dominated by high pressure with cold nights and largely cloudless, sunny days. Temperatures are struggling to reach 10°C and are set to fall further midweek. A week ago Sharon and I saw a male Brimstone butterfly fluttering across Mill Street at midday when 15°C was recorded. We can expect such variations as autumn tips towards winter.

I had a 'phone call from a friend in Ladbroke to say she had rescued an unusual bird and what was to be done. When I visited I found that it was a Woodcock. Apparently it had emerged from vegetation when some tree work was being conducted. Beautifully marked and camouflaged with brown marbled plumage, these waders tend to sit out their days in dense cover. They feed at night so are rarely seen unless flushed during daylight from their hiding place. I have never seen a male Woodcock carrying out its so called 'roding' flight in spring. This is performed at dawn or dusk to attract a mate. A Woodcock is about the size of a pigeon with a long bill which it uses to probe damp ground for earthworms and beetles. Once widely hunted, their numbers have declined steeply and I felt lucky, previously having only seen a dead specimen. On release, in a suitable environment at the top of Radbourne Lane, it made off and merged into cover.

At present many hedgerows are a blaze of red berries - Hawthorn, Rose Hip and Bryony. The latter is interesting as White and Black Bryony are totally unrelated. White has ivy shaped leaves, tendrils for climbing and is a member of the Rock rose family (Cistaceae). Its flowers have five petals and vary in colour from purple to white. At present the leaves have shrivelled away and the red berries, which are poisonous, predominate. Black Bryony is the only member of the Yam family (Dioscoreaceae) to grow in Britain. It has no tendrils and its leaves are heart shaped. Again the red berries are poisonous. 95% of yams as a crop are grown in Africa. They are vigorous, herbaceous vines providing an edible tuber similar to a potato.

Cycling along Rouncil Lane near Kenilworth into the empty countryside towards Beausale, I came across a dwelling called Henchman's Cottage. It's an intriguing name but perhaps not so surprising as it was just a mile away, as the crow flies, from the medieval castle, just within the park pale (fence). What better place for your faithful attendant (aka right hand man) to live. Henchman is derived from the Old English word 'hengest' meaning stallion, so a henchman was a horse attendant.

When David Brown visited Harbury on 12<sup>th</sup> November, he gave the U3A Natural History Group a fascinating illustrated talk on Lepidoptera through the seasons and the plants on which they rely. David's garden in Charlecote is a haven for butterflies, moths and larvae. There was so much information I can only scratch the surface here.

Many moths such as the Dark Chestnut, which flies on milder nights in January and February, are perfectly camouflaged on a dead leaf. The aptly named Early Moth is interesting in as much as the male flies at night seeking the wingless female which releases a powerful pheromone from her scent gland. Winter Aconite when in bloom in early February can attract Small Tortoiseshell to nectar on sunny days.

Goat Willow (aka Sallow/Pussy Willow) is a key nectar source as is Red Dead Nettle which, unfortunately for insects, gets treated as a weed but not in David's garden. Other species discussed included Orange Tip butterfly which in April and May feeds on Ladies' Smock. It is distasteful to birds as it concentrates mustard oils in its body. The caterpillar is cannibalistic. Holly Blue butterflies can be seen sometimes in profusion in St Mary's churchyard in Warwick. Marjoram, Asters, Sedum, Knapweed, and of course Buddleia are all worth growing to attract Lepidoptera into the garden. Go out at night with a torch to see which moths are feeding and on which flowers.

Moving on towards Christmas, the search is on for sources of Holly and Mistletoe. The latter is a partial parasite and was viewed as miraculous by the ancients as it had no obvious roots and had green leaves in winter. Look out for it adorning apple and lime trees in particular. Its heartland is the counties bordering the Severn estuary.

I send you seasonal greetings and look forward to corresponding with you in the New Year.



## General Section

### Remembrance Concert Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018



#### Commemoration 100 - Years Armistice 1918-2018 The Great War.

This was a sell-out event, ticket demand was high for Suresh at the Pharmacy, Ranjeet at the Post Office and the library desk volunteers. There was a waiting list. We could have had 3x performances. We were there to commemorate the signing of The Armistice in 1918 to mark the end of WW1. The Village Hall, was at capacity Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November; there were 150x seats and c30x standing to see 75x excellent choirs and performers.

Rev Craig began by receiving The Union Flag and the British Legion Standard that reminded the audience of the sacrifices made during and after this terrible world war; to stage this for the people of our village and to raise some monies for 'The RBL Poppy Appeal 2018'.

Without doubt, the event successfully 'showcased' performers. They all could have staged a performance in their own right but readily responded to the call for the event with shortened performances. This should encourage the audience to seek them out for their further enjoyment.

Galanos House, the Royal British Legion Care Home, Southam, Matron Jo-Anne Wilson, choir leaders Jan Finch and John Heriot brought their choir who sang a melody of war-time and other songs much to the delight of all. Brian Boniface, from Harbury, sang two well recognised solos.

Jess McClellan, an actress living in London (Rev Craig's daughter) delivered the moving poem 'Anthem for Doomed Youth' by 'Lieutenant Wilfred Owen M.C. recognised as the greatest English poet of the First World War and who depicted the reality and horrors of the First World War. He died exactly one week (almost to the hour) before the signing of the Armistice, which ended the war, aged 25 years.

This was followed by Robbie O'Gorman with his solo 'Leaving Nancy' a moving song about the feelings of one leaving the other and with the possibility of not seeing one another ever again. Robbie would return later to sing 'The Green Fields of France' (Young Willie McBride). Everyone, in their own thoughts, paid special attention. Look it up on Youtube.

Before the interval, the 'Warwickshire Young Voices' gave a brilliant performance under the direction of their award-winning composer and leader David Iles and with leaders Helen Iles and Natalie Taylor. The young performers of 7-16 year olds sang a fantastic, all-round, music and vocal and choral performance as well as music especially composed for them.

David continued after the break as conductor of 'The Band of The Castle Guards'. An impressive 'military-concert band' of 25-players, drawing musicians from across Warwickshire and the West Midlands.

Guide Anna Dimmock, 1<sup>st</sup> Harbury Guides, represented the village uniformed organisations by reading 'Perhaps'. Written in 1916, this poem by Vera Brittain is dedicated her fiancé Roland Aubrey Leighton (1895-1915), killed at age 20 by a sniper. Anna did a really good performance and could be someone to look out for in the future.

Harbury Theatre Group broke off from their preparations for their next play to perform an amusing contemporary observation of friends lives and opinions in those war times.

Ten members of Harbury Folk Club Choir, introduced by Peter McDonald, delivered some great harmony in their all too short but excellent performance. Sadly only a few songs but sufficient to whet the appetite for more of the same at Harbury Village Club (monthly).

The Band of The Castle Guards returned to play some popular wartime songs with audience participation. Song sheets were provided for those with memories like mine!

Rev Craig then led the 'Act of Remembrance'; the Last Post, two minutes silence and Reveille. Flags were collected, then finally, the Kohima Epitaph:

**“When you go home, tell them of us and say, we gave our tomorrow for your today.”**

Excellent teas and cakes were donated and served by Anne Mayer's team of the Harbury WI during the interval. Scouts and guides were on-hand to assist with car parking, door control, poppy sales and general assistance with our audience.

From compliments received, it would be true to say it had been a great evening, raising £600. After hall fees, £460 was donated to the village 'Poppy Appeal' plus almost £100 raised by donations at the WI refreshments in the Farley Room.

Given this was a concert to commemorate 100 Years of The Armistice, for the benefit of our village, prices were affordable to all and were donated to The RBL Poppy Appeal.

**Ken Stephenson**



### **Poppy Display**

Thank you to all the poppy makers and all the folks who helped with the display of poppies outside and inside the church. I hope you were all pleased with the result.

There has been a suggestion that we should display it again next year. We will remember them.

**Sue Hartland**



### **Royal British Legion - Poppy Appeal 2018**

Details regarding the Poppy Appeal collection of the District (Chesterton, Harbury and Ufton) will be given in next month's magazine.

**Chris Finch**



# Remembrance 2018



## Bonfire Beacon



**BATTLE'S**  
O V E R  


A NATION'S TRIBUTE  
 11TH NOVEMBER 2018  
 100 YEARS OF REMEMBRANCE



## Representing Harbury at Westminster Abbey

On account of the WW1 remembrance work done in Harbury in recent years, supported by the Heritage Lottery Foundation and Parish Council, I unexpectedly received a personal invitation to the service in Westminster Abbey to mark the Centenary of the Armistice on 11<sup>th</sup> November. The invitation read “no guests, not transferable, no photos, no swords...”. I felt I should attend for Harbury and our fallen, whilst my fellow villagers marked the occasion at the beacon at Chesterton Windmill.



I placed a wreath at our memorial during our village Remembrance Day service, and recovered it in the afternoon, then caught the train to London. Arriving at Westminster I joined a long queue in Great Smith Street, feeling distinctly out of place in a suit without uniform, medals or the dignified but resolute poise of those who have served their country, young and old. Once inside I was directed to a seat in the North Transept, under a memorial to Herbert Asquith (PM, 1908-1916), still clutching my wreath. I was soon joined by a group of smart young officers - the aides to the chiefs of staff who were seated in front of us. They were joined by the cabinet, our own MP Jeremy Wright, the leader of the opposition, Prime Minister and other dignitaries. Finally, facing me from the South Transept about sixty feet away, the Royal Family arrived, led by Charles, William and Harry with their wives.

At 6pm we all stood for the arrival of the Queen and President of Germany through the Western Door, laying flowers at the Grave of the Unknown Warrior. They then walked to join the Royal Family in the South Transept in front of me. The service got underway, with hymns and readings by the Prime Minister, Prince Charles, the President of Germany (in German) and others. The sermon by Justin Welby, welcoming a German president for the first time, regretted the lessons that were not learnt from the defeat of his country in 1918, that led to war again in 1939. The music included Elgar, Parry, Bach and Holst. The service closed with the National Anthem.



I followed the aides and chiefs of staff out, walking the three hundred feet Choir and Nave whilst the choir and most of the diverse congregation were still seated. Under the organist above the choir, still dramatically playing Fantasia in G minor by York Bowen. At the end of the nave I came to the Grave of the Unknown Warrior, with its flowers placed earlier. With nobody watching I respectfully placed the Harbury wreath alongside them. As I reached the Western Door, I turned to see the wreath still quietly in place, under the spectacular setting of the Abbey interior and all those

amazing uniforms! I think the young men of Harbury: men such as Brian, James, Harry, Reuben and all the others that we remembered this day, would have approved of my cheeky act.

Emerging into the dark night air at 7pm, the bells of the Abbey and all of London began to toll, just as they did a century ago. After a final thought for the Harbury men, and all those who perished in war, I rejoined the real world on the tube, and returned to Harbury.

I have placed the Order of Service and an excellent commemorative booklet in the village library for anyone to read.



**Chris Gibb**



## **Christmas Shoe Box Appeal**

The packing day for the Christmas Shoe Box Appeal was a great success. We achieved a total of 134 filled boxes to be sent to Romania. A big thank you to all the helpers. Also a big thank you for the knitted, sewn and donated products we had to fill the boxes. Lastly for the cash donations, without which, we could not send the boxes. We understand people were making products throughout the year. Any leftover items have been given to another local operation. This means every single item donated will be given to a Romanian child this Christmas.



I would like to mention Mike Jones who wanted to retire from the charity last year but stayed on to give me practical and advisory support. It was much needed and very welcome.

I am standing down from organising next year's collection. If anyone else, either an individual or a group would like to take over, perhaps initially just for one year to see exactly what is involved, I would be willing to give appropriate advice if required.

As a final point anyone taking on the project would be free to organise it in whatever way suited them best. They do not have to stick to the existing format if they do not wish to do so.

From the 134 children and families in Romania who receive our boxes,

**Thank you Harbury.**

**Sally Townsend**

## Young Persons Award 2018

This month we are publishing the first two of the five winners of our writing competition. The judges were very impressed with the standard of entries and it was hard to choose from all of those submitted. We hope you enjoy reading them as much as we did.

**John Holden - H&L News**

### **Proud?**

Sometimes I think, what are we doing to our world?  
 Why are we treating it like this?  
 I think of all the polar bears  
 Just sitting there, surrounded by a sea of plastic  
 And little oxygen in the air  
 I think of all the suffering  
 is it my fault?  
 Or is it Our fault?  
 Sometimes I let my brain decide, but my heart is much louder  
 You will hear it shouting out....  
 "If we stop this now we could turn this thing around"  
 So I go with my heart, my gut, and my brain  
 And I think we need to stop this nonsense and get rid of all this pain  
 Some of us may even be in denial  
 But others stop and think for a while.....  
 And it's those people that realise  
 If there are parts of this world we need to treasure  
 Don't bury them in litter  
 We might all be tired of seeing it on TV  
 All of those animals looking for someone like me  
 But just close your eyes and imagine walking down a street  
 Solar panels surround you and no litter at your feet  
 It might not be clear now  
 But if we work together  
 The whole world could be safe and sound.....  
 And finally.....  
 I can be proud.

***by Poppy Bosworth-Browne (age 12)***

## Raj's Convenience Store

The man walked unhurriedly. He didn't have any particular destination in mind. He'd left the cocoon of his home with the intention of getting some fresh air, clear his mind, maybe buy some bread for tomorrow. Possibly he walked in the hopes of finding inspiration; perhaps he was a writer, a journalist or poet.

The road he walked down was dark - it was around 23:00 and the street lighting was minimal. He passed a closed coffee shop. It looked like one of those places where the baristas consistently mispronounced the word 'latte.' He might have regarded it with veiled disdain.

He rounded a corner at the end of the street. This motion was recorded and transmitted, encoded and decoded, movement echoed on grainy CCTV in a dark office, cramped and ashtray-scented.

Light spilled like warm oil from a window, wetting the pavement before him with gold. He walked right through the greasy puddle glinting off his polished shoes and continued on his way.

His destination suddenly loomed in front of him. It didn't stand out, but he knew as he saw it that this was where he'd been going all along. He'd never been there before.

It was small, the name '**RAJ'S CONVENIENCE STORE**' stencilled over the door in uneven red letters. Someone, most likely Raj himself, had gone to the trouble of adding stripes of grey to give the rather poor illusion of shadows. Its windows glowed beige from inside. They were the kind of windows that attracted swarms of missing posters like flies, outdated ads still tacked onto the dusty glass. Some of them didn't even have contact information. One just said to 'Ask For Bobby.' It didn't say where.

The man pushed the door open, bells making a jingling sound. No one was at the counter. The store seemed empty. A radio played softly, a nasal sounding voice talking about sports. The lighting in the shop was white, but the dried blood colour of the walls reflected a gentle cloud of pink over everything. The light made a buzzing sound like a trapped wasp.

The man looked around briefly, wandering to the grocery section and spending some time calculating which loaf of bread was the best value. He chose the one which was second-best value, tucking it under his arm. Straightening, he caught movement in his peripheral vision and froze. There was a display of reading glasses in the corner, with a mirror built in, and he realised the movement had been his own reflection. He was still alone except for his loaf of bread. He clutched it a little tighter, feeling stupid. The wasp-light buzzed louder. He moved toward the counter.

There was a bell with a button on top to ring. Gingerly, the man extended a hand and rang. It made the sound of a metal bucket hit with a spoon. It wasn't very loud, but it was an unwelcome intrusion into the warm pink space, the auditory equivalent of someone loudly eating a greasy cheeseburger in a library. He waited, shifting his weight on his toes, looking down at his shiny

shoes, checking his watch. 23:46. There was no sign that the bell had been heard. No movement from the back room. The radio played a jingle for life insurance. It sounded tinny, distorted. He tried to breathe more quietly, looked down at his shoes again, tapped his foot, scraped his thumbnail against his finger.

He thought about ringing the bell again. Mentally, he counted thirty seconds and then reached out again and hit the bell, harder this time, too hard. It sounded different, fuzzy round the edges. The radio played static. The wasp light hummed. He switched the bread between his hands, palms sweaty. The plastic bag rustled. He licked his lips, still feeling ridiculous, embarrassment now overshadowed by unease. He cleared his throat, preparing to speak. It blended with the radio static. He opened his mouth to call out, the words already on his lips, pre scripted - and someone stepped through the door from the back room - a man with dark, scruffy hair and beard, wearing a red t-shirt with a faded print of a hot dog and the words 'Good Dogs Only.' The man said nothing. He rang up the bread.

'One-fifty-two, sir' he finally said. The man paid for his purchase with exact change, tucking his receipt into his back pocket, where it was later found, creased exactly down the middle, paper pristine.

The shop had only one security camera. It showed nothing but a black screen from this moment onward.

A young woman called in the bizarre scene the next morning, thinking the store had been burgled. When investigators arrived there were signs of a struggle, but no evidence of anything missing. Slices of bread were scattered over the floor from a torn plastic bag, and a point-of-sale display for greetings cards had been knocked over.

The strangest evidence was found in the back room. A pair of grey wool trousers, shiny black shoes, a white shirt, and a green knit jumper were found in a pile on the floor, all neatly folded next to the store owner's clothes.

This was all that remained of store owner Raj Ahuja and his mystery customer, referred to as 'John Doe' in all documents.

Evidence was sent to a laboratory for forensic analysis. No hairs or stray fibres were found on anything from the customer's clothing. The shoes appeared brand new. The soles were immaculate and no DNA evidence or dirt was found on anything from the pile. Ajuha's clothing had only his DNA on them, and his shoes were missing.

*Due to lack of any evidence or witness, this case is designated cold. No further information has been found on any persons present at Raj's Convenience Store on 7/9/2016.*

*Both parties are considered to be missing persons, and authorities urge anyone with information to come forward.*

**by Rachel Dimmock (age 16)**

## Harbury Senior Citizens Committee Update

Thank you to everyone who supported us at our coffee morning on 17<sup>th</sup> November. After expenses we had £189 to add to our funds.



The next event will be upon us in no time at all and that is the annual Christmas Party on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 5.00 for a 5.30pm start in Harbury Village Hall.

Invitations were delivered and returned in November so we can confirm that everyone who requested places can come along to the party.

The committee members, helpers and entertainers look forward to seeing you at the party and we hope that you will enjoy yourselves.

Finally, we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Mike McBride**

**On behalf of the Harbury Senior Citizens Benefit Association**



## Southam & District Lions Christmas Float 2018

After participating in the 5.30pm Southam Light's Switch on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November, the Lions Club will be taking Father Christmas out to meet the children of Southam and surrounding villages in their newly refurbished float throughout December. Santa's float has had an overhaul and many improvements by the kind involvement of Jaguar Land Rover; it now looks smarter than ever. However, Santa's Elves can no longer visit every road and street because Southam and all of the villages are getting bigger. So we have had to make changes to the stops that the Christmas float will make. This year Santa will only be stopping at four or five places each evening. The schedule below shows the roads in Harbury he will be stopping at. For details of the time he plans to be there look out for notices placed at each stop. You can follow our progress on Facebook each evening - Southamlions, with up to the minute details of where we are. While Santa is meeting the children, his Elves will be knocking on doors to ask for donations. This year money collected will go to the Leamington based Lily Mae Foundation which supports parents and families after the loss of a baby. In anticipation we thank you for your usual and kind generosity.

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>** - South Parade, Village Hall car park, Hereburgh Way, Rainbow Crescent, starting 5.30pm

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>** - Heber Drive, Manor Orchard, Dickens Road, Hillside, starting 5.30pm

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Bumps and Bundles is a friendly drop in group for parents, carers and babies and tots up to three. We run in the Tom Hauley room behind the church every Tuesday from 10:30am until 12. Come along to meet other parents and have a cuppa with a biscuit.

We will have our Christmas party on the 18<sup>th</sup> December with a special visit from Father Christmas.

**Kelly Jones**

## Hiring the Tom Hauley Room/ Village Hall

When you want to hire either of the above venues, please remember to include setting up time and clearing time. Many people assume that, if they book eg 4-7pm they can go in before 4pm or stay after 7pm to clear up. Unless you book extra time we may take another booking that doesn't finish until 4pm, or one that starts at 7pm. This has caused extra problems and hassle for both myself and the Village Hall booking secretary (Celia). As far as I am concerned I don't mind people going in a bit early so long as they ask me the day before the event and **so long as there is no other booking**.

So, for your own peace of mind please book (and pay for) the time that you may need - neither venue charges high prices.

I have to add that many bookers are very responsible and include all the time they need.

Many thanks.

**Sally Stringer**



## Chesterton Church Candlelit Carol Service

This year's Candlelit Carol Service at Chesterton will be held on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm with The Moreton Morrell Village Choir. Mince pies and mulled wine will be served.

Last year the service was cancelled due to the difficulty of getting into Chesterton with the snow; hopefully the weather will be glorious this year.

Look forward to seeing you there.

**Jo Spurr**





## LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

### Dear Editors

*It is lovely to see in the November issue the Ladbroke Soldiers' names who died in WW1 and if anyone wants to know more about who they were, I have their stories. I would just like to update Sergeant John Owen from Canada who is down as 'connection to Ladbroke unknown'. He was an illegitimate Birmingham child adopted by John and Lydia Duckett at Ladbroke, where he was baptised aged 13 years. He left for Canada before the war to make his fortune with some other Ladbroke boys.*

**Linda Doyle**

***linda@allhistoric.co.uk***

### Dear Editors

*Peter and Pearl Sheasby would like to thank Craig and Gill Guilford for their kindness and support whilst Pearl was in hospital, also thank you to the Saturday Luncheon Club for taking Peter a meal. Finally a big thank you to Chris and Clare for looking after Peter with lifts to the hospital and giving him meals; your support was most appreciated.*

*Thank you.*

**Peter and Pearl**



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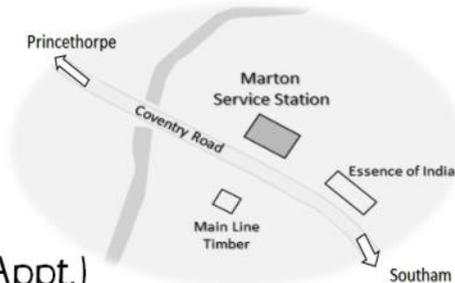
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