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Editorial



The presentation of The Spirit of Harbury 2018

Congratulations to Bob Sherman on being awarded the 2018 Spirit of Harbury Award. The Award recognises individuals who help to make Harbury the special place that it is. Our picture shows Bob along with Alison and Andy Hunt. A profile of Bob should appear in next month's magazine.

Hopefully the sunny weather will continue into June for the Warwickshire Open Studios, a chance to see how much creative talent we have in our village. This may also be a good time to volunteer for the Footpath Group or help with weeding the cemetery!

At the end of the month the Ladbroke 'Auction of Promises' will feature Rev Craig as auctioneer! Not to be missed!

We were sad to hear the news that Sandra Moffitt has recently passed away. Sandra, along with her husband Brian, had run the Old New Inn for 25 years until its closure last autumn.

Harbury Diary

JUNE 2018

Sat 2 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of the Village Show

Harbury WI, Open Afternoon with Craft Exhibition, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Village Hall

Sun 3 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Holy Communion, 9.00am

'Little Saints' Service, 10.30am, followed by breakfast in the

Tom Hauley Room

Laying on Hands Service, 6.00pm

All Saints' Youth Group, 7.00 - 8.30pm, Tom Hauley Room

Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall

Sun 3 Wheelbarrow Race, 12.30pm, racing to commence 1.00pm, starting from The Gamecock Mon 4 Upholstery, 9.15am, Village Hall Martial Arts, 5.30pm, Village Hall Carnival Pub Games begin, Aunt Sally, 7.30pm, The Shakespeare 5 Pilates, 9.30am, Village Hall Tue MeetingPoint Summer Lunch, 12.30pm (booking required), The Crown Inn. Heritage Room open, 6.30 - 8.30pm, the School Junior Theatre Group, 6.30pm, Village Hall Holy Communion, 7.30pm Carnival Pub Games, Table Skittles, 7.30pm, The Crown Inn 6 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park -Wed Stockton wildflower meadow (3 miles flat) Mothers' Union Meeting and Communion at Ladbroke, 2.00pm Inspire Dance, 4.30pm, Village Hall Carnival Pub Games, Quiz, 7.30pm, Village Club Thurs Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am Friends of Harbury Cemetery weeding session, 10.00am-12 noon, Harbury Cemetery Carnival Pub Games, Horseshoes, 7.30pm, The Gamecock Folk Club, 8.00pm, Village Club - Theme "All Creatures Great and Small" Sat 9 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Knitwits Harbury Carnival - Parade assembles 12.30pm, Sutcliffe Drive, Carnival procession starts 1.00pm. Fete opens 2.00pm Sun 10 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY Holy Communion, 8.00am Holy Communion and Children's Church Service, 10.30am Messy Church, 3.00 - 5.00pm, Tom Hauley Room Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall Junior Theatre Group, 6.30pm, Village Hall Mon Upholstery, 9.15am, Village Hall Martial Arts, 5.30pm, Village Hall PCC Meeting, 7.30pm, Tom Hauley Room Tue 12 Pilates, 9.30am, Village Hall Junior Theatre Group, 6,30pm, Village Hall Holy Communion, 7.30pm Wed 13 Senior Citizens' trip to Lincoln, leaves 8.30am from Village Hall Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park -Radway and Edgehill with wildflower reserve (4 miles hilly)

Thurs 14 Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am Harbury WI, 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room, Fraser Liversage -Medical Detection Dogs

Junior Theatre Group, 6.30pm, Village Hall

Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room

Sat 16 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Southam Church Restoration
Warwickshire Open Studios begins today (see brochures in village venues)

Sun 17 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (FATHER'S DAY) Holy Communion, 8.00am 'Saints Alive!' Informal Communion Service, 10.30am Evensong, 6.00pm Junior Theatre Group, 6.30pm, Village Hall All Saints' Youth Group, 7.00 - 8.30pm, Tom Hauley Room Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall

- Mon 18 Upholstery, 9.15am, Village Hall Martial Arts, 5.30pm, Village Hall
- Tue 19 Pilates, 9.30am, Village Hall Junior Theatre Group, 6.30pm, Village Hall Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 20 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park Brailes and Winderton with optional pub lunch (4 miles)
 Connections (Dementia) Café, 2.00 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
 Junior Theatre Group, 6.30pm, Village Hall
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- Thurs 21 Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am
 Classic cars, bikes, trucks etc, 6.00pm, Harbury Rugby Club all
 welcome
- Fri 22 Harbury Junior Theatre Group presents, 'The Wickedly Wonderful Wizard of Oz', 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Sat 23 Coffee Morning, 10.00am 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Church Flowers
 Harbury Junior Theatre Group presents, 'The Wickedly Wonderful Wizard of Oz', 3.30pm, Village Hall

Sun 24 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Holy Communion, 8.00am Holy Communion and Children's Church, 10.30am Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall

- Mon 25 Upholstery, 9.15am, Village Hall Martial Arts, 5.30pm, Village Hall
- Tue 26 Pilates, 9.30am, Village Hall
 Tennis Club Strawberry Tournament, 6.00pm
 Junior Theatre Group, 6.30pm, Village Hall
 Holy Communion, 7.30pm
 Julian Meeting, 8.00pm
- Wed 27 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park Hatton (4½ miles flat)
 Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
 Junior Theatre Group, 6.30pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 28 Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am

Thurs 28 ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST OR EMAIL ARTICLES@HLNEWS.CO.UK BY 5.30PM Parish Council, 7.30pm, Farley Room of Village Hall

Fri 29 Twinning Association, Caribbean Evening, 7.30pm, Village Hall 30 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Harbury Twinning Association

Meet your Parish Councillors, 10.00 - 11.00am, Harbury Village Library

1st Harbury Guides Summer Fete, 1.30 - 4.00pm, Scout Hut (behind Library)

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Tom Hauley Room

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All Saints' Youth Group, 7.00 - 8.30pm, Tom Hauley Room

Warwickshire Open Studios ends today

Tue 3 MeetingPoint, 2.00 - 4.00pm, The Crown Inn (tea, coffee and biscuits)

Heritage Room open, 6.30 - 8.30pm, the School

Holy Communion, 7.30pm

Wed 4 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park - Idlicote (4½ miles)

Mothers' Union Outing (No Communion Service)

Thurs 5 Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am Folk Club, 8.00pm, Village Club

Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Myton Hospice

Refuse Collection Rota Harbury, Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge **Deppers Bridge outlying Collection Week** properties Wed Fri 6 8 Grev Bin June 13 15 Green & Blue Lid Bins 20 22 Grev Bin 27 29 Green & Blue Lid Bins 4 6 Grey Bin July 11 13 Green & Blue Lid Bins 20 18 Grey Bin

From the Rector



Reverend Craig Groocock

The Rectory, Vicarage Lane, Harbury **2612377** ⋈ kankudai43@aol.co.uk

Imagine love like that!

OK, it might have been a tad long but nonetheless I found Bishop Michael Curry's sermon at the Royal Wedding truly inspirational. It was incredible to witness such passion from a preacher especially in this particular context. Whilst there has been much debate in the media this week about Bishop Curry, it is important that we do not lose the message he delivered.

He began by quoting Martin Luther King who once said: "We must discover the power of love, the redemptive power of love. And when we do that, we will make of this old world a new world, for love is the only way." Who wouldn't say 'Amen' to that! This is the message Jesus came to live and die for and is at the heart of what Christians call the Gospel.

In talking about Jesus, Bishop Curry went on to say "He didn't die for anything he could get out of it. Jesus did not get an honorary doctorate for dying.. He gave up his life, he sacrificed his life, for the good of others, for the good of the other, for the wellbeing of the world... for us."

This is the message we all need to believe and live if our world is to be different from the selfish and self-centred place we have made it.

During the 60's, Martin Luther King preached of 'having a dream' that the world could be transformed through the power of love. Fifty years on and our world is as divided as ever. However, the Gospel (the Christian message) still gives us hope. Bishop Curry went on to say:

"Think and imagine a world where love is the way. Imagine our homes and families where love is the way. Imagine our communities where love is the way. Imagine governments and nations where love is the way. Imagine business and commerce where this love is the way.

Imagine this tired old world where love is the way. When love is the way, then no child will go to bed hungry in this world ever again. When love is the way, we will let justice roll down like a mighty stream and righteousness like an ever-flowing brook. When love is the way, poverty will become history. When love is the way, the earth will be a sanctuary. When love is the way, we will lay down our swords and shields, down by the riverside, to study war no more".

Archbishop Justin, in interview following the wedding, said of Bishop Curry's sermon that the message was 'raw God'. Indeed it was!

May God bless each of us in love.



From the Registers

Wedding

28th April Timothy Michael Rainbow to Hayley Clare Barker

Baptism

13th May Jacob James Bench

Funeral

26th April Mary Kimber (94 years)

Burial of Ashes

25th April John Wright

28th April Father Roy Brown

14th May Mary Kimber

16th May Thomas Wicker (62 years)



From the Churchwardens

Liz & Michael

Saints Alive celebrated the birth of the church at Pentecost with a birthday cake, candles, balloons and bunting. This all age informal communion is held on the third Sunday with the next service on 16th June at 10.30am. Come and join us in our celebrations.

Messy Church took as its theme forgiveness and reconciliation, ably demonstrated by Fliss with the use of shoes - from good shoes to glittery party ones (must belong to Stephanie K!) to muddy wellies and then on to bare feet. Yes, you've guessed it - the prodigal son. Sand-art crosses, marshmallow pigs and the open arms of the father completed the messy fun. Our next Messy session will be on 10th June at 3pm and will feature bees and honeycombs. Be there for the buzz - all are welcome but people under 16 years must come along with an adult.

Little Saints is on the first Sunday of the month at 10.30am and is for younger children - a short story, game or craft is followed by breakfast. The next one is on 3rd June and on 1st July we have our annual pet service when all are welcome to bring their pets to church for thanksgiving.

We are looking for more people to join the small teams who run the above services. If you feel you can help in any way please contact Liz McBride who will happily put you in touch with the groups.

I am sure we are now all fed up with GDPR – but if you haven't filled in a form to give consent to the church please do so. (Forms are in church). Thank you.

Carnival is coming - as are Carnival pub games. Come and join the church team and inspire us to do better than last year when we came 7^{th} out of 9. They begin Monday 4^{th} June at 7.30pm.

Should you have any questions about Harbury Church please contact either of us.

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



Mothers' Union

Gillian Hare

Our communion service in May was led by Rev Ann, during which she suggested that we joined hands in love. Quite a moving illustration of our fellowship together.

We then had a most informative talk by Monique about the work of Save the Children Fund. It was founded as far back as 1919, working abroad, and set up work in the UK in 1926.

Snapshots from the past included an open-air nursery set up in Sunderland in 1935 for the children of working families who were left to play in the streets. As well as safety, it provided nutritious meals and a daytime rest.

In 1948 the "penny a week" appeal enabled all workers to contribute 1d from their wages – this continued until blocked by the unions in 1989.

During WWII, they withdrew from Europe but especially worked for evacuees and provided places for children who were playing on bomb sites.

Day nurseries and residential nurseries continued after the war, partly funded by the famous "Big Jumbly".

And nowadays? The sobering fact is that, in the UK, 4 million children live in poverty, which has devastating long term effects on language and literacy skills, leading to underachievement and unemployment. SCF works in partnership with many projects to address these problems, within homes and schools and in the community. There is also fast response help in emergencies such as the floods in 2007, as well as training for foster parents of unemployed asylum seekers.

It was particularly heartwarming to hear about all these wonderful projects as the big charities have been having severely adverse publicity about bad acts by a few people; Monique did not gloss over these but put them in the perspective of a very worthwhile organisation.

A reminder that our meeting on 6th June will be in Ladbroke, with communion at 2pm there in church, followed by tea at Betty Winkfield's. And on 4th July we are visiting Berkswell, starting with lunch at The Bear Inn followed by a

tour of the Norman church. This will be led by Christine Philp, whom members will remember for her talk about Maundy money.

Finally, I hope you have had a chance to admire and test the new pew cushions, bought with Alice Wilkins' gift to our branch. It is to be hoped that in time people might like to add to them, maybe to remember a loved one – a label can be attached. Details from Chris.

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Family Communion, 10.30am followed by refreshments

- Tues 5 Photography Club, 7.30pm, venue to be confirmed
- Wed 6 Table Tennis, 7.00 8.00pm, Village Hall

Thurs 7 WI, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Sun 10 TRINITY II

Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am

- Wed 13 Table Tennis, 7.00 8.00pm, Village Hall
- Sun 17 TRINITY III

Holy Communion (BCP), 9.00am

- Wed 20 Table Tennis, 7.00 8.00pm

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- Sat 23 WI Strawberry Teas, 2.30 4.30, Village Hall

Sun 24 TRINITY IV

Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am

- Wed 27 Table Tennis, 7.00 8.00pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 28 ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST OR EMAIL TO ARTICLES@HLNEWS.CO.UK BY 5.30PM
- Sat 30 Auction of Promises in aid of church building repairs, doors open 7.00pm, Village Hall

JULY

Sun 1 TRINITY V

Family Communion, followed by refreshments, 10.30am

- Tues 3 Photography Club Meal, 7.30pm
- Wed 4 Table Tennis, 7.00 8.00pm, Village Hall

Thurs 5 WI, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Sun 8 TRINITY VI

Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am



Mac Ladbroke Church News

Peter Rigby

On the last Sunday in April (a while ago now but after the deadline for May's edition of Harbury & Ladbroke News) we finally received the feedback from the "8 Essential Qualities" questionnaire that was completed last October. Evidence maybe that the good old C of E does not move quickly, but the feedback had been planned for the beginning of March and had to be postponed due to the snow. The Rev Steve Hood, who is a "Healthy Church Mentor" for Coventry Diocese, spoke at our service and explained that the results indicated that Ladbroke Church's strongest areas are "loving relationships" and "holistic small groups". There are, of course, areas where we can improve and we shall be looking at ways we can make our worship more inspirational to encourage us in our own spirituality and how our concern for those outside of the church can be shown more effectively.

The 10 day period between Ascension Day and Pentecost (Whit Sunday) was designated as a special period of prayer on the theme "The Kingdom Come". So from $10^{th}-20^{th}$ May the Church was open with a tremendously effective set of displays themed on the Lord's Prayer placed around the Church. Special thanks to Sue Wright for all her work setting these up. On the Monday evening of Whit Week a prayer vigil was held, which was well attended by members of both Ladbroke and Harbury congregations.

By now, most of us have probably heard enough of GDPR – the new General Data Protection Regulations – but they do apply to Ladbroke Church the same as to any other organisation. We have produced our own Privacy Notice as required; a copy of this is on the notice board in the Church porch. As part of our compliance with the new regulations, we are in the process of producing an up to date Directory of Church Members and Friends. Those on our old list should have received an email from Reverend Craig; if you would like to remain on our lists please return the form sent to you to either Craig or one of the Church Wardens (Sue Moore or Peter Rigby). If you have not received a form but would like to be included, please pick one up from the table just inside the main entrance to the church. May I emphasise that the Directory, when produced, will NOT be publicly available or given to any third party, circulation will be limited to those who wish to be included in the Directory, giving only such contact details as they choose to disclose.

Finally, we always welcome new volunteers to help share in the care of the Church. There are opportunities to help at Services (e.g. acting as verger, welcoming, reading, leading prayers, tea and coffee, bell ringing) or behind the scenes (cleaning, flowers, communications etc). We shall also be looking for a new Treasurer from the beginning of 2019 as Steve is wanting to stand down after many years carrying out this role. If anyone is interested in helping in any of these ways, please have a word with either Craig, Sue or Peter in the first instance.

From the Registers

Baptism

6th May

Elizabeth Leigh Arnold



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

The meeting on 9th May started with the council's AGM at which the only items of note were that Derek Batty remains Chairman, meetings will continue to be on the second Tuesday of alternate months, and for the curious, the list of the council's assets is: street lights, noticeboards, litter, dog and grit bins, telephone box (bought for £1), two benches, a water pump and the defibrillator.

The main parish council meeting then followed straight on.

Speeding within the village: There is always a slot for public participation and this month the issue of speeding drivers along Church Road by Farmyard Field was raised. Two low loaders were observed going at 40 to 50 mph by two villagers and such speeds are not an isolated incident with consequent concerns that a pedestrian or horse and rider will get hurt. Although there are 30mph repeater signs these are not very visible being small and extremely low down. Could they be improved, or perhaps a flashing "your speed is" sign? Since the police do not have resources for even a speed trap on the bypass at appropriate times, should we consider a community system (police-trained, three people at any time) as in Long Itchington?

Defibrillator: Awareness training will be run on a Saturday in late June or July by Heartbeat, the exact date to be confirmed.

SDC and WCC: Nothing to report, our representatives were at another meeting.

Planning: The parish council has objected to the proposed two houses behind The Bell Inn but made no representation on tree works on a cedar at Ladbroke Hall. SDC have approved the variation at the Lares, extension at Woodlands, retention of an existing mobile home for a rural worker at Brock Farm Stud and tree works at Hallsfield.

Highways and Footpaths: Windmill Lane residents say the new road surface on the bypass is quieter, they hear less road noise in the early morning. Potholes and the damaged bollard(s) are to be reported, a quote obtained for a new grit bin and flashing speed signs and a community camera

investigated. Could we discuss the last two with WCC / HS2 as part of traffic control during the construction phase?

Flooding: Cllrs Batty and Neal attended the meeting with WCC; the hydrology report has taken on villagers' observations on the rate of water level changes but this does not increase the number of properties affected, the recommended protection for those that are, nor did it show a benefit from a bund behind the Village Hall. The company doing the individual property protection has gone into liquidation, WCC had identified back-ups but progress will be slower as they want to do their own surveys.

Village Hall and Millennium Green: It is proving difficult to get three quotes for the work to be funded by the HS2 community grant as local builders are extremely busy. Further repairs have been done to the gate onto the Green thanks to the Norgates.

Broadband: We are still so near but so far from getting fibre to the home. The latest issue requires the road to be closed (we assume they mean the bypass), so no date can be given! Information so far has been second or third hand but representatives from the village will be attending one of the CSW/ Openreach meetings in June to give direct feedback and hopefully get more details.

Streetlights: WCC have quoted £376 to convert each head to LEDs, so to do all 15 by 2020 will cost around £4540. Members of the public are welcome to come to the next meeting to express their opinions before our councillors define the replacement plan.

Next meeting: Wednesday 11th July at 7.45pm.



Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge Women's Institute Carol Lane

The meeting was held on Thursday 3rd May in Ladbroke Village Hall starting at 7.30pm. The main topic of the meeting was the discussion and voting for this year's resolution. Ladbroke and Deppers Bridge WI - as do all WIs - get one vote, for or against, which will be taken to the Annual General Meeting in Cardiff in June.

The one resolution under discussion this year is as follows:

Mental health matters as much as physical health. The NFWI urges all WI members to recognise the importance of parity between mental health issues and physical health issues, and to lobby government for better support for mental illness.

We recognise that mental health is an increasing problem in this day and age with so many stresses on people's lives. The WI is well placed to welcome women in the community and make them feel valued. After discussions, the resolution was passed unanimously.

As has become the tradition on Resolutions Night, the committee provided an excellent wine and cheese spread.

Reports on past events

The coffee morning held in the Tom Hauley Room on 12th May was particularly well attended. We were lucky that the coffee morning we were hosting happened to coincide with the presentation of the Spirit of Harbury award which brought in an even larger and more generous crowd than usual!

Ladbroke Future events

Ladbroke and Deppers Bridge WI are the hosts for the **Group meeting on** 11th **June in Napton Village Hall.** This includes catering for 100 guests so donations of food and offers of help are appreciated. The competition this year is to decorate a hat in the Edwardian style 1901 - 1918.

A Strawberry Tea will be held on Saturday 23rd June, 2.30-4.30pm. There will be scones with cream and strawberries, cakes large and small, a raffle, a tombola, sales table with plants, gifts and books. Please do tell your friends and bring them along. Once again, help is needed with donations and on the day. Please give Dianne your name if you can run a stall or help in any way. We would like to give a donation to the Air Ambulance appeal as it is the charity chosen by WFWI to celebrate their centenary.

The Girls (Gary Barlow musical based on Calendar Girls) is on at the De Montfort theatre in October with matinees on Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th. The ticket price is approximately £30. Transport will not be provided but we can share lifts. Please give your names to Sue Moore - this will be a firm commitment once tickets are purchased.

General Future events

Group Outing will be on Wednesday 27th June to Sezincote House and Gardens with a visit to Tewkesbury. The cost of £29 will include travel, entrance to Sezincote House and Gardens and a two course lunch at The Bell, Tewkesbury. This is for WI members only in at this stage. More events were listed in the May edition.

Date of next meeting.

The June meeting will be held on Thursday 7th starting at 7.30pm. Jean Cholerton will be telling us about the purchase of land which became Little Haven Nature Reserve.

At the July meeting, held on the 5th, we will learn about the History of the Area via Commercial Photography from David Fry. Maybe some of the photography club would like to join us?





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.

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On Saturday 14th July we're delighted to welcome back to Ladbroke Village Hall the Above Average Weight Band, our all-time favourites who made last year's sell-out event a great evening. Their set list has evolved and they have some great new stuff to

keep everyone bopping! There will be a BBQ meal, salads and a licensed bar. Start time 7.30pm. Tickets costing £15 are available from either: Kip Warr (815004 kip@kwarr.co.uk) or Nicky Lewis (815196 nicolalewis24@tiscali.co.uk).

Events planned for later this year include a 'Last Night of the Proms' evening; and a wine tasting experience. In the meantime enjoy your Summer!

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 Club

April 2018

£50 Elaine Taylor £50 A and H Dow	
£25 Roger Plaskett £25 Joan Perry	
£25 Alan Rylance £10 Carole and Pe	eter Loftus
£10 Richard Walker £10 Dianne Surge	эy
£10 Kate Liverton £10 Paul Taylor	

Margaret Bosworth



Ladbroke Photography Club

Kip Warr

Join Ladbroke Photography Club and see the people of the world! Yes, our May meeting was all about people for both our competition and phototopic discussion. We were taken to India, Sierra Leone, Germany and Chile, amongst other places. A slightly less exotic, but much more accessible, location was chosen for our May outing: Birdland at Bourton-on-the-Water. The penguins are obvious favourites but there are plenty of other photogenic



birds such as pelicans and flamingos and a few really ugly ones (Bald Ibis, for one). We shall see the results at a future meeting.

We shall change the subject of our June meeting as the drone photography session has had to be postponed to 7th August. On Tuesday 3rd July, we shall have our annual summer buffet meal and a quiz on the theme of Locations. For more information see our website (tinyurl.com/ladbrokephoto) or contact:

jackieszone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk

Left: Vinales Coffee Plantation Owner by Nicky Lewis







Ladbroke General Section



Strawberry Tea

Ladbroke and Deppers Bridge are holding a Strawberry Tea on Saturday 23rd June, 2.30 - 4.30pm in Ladbroke Village Hall. We will also have delicious cakes and various stalls to tempt you. Please come along and enjoy the afternoon with us. Enquiries 813856 or 817904.

Dianne Surgey

Harbury & Ladbroke News Young Persons Award

Hopefully readers from Ladbroke did not miss the information last month (details can be seen in this edition on page 48) about the four £250 prizes this magazine wishes to award to budding young writers who, this year, can be any age between 12 - 21. Posters with the details are on various noticeboards around Ladbroke

Jackie West



Auction of Promises, Saturday 30th June

Come with your friends to Ladbroke Village Hall and enjoy a delicious two course meal, drinks from the cash bar and bid for some of the great promises on offer. Tickets, £12, are

available from Jackie West (810331) or Carol Lane (814715).

The bar will open 7pm and the first course will be served around 7.15pm. Then our auctioneer, Rev Craig will take to the stage and the auction will commence. There will be an interval for the pudding course before the auction resumes.

Just a few days after putting out the call for promises we already have offers from the early birds, ranging from restoration of an old photograph, man (or woman) with a van, hedge cutting or patio cleaning to dog walking. Please see the lilac flyer for details or phone 810331 to offer help with the event or a promise, large or small, all reasonable offers will be gratefully accepted. The full list of promises will go on the website **www.ladbrokechurch.org.uk** in mid-June and will be updated there as further promises are received. The website will also explain how you can place an advance bid if you can't make it to the event itself but we hope to see you there on 30th June.

All proceeds are in aid of Ladbroke Church's *All Saints for All Generations* Campaign, raising funds for building repairs.

Jackie West

A Growing Family

Soon after I wrote last month's article the Missus started laying eggs. At a rate of one a day that uses up a lot of calcium so she had one of those food fads so frequent among expectant mothers - bits of snail shell to compensate. She also told me in no uncertain terms that our routine was to change as eggs are very heavy and very fragile. I was instructed not to come inside until further notice, though she didn't mind me bringing her the odd treat. She, however would be



in residence from early evening onwards, i.e. out during the daytime, when each new egg was starting to form and staying at home as the egg developed its hard, white shell with a few tiny terracotta coloured speckles; once this was laid in the early morning she would go out again. We are strong believers in family planning and wanted all our youngsters to be the same age so, even though my beloved laid an egg each day for a week, incubation didn't start until we had a full set. In the meantime, to keep our treasures safe she hid them in the nest lining, very effectively at first, not even our nosey neighbours realised they were there, but as the numbers increased they became impossible to hide. We decided to stop at seven, that's a bit on the low side for blue tits who usually lay 8 - 12 and sometimes up to 16, can you imagine coping with that number!

Where was I? Oh yes, seven eggs in our nest or perhaps I should refer to it as her's. I am told I am too clumsy to take part in the next stage of creating our family and that she will do the full 14 days incubation by herself. OK I know when I'm not wanted so I kept a low profile but a watchful eye on what was happening and there is a definite advantage, you don't need to develop that bald patch underneath for good heat transmission.

Mrs Bird writes...

Two weeks is a long time when the average adult only lives a couple of years but I kept myself busy reminiscing and contemplating the future and with housework: rearranging my eggs into different patterns and fine tuning the soft furnishings ready for the babies' arrival with only the odd excursion outside. I had hoped for more of the latter but I knew I had to keep things as warm as possible for an early hatching to coincide with the arrival of those delicious caterpillars which would no doubt be putting in an early appearance due to the hot weather.

Our first egg hatched at 6pm on 17th May, followed a few minutes later by the second one. Obviously it was down to me as the responsible adult to remove the debris - taking half of each eggshell out of the nest and, in the interests of health just gobbling up the other part before cleaning the sticky stuff off the newborn. It was also time to start sharing child rearing with my other half, but we had to start carefully - I asked him to bring food but hand it over to me to feed the little ones. By the



middle of next morning there were only three eggs remaining but there only seemed to be three ever-hungry beaks so I did a thorough check around and under the little ones and discovered a poor lifeless body, which I picked up in my beak and took well away from home.

Mr Bird here again.....

I'm exhausted seeking out food for our growing family. I don't know why the Missus insists I pass the food to her, she isn't exactly gentle with our youngsters, always prodding and poking them and I think she has OCD the length of time she spends up-ended fussing around in the bottom of the nest! Still I know my place and don't arque though occasionally, if she's not at home when I arrive, I slip a morsel into the nearest beak!





I must admit our babies are pretty ugly at present. chickens Unlike and ducklings and other birds which have downv and leave the feathers nest as soon as they hatch, ours will be at home for 19 days so. Consequently, when they were born ours were really only embryos with beaks and even now, a week later, they wouldn't have any chance in a bonnie baby contest looking as they do like tiny

"plucked chickens" with enormous heads. They are starting to fill the nest though and that's just three of them - we still have two eggs in there (which won't hatch now) and the youngest addition to the family just couldn't compete with siblings that were twice its age; though it had a bright yellow mouth like the others, its gape just wasn't big enough or in your face enough to get a fair share of the food. Unlike you humans we believe survival of the fittest is paramount and we are very proud of our three strong chicks. I expect they'll stay at home for another 12 days or so and by the time you read this we'll be watching them doing circuits with us around the locality to perfect their flying skills. Now, I must fly, beaks to feed and all that!

Mr Bird, Cedar House, Ladbroke





🕍 Harbury Parish Council

Linda Ridgley Harbury News Correspondent

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Annual Parish Meeting 2018

The evening began with a very interesting talk on the fight for Women's Suffrage by Dr Sarah Richardson, a Warwick University colleague of Chairman, Tim Lockley and it ended with wine and nibbles.

In between we heard how "Austerity" had impacted on the ability of the three layers of local government to provide what their electors needed and wanted. The national Government's policy was for us to have to take even more housing the Chairman said.

From the floor Ken Stevenson suggested our Parish Council should be more pro-active; working with neighbours who would be impacted by development plans, making more detailed objections and urging our MP to take an interest in the lack of affordable housing for local people. This last aim was endorsed by Sharon Hancock.

Commenting on Cllr Summers' Planning Working Party Report, Julie Marshall-Hardy urged her to ensure proper reinstatement of the Bush Heath Lane verges, which had been badly damaged by the developers. Ken Stephenson asked when there would be approval of the Neighbourhood Development Plan (which we were promised would give us more say in how the village developed). The answer was probably not until September.

Cllr Gibb's Environment Report highlighted the progress made to convert our street lighting to more energy efficient LED lamps. He had campaigned for traffic lights at the Bendigo-Mitchell crossroads to be installed before the Gaydon Lighthorne Heath development began because accidents were increasing there. Extra litter bins had been procured, details of village potholes had been placed on the "Fix My Street" website which he recommended villagers used. At the year end Harbury would be commemorating, along with Chesterton, the ending of WW1, with a beacon on Windmill Hill. He was congratulated on the efforts of his working party by Dr Hancock and by Mr Stephenson for the Blue Plaque Trail in memory of the Village Fallen of WW1.

Cllr Ekins for the Property Working Party praised the "Friends of Harbury Cemetery" bulb planting. There had been extra equipment installed on the playing fields this year, new notice boards for the village and changes to the allotments management. From the floor; Geoff Thorpe noted that the notice board on the Oakfields development faced the wrong way. Ken Stephenson said the allotment's hedge needed attention and Linda Ridgley asked the PC why the fencing contractor had compromised the future of the iconic copper beech at the Burial Grounds. The Chairman promised to look into these.

County Councillor Bob Stevens said although still financially sound, WCC faced more cuts. They had increased the precept by an extra 2% to help fund Adult Care. Our Fire Service was now working to share administration with West Midlands Fire Service. The County's infrastructure was under pressure from development and HS2 would bring more disruption. Parish Cllr Gibb asked what the County was doing to secure monetary benefit for us from HS2 and Alison Hodge wanted the County to receive compensation for the damage to the Highways.

District Councillor Jacqui Harris said Austerity was having a similar effect on SDC. There had been a change of management leadership. She continued to monitor concerns about the Gaydon Lighthorne Heath development of 3,000 homes and has had a four-year battle to try to secure improved village infrastructure. The District was supposed to have agreements with the developers on the routing of the HGVs serving the sites, but congestion would continue. She would continue to help us fight off more development but would campaign for the social housing that local people needed.

After that we all became friends again and enjoyed the wine and nibbles.

Welcome Packs from the Parish Council

The Parish Council produced 100 welcome packs to be distributed to the new houses being built in Harbury. They were funded by private donations.

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The last few houses in Hawtin End and Overs Grove have not been occupied so welcome packs have been left at the Library where they can be collected by anyone moving into the village. Some are at the Parish Office and Kleinmans Estate Agents.

Councillor Pat Summers

Parish Council Community Engagement

The Parish Council have looked at forms returned to us (they were included in May's Harbury & Ladbroke News) and find that residents would like greater access to parish councillors. Therefore, one or two councillors will be available in Harbury Library between 10 and 11 o'clock on the last Saturday in the month. We will trial this for six months starting in June as there were two meetings in May.

30th June, 28th July, 25th August, 29th September, 27th October and 24th November.

Do come along and "meet your councillors" to discuss any item that interests you. Positive comments anticipated but negative ones accepted!!

The coffee and cakes in the library are excellent too!

Councillors Janet Thornley, Andy Rutherford and Pat Summers

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Harbury Women's Institute

Mary Thompson

We have had another busy month as we continue with our centenary celebrations.

On 30th April we welcomed 43 members and ex members to afternoon tea in the Tom Hauley room. A most enjoyable afternoon looking at photographs, renewing friendships and partaking in a lovely traditional afternoon tea. Many thanks to Lin Hayes and her helpers for providing the tea.









On 11th May 10 members enjoyed the blue bells in Oakley Wood on a walk led by Pam Parton and Gillian Hare. This was followed by a very pleasant lunch in the café at Lighthorne Cricket Club.

May is the month when we discuss the resolution which will be debated at the annual meeting of WIs. The resolution regarding the funding of mental health

care was introduced by Ann Mayer and Hilary Scott. Members voted overwhelmingly to pass the resolution. Our representative from Whitnash WI will vote on our behalf at the annual meeting in Cardiff in June. A competition for a decorated Edwardian hat was won by Gill Thorpe. She will enter her hat in a competition to be held at the Southam group meeting on 11th June.

The speaker at our meeting on 14th June will be Fraser Liversage talking about Medical Detection Dogs. We meet in the Tom Hauley room at 7.45pm - visitors and new members are always most welcome.

Harbury WI 50th Anniversary

Today (30th April 2018) Harbury WI celebrated the centenary of the formation of the Women's Institute organisation with a tea party held in the Tom Hauley room.

I thought you might be interested to have a photograph of the members at the 50th Anniversary in 1968 held in Harbury Village Hall.

My wife, Sheila Parker is 6^{th} from the left in the front row and she can name most of the ladies in the photo.



Gerry Parker

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Adverts to: 36 Manor Orchard, Harbury or e-mail to advertising@hlnews.co.uk by 20th June

Articles to: Harbury Pharmacy, High Street or e-mail to articles@hlnews.co.uk by 5.30pm, Thursday 28th June

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Harbury Theatre Group

Confusions

Such fun! Once again the Harbury Theatre Group have done us proud with their summer production. A group of us went to the Friday performance and had a good laugh. (Helped along by the bar I suspect!)

There was a short comic play in each of the two acts, supported by humorous songs and dialogues. The talented cast covered a range of subjects from love, working together, absent employees, kidnap and blackmail. There was a good deal of confusion and a little infidelity.





Once again it was clear that a great deal of work had gone into the performances, and not just by those on the stage. The props and costumes were great and the lighting and sound effects were excellent; especially the thunder and lightning, which was very convincing. A talented bunch.

It would be unfair to single out one star of the show as it was such a joint effort as they bounced their jokes and lines off each other, the timing was spot on. Well done

everyone. If you missed it - too bad, you will just have to wait for the next production

Thank you Harbury Theatre Group for your hard work serving us up a veritable smorgasbord of entertainment. Is it a panto for autumn? I hope so, and I'm looking forward to it.

(More photographs of the production are on page 25)

Alison Abbott

Next Meeting

The June meeting of the Theatre Group will be on Tuesday 26th June at 8pm in the Village Club. After a short business meeting we shall be enjoying a drink together, all are welcome!

Chris Barber

Harbury Theatre Group Juniors

At this year's Carnival, Harbury Theatre Group Juniors will give you a glimpse of the magic you can expect at our upcoming show, 'The Wickedly Wonderful Wizard of Oz'.

Our show this year is a musical based on the book The Wonderful Wizard of Oz, written by L. Frank Baum. With dancing monkeys, singing witches, talking trees and NO ruby red slippers, this Wizard of Oz is quite different in many ways to the 1939 film that made the story so famous.

Rehearsals have been going brilliantly and, as always, all of the children involved in HTG Juniors have been working incredibly hard in the short amount of time we have to learn their lines, songs and dance routines.

This year, we held a competition for the children in the group to design a poster to advertise the performances around the village. We had lots of wonderful entries so it was very hard to pick the winner - look out for the winning poster on a noticeboard near you, soon!

We would like to welcome you to join us on Friday 22nd June at 7.30pm and Saturday 23rd June at 3.30pm for HTG Juniors' performance of 'The Wickedly Wonderful Wizard of Oz'. Tickets are priced £4 for adults and £3 for concessions. If you would like tickets, please contact us on HTGjuniors123@gmail.com

HTG Juniors meet once a week in the Village Hall. If you have a child over the age of seven who is interested in acting, singing, dancing and musical theatre please get in touch using the email above.

Emily Fowler



Folk Club

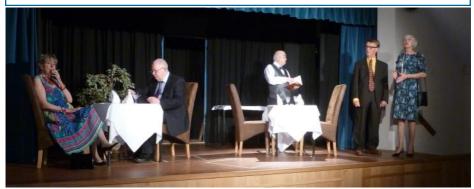
Doug & Janny Freeman

May 2018

This month's theme was "Wild and Wonderful", and the performers entertained us with a wonderful choice of material. Doug's notes though were not so wonderful, and apologies to the performers as they may be wildly inaccurate.

The evening was opened by the new duo of Janny and Lynne, and they played a beautiful slow Irish air followed by a song about a cross-dressing sailor. Rik gave us a couple of numbers about hares, one of which was wildly inappropriate before the watershed. Ted accompanied Sue's delightful singing about a dragon, before he risked a tale about a bantam cock. Debbie, our wild lady of poetry, was dressed in a onesie and read two of her fine poems; one about a rioter and the other about Morris dancing on disability scooters. Peter McDonald, taking a break from his world tour, first sang about feeling so near and then warned us about flies in Australia. Don set himself

Harbury Theatre Group presents Alan Ayckbourn's "Confusions"











the solo challenge of covering a six-piece Celtic rock band's Mighty Atlantic, before retiring to the quiet of a country garden with nettle wine.

Janny and Lynne started the second half by playing two lovely traditional French tunes. Keith sang about our wonderful world, before amazing us with his newly composed rework of Wild Mountain Thyme in the new-to-us "Filk Music" genre. Martin sang about an American dam builder/sailor/railway man, before reading a mining disaster parody about a folk club. Ian and Sue beguiled us with the wild rose of the mountain before keeping on the sunny side. Pete Mason sang about faithful Nancy and wild seas, and then old England. Norman brought the second half to a close with images of the wilds of Africa and wildebeests, and then a self-penned number to a bewildered or was it a wildered audience?

The third half started with Andrew, who we believe was new to the club. He went back to the wild side, before asking us not to forsake his darling. Ragged Edge, Robin and Sue, gave us darkness their old friend, before welcoming to the world a new baby. Ray and Anne sang about shoals of herrings, before addressing all no-hopers, jokers and rogues. Pete Grassby closed the evening with two fine numbers, one about a wild mermaid, and then he rightly declared that it was a sin to tell a lie.

A wonderful and wild evening of entertainment and our thanks go to all the performers, audience, and the Village Club's staff. The charity raffle raised £75 which has been donated to Harbury e-Wheels. Next month's club is hosted by Steve and Maureen on Thursday 7th June when the theme will be "All creatures great and small".



Harbury Twinning Association

Tony Thomas

This month's activity will be taking place when this edition goes to press i.e. our bi-annual trip to Samois-sur-Seine. This is our twentieth anniversary and our twinning partners have planned an exciting weekend with visits to Paris and interesting exhibitions in Fontainebleau in addition to festive evenings. We will publish a full report of the visit, possibly with photographs, in next month's edition.

Once again, we remind you of the Caribbean Evening which we will be hosting in the Village Hall on Friday 29th June. Tickets are now on sale. See our advert and posters for details.



Harbury Energy Initiative

Bob Sherman

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Salt 'n battery?

By 18th June we will know if the Postcode Local Trust, one of the Postcode Lottery funds, has awarded the village hall and HEI a grant to install a salt water battery. The tension is mounting but, don't worry, I can cope with it, so

you don't have to. We will get the notice just before Community Energy Fortnight (23rd June to 8th July), so good news would be appropriate. The company we have worked with on this, Sure Power, will be familiar to those of you who came to the talk at the beginning of February. Don't forget that they are still offering a £500 discount to anyone in Harbury commissioning an installation of solar panels or battery or both. In much the same way as photovoltaic panels have come down significantly in price, so batteries are also dropping in cost and becoming more efficient. There is a role for home owners to play in the whole national energy production effort through this energy generation and saving - and it cuts your home running costs.

Good day, sunshine

Last month Ted Dowdeswell and I took one of the electric cars and visited the newest local community energy scheme, Heart of England Community Energy (HECE), which is off the A46 to the west of Stratford-on-Avon. Community energy projects allow local people to invest in and become part of local energy production and earn interest on their shares. The minimum investment in HECE is around £500 with interest paid annually at 6%. They will use a significant part of their profits to support local charities that are focused on alleviating fuel poverty, amongst other things.

The solar farm is huge. On the day we were there the 60,000 panels had generated 32MW of electricity for the grid, some of it stored in on site batteries. We had both been concerned about the potential noise pollution from large batteries, something often raised by opponents of large scale energy storage schemes. In fact, whilst inside the cabin there is a steady hum, no sound is audible from outside.

Carnival is coming

I did warn you last month that we would be at the Carnival again this year on 9th June but that's no reason not to go. The Carnival is a wonderful village event and we love being part of it. Come and see our stand, which this year we are sharing with Harbury e-Wheels. We (and, okay, some of the other stands) will have a game and a competition. All over the field there will be prizes to win and we have one for you just waiting to go to the smartest competitor. I know we can count on you. After all, everything we do is for the village.



Harbury e-Wheels

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In Spirit

I thought of writing a separate letter about this but have decided to thank Harbury through this column. On 12th May I was presented with the Spirit of Harbury Award by the Hunt family at the Saturday coffee morning. Since this award to me could only happen because of all the people who share in the things I do around the village, not least the other 22 volunteer members of Harbury e-Wheels, it seems appropriate to thank the village here for the considerable honour of having my name added to the shield. As I said at the

presentation, I am just having fun, so it is an added delightful bonus to discover that people in Harbury appreciate what I and the other friends who help to deliver this and other projects are doing. It's a great village.



In Funds

Some of the fun comes in the form of fundraising events. Those of you who came to our epic Race Night may like to know that as a result of your generosity - and poor betting choices - e-Wheels raised about £900 towards its operations after all costs had been deducted. These events take a great deal of effort to put together (it is amazing what the e-Wheels team members will volunteer to do!) and I would like to thank everyone who helped, as well as all those happy people who came. I reckon we will be doing it again. Please start saving for it!

In Request

The sobering fact is that this £900 is still only enough to keep us going for six weeks or so. We have already clocked up over 500 hours of free green transport this year. Each year we need to raise about £7,500. At the moment about a third of this comes from personal donations, the majority by regular monthly giving, and this can be boosted by Gift Aid. The more money we raise this way the less we have to go hunting for funds. If you feel you could support us with a small standing order of £5 per month, please do get in touch with me (612277), Liz McBride (612421) or Hugh Tottle (614276). A lot of people will be grateful.



1st Harbury Guides

Kayleigh Barrett

This year we will be holding a fundraising summer fete to raise funds for the unit and would like to ask for donations of: good quality second hand clothing, shoes and accessories; bric-a-brac items; raffle and prize items. Closer to the time we will also ask for donations of baked goods to sell.

Please spread the word to all your friends and neighbours and drop any items at the Scout Hut on a Monday night from 7.00pm, or contact Kayleigh on 07730 470641 to arrange collection!

We will be aiming to raise at least £150 for the unit, so all donations will be greatly appreciated!



Fundraising Summer Fete

Girls just wanna have fun-ds!

We are 1st Harbury Guides and we love having fun and trying new things!

Please come and see what we get up to and support our unit at our fundraising summer fete.

Face painting - Bric-a-Brac - Hook-a-Duck and Games - Local crafts - Cakes and Bakes - Raffle and More!

- Saturday 30th June 1.30 4.00pm
- At the Scout Hut, behind the Library
- Follow the arrows!



HARBURY Harbury Heritage Room

Nigel Chapman

The Heritage Room is at Harbury Primary School and contains hundreds of photos and documents relating to the village and its inhabitants. You might even be featured if you have been around here for some time!

Entry is free, though we appreciate donations, as the Heritage Room is entirely self-funding.

We are always open on the first Tuesday of each month. Our next two open evenings are Tuesday 5th June and Tuesday 3rd July from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. Local organisations are welcome to book other times at their convenience.

Are you interested in local history? If so, please put a note in your diary and make a point of supporting Harbury Library's Local History Week from 2nd - 7th July. You will also be able to borrow a Listed Buildings Trail around the village.

The following is the second part (the first part was in May's copy of HLN) of a document over 150 years old, outlining what was expected of children at the Wagstaffe School and the Wight School.

Rules of the Harbury Schools, 1852 - HM1366

Any complaints about the school must be made to the Vicar. And to secure the school from interruption no person will be allowed to visit it, without an order from the Vicar, who daily inspects the schools himself.

Parents must bear in mind that strict compliance with the above rules is necessary to ensure the efficiency of the school.

Parents are likewise earnestly requested, so to arrange their domestic affairs, that, except in very urgent cases, the children may never be kept from school. Let parents always bear in mind, that six months **regular** attendance will do more for their children than twelve months **irregular** attendance.

It is in contemplation to combine the industrial training with the intellectual course of instruction. To prepare the children for the duties of public and private life. To qualify some for the office of teachers and other employments, and some for domestic service. The first class girls will, three days in the week, be instructed at the Vicarage, by efficient servants, in household duties — and to such as may wish for situations, testimonials will be given after having acquitted themselves satisfactorily. To prevent any interruption of their school duties, the girls will attend at the Vicarage from eleven till two and dine at the Vicarage. By this arrangement only two hours in the week will be taken from school, as one of the days selected will be Saturday, when there is a holiday.

So soon as arrangements will permit of it, there will be a public examination on the first Monday of each month when parents and friends will be invited to inspect the schools, in order to ascertain the progress which the children are making.

Half yearly there will be a special examination, when prizes will be distributed to those children who have excelled in the different branches of instruction, in needle-work and in household duties.

There will be two holidays in the year. A short one at Christmas, a longer one in the summer, and likewise a weekly holiday on Saturdays.

Two of the labourers' children will, in rotation, have each evening to clean the schools, and to leave them prepared for the next day's duties.

Suitable dresses will be provided for the girls while thus employed.



Harbury Rugby Football Club

Steve Kittendorf

Thursday 26th April - Harbury Seniors AGM held at the Clubhouse. The Chairman reported that despite a large number of injuries suffered through the early part of the season, the 1st XV had managed to recover and complete the season with a flourish to secure a mid-table position in the league. The 2nd XV improved on last year by completing 10 matches.

Sunday 29th April - Harbury 39 Plymstock Albion 39

Plymstock rounded off their summer tour with a match against Harbury before returning home to Plymouth. So successful was their tour last year, albeit with only 12 players, this year they arrived with a coach load! On a pleasant sunny afternoon, the match was sympathetically but fairly refereed by a Society official which made for a game being played in the spirit appreciated by everyone in a touring match. The match was declared an honourable draw.

Players from the U16s and parents met in the Clubhouse to give special thanks and make a presentation to Simon White for his commitment to the team as well as his commitment to coaching over the last 10 years.

Tuesday 1st May - The Mini and Junior (M&J) section held their AGM at the Clubhouse. The Chairman reported on another successful season and thanked the officers for their service and support. Most of the officer roles were filled ready for the new season.

Saturday 12th May - A presentation evening held at the Clubhouse for the U6s through to U13s saw awards given out for "Player of the Year", "Most Improved Player" and "Clubman of the Year". A great evening was had by all.

Thursday 17th May - The second meeting of the year for classic cars, bikes, trucks etc took place at Waterloo Fields on this balmy summer evening. The event is clearly becoming more and more popular and saw the biggest turn out of classic vehicles so far.

Saturday 19th May - 200 people attended the "End of Season Ball" at Dunchurch Park Hotel where good food, good wine and good company was enjoyed by all as they danced well into the night. £600 was raised for the **Warwickshire Air Ambulance** and £1,000 raised for **Wooden Spoon** – the children's charity of rugby.

Harbury's President (Ian Holroyd) is Chairman of the Warwickshire branch of Wooden Spoon and each year around £20,000 is raised to help transform the lives of children and young people with a disability or facing disadvantage. A Wooden Spoon Trim Trail at Baginton Fields Special School in Coventry is due to be opened next month with two more possible projects later this year.

May Bank Holiday Weekend - The U13s went on tour to the North Devon Coast for the "West Coast Rugby Rocks" tournament and brought back some silverware.



Forthcoming Events

Sunday 3rd June - Activities, Presentation and Awards afternoon at the Club.

Thursday 21st June - Classic cars, bikes, trucks etc from 6pm. The bar will be open and the BBQ will be fired up - why not come down and enjoy!!!

Harbury Tennis Club

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

We're having a Club Open Day on Saturday 9^{th} June, Carnival Day, starting at 10.00am and running until 4.00pm. All are welcome to come and try some of the activities we have on offer. In the morning we've got 2 x 25 minute Mini Tennis sessions for young ones at 10.00am and 11.00am. With smaller courts, nets and rackets and lower bouncing balls, Mini Tennis offers the perfect introduction to the sport, with all the fun and energy of the real thing. We'll also be running 2 x 25 minute sessions of Family Time at 10.00am and 11.00am when you can get on court with your family and have some fun. We'll provide modified balls and rackets for the younger ones and coach Elizabeth Holding and club members will be on hand to give you some pointers if you want them.

If you don't fancy a coaching session why not just try out our facilities? You can book a "Free Play" slot on one of the courts for free! We have 2 x 25m sessions at 10.00am and 11.00am and an hour each in the afternoon at 12.00pm and 1.00pm. To book any session in advance go to https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/HarburyTC/Events. If all that sounds too energetic for a Saturday morning - come and join us for a coffee and watch everyone else run around! If you can't make the morning but are coming to the Carnival in the afternoon the courts will still be open so come and have a chat and have a go - no racket is no excuse, we have some spares which you can borrow!

On the playing front, because the Winter Leagues were extended due to the awful weather, we didn't have much chance to rest before summer fixtures started - pleased to say that the weather has been much kinder so far. The early action was in the Warwickshire Senior Classic Mixed Doubles with four matches in the Round Robin stage. There were some very close matches against Rugby, Warwick Boat Club and Solihull Arden which, unfortunately, all ended in defeat. An excellent win against Blossomfield in the final match wasn't enough to qualify for the knock-out stage.

In the Banbury League we have teams competing in both the Banbury Midweek and Weekend formats. It's been an excellent start in the Midweek league, winning the first three matches, all at home, and at the time of writing we're top of Division 4. Deddington "C" were our first opponents and we started with a 6-3 win. Hook Norton were the next two, first their "D" team followed by their "C" team. They play on astro turf and both teams were uncomfortable on our hard courts, and we took maximum advantage to romp home to 8-1 wins in both matches! The weekend team has started with home matches against strong teams from Towcester and Priors Marston "A". The matches were closely contested but both ended in 6-2 wins for the visitors. We also have a team in the Rugby and District league but at the time of writing have yet to play a match.

The Coolsportz coaching programme has sessions for Juniors on Mondays (coach Elizabeth Holding) between 4.30pm and 7.30pm, with a session for

Adult Beginners/Improvers at 7.30pm. On Thursdays coach Rob West runs Junior sessions between 3.45pm and 5.45pm, and on Friday mornings (9.30-10.30am) has a Ladies' Group. For more details email Lianne Candappa at lianne@coolsportz.co.uk



Harbury Toddler Group

Lynne Barton

Stop Press News

As everyone knows we have to move from our current location, so here is the latest news hot off the press. We overwhelmingly wanted to keep the same day! We love Mondays!

So, after much deliberations we are pleased to announce the outcome of the parent/carer vote for a new venue for our much-loved Toddler Group is the **Scout Hut.**

We will be hopefully just moving across the car park to the Scout Hut to continue to deliver our activities and facilitate the making of new friends. Many thanks to the Scout Committee for making this all feasible.

The support from everyone has been phenomenal, and our thanks go to Helen at The Shakespeare who kindly offered us a room when our options were really limited, we would love to host a Harbury stone painting session in your garden one day soon. Also to Celia at the Village Hall and to Ms Guymer at Harbury C of E School thank you so much for your kindness.

We have to vacate on Tuesday 17th July, moving all our toys and equipment from the Pre-School shed. The Scout Hut has no internal storage but they have helpfully identified an area where we can erect a shed, which has to be custom built due to its size and location. The erection of the shed has to be approved by All Saints Church PCC before we can go ahead, they have however been very positive.





We have received two quotes for the shed between £1,000 and £1,500, see below by way of an example. At the moment we don't have that sort of funds so parents, carers and volunteers all intend to extend the fundraising activities.

We aren't experts but we do know we need volunteers to clear and prepare the ground and some slabs for the base of the shed. If you are able to help in anyway at all, have any tips or suggestions we would love to hear from you, many thanks.

Well what have we been up to?

Let's go dancing





Well you know how much we love dancing and singing and it is great to see even our more reserved children joining in with Miss Laura from Love Ballet. Elephant's have wrinkles is a particular favourite with us all. The freedom of creative movement is so joyful so let's keep trying to have joyous moments beyond childhood.



Our regular array of activities includes art work, sensory experiences, construction, dressing up and drawing, not only helping to develop skills but encouraging interactions, sharing and turn taking, so children are able to make the transition to the next phase of learning in a positive way.



Parents, grandparents and carers were treated with TLC as Corinne from Stop and Smell the Roses joined us for an hour.

Let's do lunch

We made some fabulous vegetable noodle pots, encouraging healthy eating and food preparation from an early age. The children loved cooking with Anne Marie, from Get Cooking - lunch sorted, so win win all round.







Come and join us

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

We are currently based at the Wight School, High Street, Harbury, CV33 9HW (brown gate to the side) 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



Staff & Committee

A Morning at Harbury Primary School: It was such a treat for children and staff alike to see some familiar faces when Pre-School visited Harbury Primary School to watch the Reception Assembly.

The current Reception class performed brilliantly, and it was a pure delight for us to see how much the children have changed and grown in confidence over the last year. Our current Pre-schoolers were captivated from start to finish listening to the tales of Supotato!



Summer Fun!: The sun has been out in full force lately which can only mean one thing: lots of water play at Pre-School!

We are fortunate to have a canopy and large parasol in our outdoor area to keep the children cool during the heat of the day.

The children threw themselves into water painting and working with the funnels and containers in the large water tray. They also have enjoyed 'washing up' in our sink with their friends. To support our learning about life cycles, we set up an outdoor 'frog pond' complete with water, 'frogs' and 'frogspawn'.

The climbing frame and slide are also very popular this time of year, both for physical play and imaginary play.





The children have enjoyed climbing and going down the slide and using the area underneath as a 'home corner den' for the babies, kitchen area with utensils or wherever else their imaginations take them!

Return of the Dinosaurs: In case you haven't heard, the dinosaurs are back, at least at Harbury Pre-School! Large dinosaur eggs, a huge volcano large-scale footprints have mysteriously appeared at our Pre-School.







The children have been extremely busy with papier maché, sticking, painting, stamping, drawing and cutting to bring colour and life to our finds.

No one knows how long the dinosaurs are planning to remain at the Pre-School but rumour has it they are planning their great escape on 9th June! Watch this space...



A Pre-School Wedding: Harbury Pre-School has not missed out on the wedding celebrations this week! The children had a tea party complete with scones and sandwiches and our role play has been transformed into a 'wedding area' with tea party 'food' and drink' and costumes so the children can dress up as a 'bride', 'groom', 'pageboy' or 'bridesmaid'.

Spaces available from September: We will be increasing our opening hours from the next academic year. From September, the Pre-School will be open from 8.30am – 3.30pm Monday to Friday.

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 You can also find us on Facebook.



Harbury Primary School

Chris Gibb

Harbury School had an OFSTED inspection on 27th March, with the customary notice the previous day, and was judged to be "good". This was the first inspection since 2013, and follows a significant period of change, both at the school and in the national curriculum, support and objectives. The governors and staff are pleased with the outcome of the inspection.

The inspector took into account feedback from parents and staff: 121 written comments were made to him in addition to verbal comments on the day. He

highlighted a representative sample in his report, such as a pupil saying "I'm so happy here. Everyone really looks after you", and a parent writing "The teaching staff at the school are excellent and are exceptionally interested in the welfare and learning of the children". Addressing Head Teacher Kate Guymer he wrote "You lead the school with resolute and dedicated commitment to the achievement and welfare of your pupils", and he continued with "Your governors are a strength of the school. They are well informed and eager to be involved and challenge you and your staff effectively".

A very high priority is now placed on safeguarding the children, and the inspector found this to be "effective". He concluded that "Your safeguarding culture is meticulously planned and well informed by up-to-date training".

Looking to the future he had just one recommendation, to ensure that "the improvements in pupils' mathematics learning lead to consistently good outcomes". This objective is a key feature of the school's "learning improvement plan".

In conclusion the inspector writes that "pupils, parents and staff are proud to be part of the school community". As the governing body, we echo this, and are proud of the achievements of the staff and pupils outlined in the report. We will continue to challenge the school to maintain and improve on these results in future years.

Chris Gibb, on behalf of the Governors of Harbury School



Village Hall Update

Geoff Thorpe

Another month has gone by, nothing to write home about, a water leak in the kitchen, a new door lock, just the routine jobs except that **Mark Easton** who has tended the grass and hedges around the hall for a long time has not been at all well and not able to work. **Adrian from Garden Aid** has stepped into the breech. Our best wishes to Mark for a speedy recovery and our thanks to Adrian for his help.

The routine jobs may have been quiet but May was another busy month for the hall. A Race Night, a Casino Night, a Ceilidh, and the usual bookings, karate, dance classes, upholstery, zumba, badminton and many more. The booking levels and variety of activities in the village are amazing. The highlight, as ever, was the theatre group's Alan Ayckbourn production accompanied by a sketch including the "Voluptous" Janet Thornley and Jo Banbury singing a Victoria Wood classic. A wonderful night out including supper. In June we have the Junior Theatre Group presenting the Wizard of Oz. Do come along and support our enthusiastic, young thespians.

On a sadder front is the news that the senior football club, Harbury Albion, has disbanded after many years. It must be hoped that the juniors can continue playing as the years pass and the village team be resurrected and make use of the excellent changing facilities in the hall.

BIBLIO'S CAFE

Harbury Village Library & Biblio's Café

Janice Montague



During the last month, the Library has had displays for two rather different events, the Royal Wedding and Dementia Awareness Week, as we have a number of books available for loan covering these subjects. Please be aware that if you want help with finding a book on a particular subject, non-fiction titles (which are especially classified numerically bν the Dewey system), the volunteers on the issue desk will be able to help you. We have also had a new and varied selection of brand new books, pictured left, so do come along and browse through our shelves.

We have been pleased to enrol a number of people who have just moved into the village as new members of our own collection of books, the Blue Label Collection, who join the existing 1000 plus borrowers. As part of our welcome to everyone who is new to the area, we are planning to hold a **Local History Week** to provide information about the background and history of the village in

conjunction with the Heritage Room during the first week of July. Books, maps and guided walks will be available. There will also be a series of fun activities for children during the summer holidays, so look out for further details of these nearer the time.

If that wasn't enough excitement, we have also acquired an A3 laminator which is available for people to use in the Library for a small fee (35p for A4, 70p for A3).

We hope to see you soon, whether to borrow a book, use our computers or free wi-fi, laminate your favourite photo or sample the fine ware at the café, Biblio's. We are run by volunteers and are always happy to talk to anyone interested in joining us, either in the café or for library duties. No experience is needed, as training will be given, so please contact us through the methods below.

library@harburyvillagelibrary.org.uk 01926 258776

biblios@harburyvillagelibrary.org.uk www.harburyvillagelibrary.org.uk



Harbury Village Club & Institute

Judy Morrall

Once again we have had a busy few weeks since my last article. We have welcomed many of you back and it's been nice to see some new faces too. The various groups from the village who hold meetings and the folk and ukulele groups make such a difference; good to know that we are getting more recognition. The use of our concert room helps our finances and we are very grateful for your continued support. For those of you who have yet to make use of this village asset please do come along and see what we can offer. A large room, delightful bar, very helpful bar staff, large car park and well located. We look forward to a flood of new bookings!

I mentioned last month about the cyclists who visit us every year. They did so on Saturday 19th May and we welcomed 250, all very glad of a break, lovely food and a chance to recuperate before the last 25 kilometres. So much lycra, I saw many of them as I went to do my volunteering at Upton House, all the way along my route. I bet they were glad to be descending Edgehill and not ascending! Anita worked very hard preparing all of the food and being there from mid-morning until after the last cyclist left, then tidying up afterwards. Thank you very much Anita and to Hilary for her help. We are looking forward to 2019 when we do it all over again, much better than any wedding, Royal or otherwise!

This weekend there will be a 90th birthday party celebration in the concert room then we have the quiz night as part of the carnival celebrations so as they say "and now for something completely different". Where else but in our lovely village would you celebrate such a diverse range of activities. Now that the weather has improved this is a great chance to come along with the children at a weekend and sit outside on the benches and enjoy the games I provided last year. We are open on Saturdays from 1pm to 3pm then from 7pm and on Sundays from 12pm to 3pm and again open in the evening from 7pm.

I have about 70 plus returned forms concerning the new data protection act which comes into force on 25th May and I will ensure that an adequate supply of blank forms are behind the bar. Thank you to those who have handed the forms in and please would the other 200 plus members pop in and collect and return the form so that we comply with the new regulations.

I was successful in obtaining a grant of £200 from the Nuneaton branch of the Co-operative Society. This will be spent on hanging baskets for the outside of the premises as they were such a hit last year and replacing the plants in the pots along the wall and the plants along the driveway. Then the mammoth task of watering begins! We will be putting up the baskets early in June as John and I will be away for the first week and we do not want to put them up before then as they would not survive for eight days without water - last year we almost lost the four baskets. I have written and thanked the Co-op and will send them some photos once all are in place.

Having mentioned Anita and Hilary we also owe thanks to Bob who is still continuing his refurbishment of the lounge bar and to Kate for her dedication. We are very lucky to have such loyal staff who will go the extra mile to ensure that all our customers are looked after. Kerrie is still having a few problems and we all wish her a very speedy recovery and look forward to her return. Also a big thank you to Steve and Judy for their combined efforts to ensure that the grass all around the premises looks so good and manicured.

At our last committee meeting we welcomed Janet Thornley to our team. The treasurer was unable to attend so I am not able to let you know our financial position. The committee have put together a new monthly report to be made by the treasurer for future meetings. We will have cheques signed at the meeting, a list of payments made and those that will become due and the amount in the bank at the date of the meetings. By doing this we will know at each meeting the exact amount of funds that we have. So, in my next article I will relay this information to you as members are interested in the state of our finances. We approved one new member and two new bookings.

I also produced the history of the club which will be kept with the deeds and I have copied these and sent to the other committee members. If you are interested just let me know and we will make the history available for you to look at. Plans for a celebration next December to mark our centenary were discussed as were ways of raising extra funds for the club. I will keep you posted on any progress. If you have any ideas for either of these topics just talk to us; we do listen and it is always nice to hear what you have to say.

That is all - "do I hear a big sigh of relief"? Once again, a big thank you to all who have taken the time to give me such great feedback. As I said before, I shall be getting a swollen head if this continues. It is lovely to meet you all and be a part of a village asset.



Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery Christine Dakin

Suddenly everything is growing well and it's a race to keep up with all the jobs which need doing. It's fairly easy to have a garden which looks good in spring and early summer but many gardens can look a bit bedraggled as the months move towards autumn. I think our garden is at its best in late summer. This can quickly be rectified by adding in some late flowering plants such as verbena, asters, rudbeckias, ornamental grasses, long flowering hardy geraniums, red hot pokers and many more. If you need help and advice on what to choose please come along and ask.

Reminders of some jobs:

- Remember to remove faded rose flowers
- Trim back any shrubs which have finished flowering
- Feed tomatoes/cucumbers/melons

- Sow some salad leaves every two or three weeks
- Repot some house plants and take them out for the summer
- · Plant out brassicas, leeks and sweet corn
- Pot up strawberry runners and pick strawberries
- There may still be a weed or two to remove

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



Nature Notes

John Hancock

As I write on Sunday 20th May, it's a perfect late spring day with no wind to speak of and wall to wall sunshine. We are promised these conditions will prevail during the coming week with maybe the odd thundery outbreak. Plant growth is on maximum revs and mowers are much in evidence.

Hugh Tottle reported hearing a cuckoo at the end of April whilst tilling his allotment near the church. Others have reported hearing one also but so far Sharon and I have missed out. It is the male bird which makes that evocative sound of summer. The female's call is a much less distinctive bubbling note. The decline of the Cuckoo, at least in the southern half of the country is probably explained by loss of habitat and songbirds such as the Meadow Pipit, Reed Warbler and Dunnock whose nests are used by the Cuckoo to lay its own egg. Various hairy caterpillars are the birds' chief food and our use of insecticides may be partly responsible for the Cuckoo's decline.

I saw my first Early Purple Orchids at Snitterfield Bushes Nature Reserve on 7th May while visiting the site with David Brown's Butterfly and Moth Group. It's always an exciting moment to see the first wild orchid flowers of the year. It have often seen them among the bluebells in Ufton Wood but not this year. It is one of the most abundant and widespread of our native orchids with flowers that vary in colour from purple to pink. The rosette of leaves at the base of the flower stem is generally spotted to a greater or lesser extent. The species has been well known for many years for in 'Hamlet' we find the Queen saying in reference to Ophelia:-

"There with fantastic garlands did she come

Of crow-flowers, nettles, daisies and long purples

That liberal shepherds give a grosser name,

But our cold maids do dead men's fingers call them"

These are references to the flower spikes themselves and the bloated tubers underground. I am indebted for this information to my copy of V.S.Summerhaye's encyclopaedic book 'Wild Orchids of Britain' in Collins New Naturalist series.

In Ufton Fields Nature Reserve I counted nine flower spikes of the Man Orchid yesterday, each guarded from nibbling rabbits by a wire cage making them easier to find.

Back at Snitterfield Bushes, we saw plenty of Orange Tip, Brimstone and Large White butterflies together with some Holly Blues and a few Speckled Woods. One decent sized elm tree appears free of Dutch Elm disease. I have seen single mature elms in good health near Wellesbourne and Rowington so perhaps there is hope that this once common Warwickshire tree will make a comeback.

Geoff Thorpe has seen very few swifts so far this year and I concur. Usually by now we have had them screaming down Mill Street in pursuit of insects. Perhaps they are just late arriving.

Sarah and John Bennett reported an unusual sighting back in April. The field near them was crammed with foraging pigeons. There was a near tropical downpour and the birds all took up a position with one wing pointing skyward. Was it to lessen their exposure to the elements, a sort of umbrella effect, or. as Alan Barr surmised, an attempt to get a good wash and eliminate parasites. The jury is out.

I was invited to Ladbroke after following up Jackie West's article in May's Harbury & Ladbroke News. There I was able to sit in the comfort of Jackie and Simon's living room watching pictures taken on the webcam inside a nest box where a pair of blue tits were tending four progeny. It was fascinating.

Now every day seems to bring yet more wild flowers into bloom. Each walk is an adventure. I hope you enjoy the summer as it unfolds in all its stunning beauty.



General Section



EARNIVAL Harbury Carnival - Saturday 9th June

(Get to the Parade at 12.30pm please in Sutcliffe Drive)

Support the Carnival and buy your raffle tickets

Please buy your raffle tickets from volunteers who will be knocking on doors remember the proceeds go to local charities and organisations.

The Parade: Vehicles, Floats and Walking entries in position in Sutcliffe Drive by 12.30pm for judging and then leaving by 1pm latest.

We look forward to seeing you with your local organisation, pub, street or friends and see what ideas you have come up with for either a float or a walking group for the procession.

This is what is happening:

12.30pm Float vehicles in position on Sutcliffe Drive1.00pm Carnival procession led by Shirley Pipe Band

2.00pm Procession arrives on the Carnival Field and the Fete officially

opens

2.00pm Judging of Fancy Dress competition

2.45pm Mystery item in main arena

3.00pm Theatre Group

3.20pm Karate Demonstration3.50pm Appalachian Dancers

4.15pm Dog Show

5.00pm Grand Raffle and Lucky Programme draw

5.15pm Fete Closes

In addition to the events in the arena we will have fairground rides, Porsche race team, Morris Minor car club, army vehicles, bar, Harbury Netball Team demonstration, Harbury Junior football, and various tombola stalls, games, food stalls, plant stalls, book stalls and so on.



There may just be time to book a stall/pitch on the field, please call Mike McBride on 612421.

To support the Raffle, (we would be delighted to receive any raffle prizes), call Haidee Powell on 612044.

And many thanks to our advertisers and Carnival sponsors: Avonvale Vets, Banana Moon Nursery, Drop Dead Gorgeous, Emily Jayne's Hair & Beauty Salon, Gardens by Wendy, Harbury Pharmacy, Harbury Reared Pigs, Harbury Supermarket & Post Office, Kleinmann Estate Agents, L.M Carpentry, Mr Plumb, Phil Baxter Solutions, Roger Coy, Rollasons Fencing, Rollasons Solicitors, The Door Store, The Salon, TM & JM Grey, Top to Toe Beauty, Village Sewing Bee, Warwick Cleaners

Dress up and cavort at the Carnival! See you there...

Submitted by Peter Walshe on behalf of the Carnival Committee

🔒 🥢 Harbury Cemetery Update

Weeds are growing fast and so we have decided to put in two weeding sessions at the cemetery - Thursday 31st May and Thursday 7th June.

If you have any seeds, bulbs or plants that you no longer need just leave them at the cemetery and we will plant them. You should see the flowers through the new fence and the stonework around the Chapel has been repaired.

Katy and her Beaver Group have volunteered to do some weeding in June and we thank them on behalf of the community. Thank you also to Kevin McMahon who has made us a Bug Hotel which has been placed at the top of the path next to the brick shed.

If anyone has a spare green bin because of converting their garden into a paved area we would be happy to receive it, as we have recently lost the lid on one of our bins. (Tel: 612059)

Pat Summers on behalf of The Friends of Harbury Cemetery

Manche to the Med Cycle Challenge

One of my cycling friends last year suggested that we should cycle "Manche to the Med", (English Channel to the Mediterranean) something he had always thought would be a great challenge. After much discussion and contemplation, which included a three day trial run to see if we thought that we would be able to cope, we agreed to look in detail at carrying out this challenge.

So, this year, three friends, and myself, with the invaluable help of my sister, who is providing our support services, will be undertaking this epic ride. We will be cycling from St Malo on 9th June, and over 10 days we will pass through Nantes, travelling down the Atlantic coast to La Rochelle, Rochefort, Bordeaux, where we follow the Canal du midi to Toulouse and Beziers finally arriving in Cap D'Agde on the Mediterranean coast, on 19th June - a distance of 760 miles. None of us are anything more than weekend cyclists who enjoy

the open road, and we have certainly never undertaken a challenge like this one.

The timing wasn't planned especially for this, but it happens to be "Bike Week" in the UK starting on 9th June.

I have decided to support Headway UK after my wife Caroline (who works for Headway at the QE in Birmingham) told me about some of the challenges that people face once their lives are changed by head injuries. I will therefore be raising funds and hoping to make a small contribution to the invaluable work of Headway by undertaking this challenging cycle ride.

Donations can be made through my webpage for this event https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/ChrisHill46

Many thanks

Chris Hill

Harbury Senior Citizens Committee Update

Everyone who requested a seat for the trip to Lincoln will be going so please turn up at the Village Hall on **Wednesday 13th June**. The coaches will be leaving at **8.30am**.

We have two coaches and a few spare seats available so if you fancy a day out in Lincoln at a cost of £10 please call me on 612421. First come, first served.

As you may know from previous editions of the Harbury & Ladbroke News we are running a chocolate tombola at the Carnival. While we have received donations already, if you should have any unwanted chocolate that you don't want the temptation of eating, then we will be happy to help you by taking the temptation and using it in a good cause. Any donations of chocolate can be left at **32 South Parade**.

We hope that those going to Lincoln enjoy the day, the cathedral, the castle, the hill walking or whatever you end up doing.

Finally, regarding the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), many of you returned your forms to say that you want to remain on our invitation list. Many of you did not return the form so your names will be removed from our list and you will not receive any more invitations from us. Should you wish to go back on our distribution list in the future, please contact a member of the committee.

Mike McBride on behalf of the Harbury Senior Citizens Benefit Association



ORDER UNDER SECTION 21 OF THE TOWN POLICE CLAUSES ACT 1847 FOR THE PREVENTION OF OBSTRUCTION IN STREETS

ROAD CLOSURE ORDER NUMBER NO. 37 - 2018 HARBURY CARNIVAL - HARBURY Saturday 9th June 2018

During certain hours on Saturday 9th June 2018 Sutcliffe Drive, Farm Street, Manor Orchard, Temple End, Park Lane, Bush Heath Lane, Manor Road, South Parade, Chapel Street, Mill Street, High Street, Ivy Lane, Church Street, Church Terrace, Hall Lane, Crown Street, Dovehouse Lane, Frances Road, Vicarage Lane, Pineham Avenue, South Parade and Constance Drive, Harbury ("the Streets"), will be throughd or liable to be obstructed on the occasion of the Harbury Carnival.

In pursuance of the powers conferred upon it by Section 21 of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847. Stratford-on-Avon District Council of Elizabeth House, Church Street, Stratford-upon-Avon aforesaid do HEREBY ORDER AND DIRECT that for the purpose of preventing obstruction in the Streets on the said day the following Regulations shall be observed:-

- 1. Save as provided in Regulations 2 and 3 of this Order, no person shall, except upon the direction or with the permission of a police constable in uniform, drive, ride or propel any vehicle, or cause or permit any vehicle to wait on or in the Streets between 12:30 hours and 14:00 hours (Rolling road closure between these times), on Saturday 9th June 2018.
- 2. Nothing in the Regulation 1 of this Order shall apply to any vehicles being used for Police, Fire Brigade or Ambulance purposes in the exercise of statutory powers or duties.
- 3. Any person directed or permitted by a police constable in uniform to drive, ride or propel or to cause or permit a vehicle to wait on or in the Streets during the said hours on the said day shall comply with the direction of the police constable and of any other police constable in uniform.
- 4. All persons present in the Streets during the said hours on the said day shall comply with the directions of any police constable in uniform.
- 5. Willful breach of this Order is an offence and any person committing such an offence shall be liable to a fine not exceeding One Thousand pounds.

THE COMMON SEAL OF THE STRATFORD-ON-AVON DISTRICT COUNCIL was hereunto affixed this 23"day of MAY 2018 in the presence of:-

> mum Authorised Signatory



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HARBURY & LADBROKE NEWS

YOUNG PERSONS AWARD - 2018

THE HARBURY & LADBROKE NEWS IS LOOKING AGAIN TO MAKE A NUMBER OF AWARDS OF £250 TO YOUNG VILLAGERS. THERE WILL BE TWO AGE GROUPS: 12 TO 16 AND 17 TO 21 YEARS.

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All entries can be of any length with an upper limit of 1000 words.

All submissions must include an entry form which is available from:

- Harbury Village Library (hard copy)
- Download off the Harbury News / Harbury Village News Facebook pages
- Email: awards@hlnews.co.uk

Eligible entrants

- Students and Young Persons aged between 12 and 21 years.
 - ⇒ 12 to 16 years attending secondary school at time of submission
 - 17 to 21 years at time of submission
- Must live within the Parishes of Harbury or Ladbroke - this includes Deppers Bridge, Chapel Ascote, Hodnell & Wills Pastures.

Time Line

- Submission of entry by 30th September 2018
- Judging and notification of winners -October 2018

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warwickshire Artists' Open Studios in Harbury

Open studios Once again artists in Harbury will be opening their studios to visitors over the last two weeks of June as part of Warwickshire Open Studios. There will be familiar faces, Katharine Barker, Libby January, Jules Whiteside and Sarah Jane Wilson, plus a series of "new to Harbury" artists showing sculpture, ceramics and installation art in a garden setting. Open Studios runs from Saturday 16th June to Sunday 1st July. See brochures (available in several village venues) and web site, www.warwickshireopenstudios.org for details of venues and opening times.

Katharine Barker for Harbury Artists

Harbury Footpath Group

The footpath group is looking for volunteers to help maintain rights of way within the parish. The majority of our work is clearing overgrowth through the growing season. Other tasks include fitting gates, repairing styles and laying hard surfaces on sections of soft ground. If you can spare one Saturday morning per month then please contact the group at harburyrow@gmail.com

Clive Taylor

Harbury Village Show

Now that the weather has improved, gardeners and growers are busy and no doubt already on watering duty. So hopefully lots of you will have half an eye on the Village Show. Schedules for the show (on 8th September 2018) are now available in the Library or to download from our website (harburyvillageshow.uk). Please take a look as there is something for everyone.

We have been busy making plans and will already have had our coffee morning in the Tom Hauley room on Saturday 2nd June. Our next event is the Carnival on 9th June 2018. We will have our plant stall again. Come and see us and pick up bedding plants, vegetable plants and many perennials.

Together with Harbury Library, we are planning children's craft afternoons during the school summer holidays. These sessions will give children the opportunity to have a go at some of the activities from the children's show schedule and will take place on Wednesday afternoons. Keep an eye out for further information and posters around the village.

Also look out for a writing competition for younger children.

"The Secret in the Garden"

What could that be?

Keep an eye out for further information on how children can take part. Entries will be exhibited at the show.

And last but not least. Could all winners from last year's show now return their trophies? Please return them to Dorothy Groves, 37 Mill Street by 30th June 2018. This will enable us to get them engraved and ready for this year's show.

Village Show Committee

foodbank Local Foodbank

At the beginning of the year, I wrote an article in the Harbury and Ladbroke News thanking people for their generosity in giving to the Foodbank, but also pointing out that donations from Harbury had gone down over the previous twelve months, compared to the year before. Now, a few months on, I have made enquiries again to see if there has been an improvement in the amount of our contributions. Sadly, I'm afraid the amount we give is still on the downward trend. Many people in the surrounding villages as well as Harbury, need to depend occasionally on food aid. The reasons are varied, but all have to be referred from an agency like a school, a GP or a Citizens Advice centre. No one can just turn up and expect to be given food. Numbers needing help have risen and so donations from those who are able to provide something, even just a little, will help someone. Many people feel desperate before they are finally helped and from my own experience a large number are very embarrassed to be in that position at all. If you can manage to give something, there is no doubt that your gift of nonperishable food, or basic toiletries, will be very appreciated.

There is a lidded box, just to the left of the door of Harbury Church, where donations can be left. Every Monday the food is taken by E-Wheels to the warehouse in Kineton, where it is stored and sent out to the various local distribution centres as needed. No food is ever wasted, because any nearing a sell by date, is sent to the larger foodbanks in Leamington or Coventry. Please let us try to improve our village food donations back to the level they were during 2016. Thank you to all those who help, every little counts so much.

Jill Winter - 612585

Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

A date for your diary: Christmas shoe box appeal Coffee Morning: - Saturday 14th July 10.00am - 12.00pm. Tom Hauley Room. Will include a large "Pre-loved" sale of housewares, toys and children's clothes - lots of bargains to be had.

Harbury sent out 144 filled shoe boxes last year; a great achievement headed up by Gillian Hare and Mike Jones. We would like to build on this success and have decided to change charities from Samaritans Purse to Teams4U.



Teams4U are a British Charity run by Dave Cooke, founder of the original Christmas shoe box appeal. The biggest reason for change is that Team4U are able to ship the shoe boxes for £2.50 per box as against £5.00 which Samaritans Purse are currently asking. Another reason is that Teams4U are more flexible in what

they allow in the boxes, including chocolate, well sealed liquid, shampoo and bubbles for example.

Home boxes are also welcome. These can be filled, for example, with tea towels, plastic knives and forks and small unbreakable ornaments.

The boxes go to Eastern European countries and are mainly distributed through local churches.

Find out more by attending the coffee morning and / or go to Teams4U website (www.teams4u.com)

Sally Townsend and Sue Johnson Tel: Sally on 01926 613420



Swifts - Can you help us to survey these wonderful birds?

Swifts are quintessentially urban birds and a symbol of the British summer. Unfortunately, as you may well have witnessed yourselves, they're in serious decline: the UK breeding population has decreased by 51% from 1995 to 2015. This is largely due to a loss of suitable nest spaces as old buildings are renovated or demolished. New buildings often lack the crevices these charismatic birds use as homes.

The RSPB are putting plans together to at least half the decline if not bring about an improvement in their fortunes. They intend to increase public awareness and support for swifts by inspiring people to take practical action to help this iconic bird, including improving data on swift populations and nest locations. Hopefully this will lead on to increase availability of nest sites for swifts in new and existing buildings.

What can we do? Well, a survey is being conducted of the breeding swifts in the Coventry and Warwickshire area so that we have a base line on which to assess what happens in the future.

Harbury is fortunate, there is already a drift of around 7–8 swifts regularly screaming around Harbury village centre and it would be fantastic if we can identify exactly where they are nesting and any other groups of swifts in or around other local farms and villages – and if they are seen entering nest sites that would be a real bonus. They are usually very active on still, warm evenings so if you are out and about you may see them.

If you can let me know where you see them or are happy to let me come and survey any nest sites you may be lucky enough to know about, please call me on 01926 613559 most evenings or email pshepherd1822@gmail.com

Or you can submit your sightings to the RSPB website https://www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/wildlife-guides/bird-a-z/swift

The Circus is Coming to Harbury

STOP PRESS - Harbury will be hosting its own Circus this summer on the playing field behind the Village Hall. The fun starts at 5pm on Wednesday 18th July with face painting, BBQ, refreshments etc

with the show 6-8pm.

Tickets are £8 for adults or children, and a group of 4 is £27. 2s and under are free on laps.

Tickets on sale now at the Harbury Library, and the Crown and Shakespeare pubs. For more information, contact harburypta@gmail.com

All monies raised will go towards purchasing computers for Harbury Primary School.

Sue Johnson



LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors

We would like to thank everyone who sent cards and messages of sympathy on the passing of Mom, Mrs Yenty Allington.

She made many friends over the 70+ years she lived in Harbury. It was really nice to see so many at the church.

A special thank you to Harbury Surgery who were so kind and helpful to us.

The Macmillan Nurses' collection made £393.54 for which we are very grateful.

Thank you all for your generosity.

From all the family

Regular Diary Dates

BEAVERS: Thursday, 5.30 - 6.40pm, Scout Hut, first contact via AGSL, Tel: 614494, Email: harburyscoutgroup@hotmail.co.uk

BELLRINGERS: Friday, 7.30pm, Alison Abbott, Tel: 612939, Email: alison@abt1.net BIBLE STUDY: 1st and 3rd Thursday of month, 1.45 - 3.15pm, Gillian Hare, Tel: 614809 2nd and 4th Tuesday of month, 10.30am - 12 noon, Mary Catt, Tel: 612864

BIBLIO'S CAFÉ (WITHIN HARBURY VILLAGE LIBRARY): Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 9.15am – 12 noon and Saturday 10.00am – 12 noon

BROWNIES: Monday, 5.45 - 7.00pm, Scout Hut, Email: paulabranscomb@aol.com, Tel: 613007

BUMPS & BUNDLES: Tuesday. 10.30am - 12 noon. Tom Hauley Room. Tel: 611914

CONNECTIONS CAFE: (for those with dementia & their carers), 3rd Wednesday of the month, 2.00pm, Tom Hauley Room, Tel: 612340

CUBS: Wednesday, 6.45 - 8.15pm, Scout Hut, first contact via AGSL, Tel: 614494, Email: harburyscoutgroup@hotmail.co.uk

GUIDES: Monday, 7.15 – 8.45pm, Scout Hut, Email: harburyquides@outlook.com.

Tel: 07730 470641, www.1stharburyguides.co.uk

HARBURY FOLK CLUB: 1st Thursday of month, 8.00pm, Harbury Club, Tel: 613730 HARBURY FRIENDS: 2nd Tuesday of month, 8.00pm, Tom Hauley Room, Tel: 612534

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Under 8s - Year 3 (Mixed)

Coach: Marcus Birch, Tel: 07904 670055 Training: Saturday 9.00am. Harbury School

Under 9s – Year 4 (Mixed)

Coach: Phil Hetherington, Tel: 07773 352731 Training: Saturday 9.00am. Harbury Playing Fields

Under 10s – Year 5 (Mixed)

Coach: Eugene Murphy. Tel: 07506 518687 Training: Monday 6.00pm. Southam College

Under 11s – Year 6 (Mixed)

Coach: Jo Dufty, Tel: 07718 082035

Training: Saturday 9.45am. Harbury Playing Fields

Under 15s – Year 10 & 11 (Mixed) Coach: Ian Jones. Tel: 07525 099497

Training: Tuesday 6.00pm. Southam College 3g Pitch

Under 17s - Year 10 & 11 (Mixed)

Coach: Richard Woodhead, Tel: 07786 802803 Training: Tuesday 6.00pm. Southam College 3g Pitch

HARBURY PRE-SCHOOL: The Wight School, High Street, Harbury, Monday, 12 noon -3.30pm, Tuesday and Thursday, 9.00am - 3.30pm, Wednesday and Friday, 9.00am -1.30pm, Text: 07907 598461, enquiries@harburypre-school.org.uk

HARBURY THEATRE GROUP: Last Tuesday of month, The Village Club, Tel: 614937

HARBURY TODDLER GROUP: The Wight School, High Street, Harbury.

Monday, 9.30am - 11.15am, Lynne Barton, Tel: 612748

HARBURY UKULELE GROUP: 1st and 3rd Monday of the month, 8.00pm, The Village Club, Tel: 612377

HARBURY VILLAGE CLUB: Contact 612498 (evenings). Bingo every Friday 8.30pm – non members welcome.

HARBURY VILLAGE LIBRARY: Wight School, High Street, Harbury. Tel: 258776, Monday to Friday, 9.00am - 5.00pm and Saturday, 10.00am - 12 noon

HEREBURGH MORRIS DANCERS: Wednesday, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall, Tel: 614217 HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY: 1st Tuesday of month (Oct - May excluding January) 8.00pm, Tom Hauley Room, Judy Morrall, Tel: 613103

INSPIRE DANCE: Wednesday, 4.00 - 7.00pm, Village Hall, Tel: 07875 715876

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HARBURY NETBALL CLUB (Senior & Junior): Training: Thursday, Harbury Playing Fields U14 - 5.30 - 6.30pm, U16 - 6.30 - 7.30pm, Intermediate Seniors, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Senior League, 7.30 - 8.30pm, Tel: 613163

MOTHERS' UNION: 1st Wednesday of month, 2.30pm, Tel: 613757 **RAINBOWS:** Tuesday, 5.30 - 6.30pm, Scout Hut, Tel: 612036, Email:

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SCOUTS: Thursday, 7.00 - 9.00pm, Scout Hut, Tel: 612897, harburyscouts@hotmail.co.uk SLIMMING WORLD: Primary School, Ladbroke Road, Bishops Itchington, Wednesdays 5.30 and 7.30pm sessions, Jodie Tel: 07771 930568

TABLE TENNIS: Thursday, 9.30 - 10.30am, Village Hall, Gillian Hare, Tel: 614809 **TAI CHI (Nei Chia Association)**, Monday, 7.30pm, Ufton Village Hall, Tel: 612277

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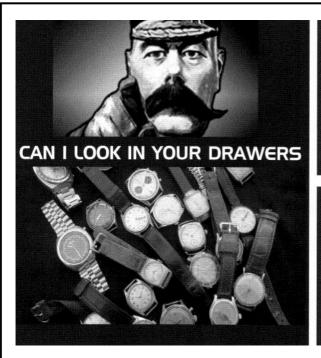
W.I.: 2nd Thursday of month, 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room, Tel: 614896

WEDNESDAY WALKERS: Wednesday, 9.40am, meet Village Hall Car Park, Tel: 614188 or 614809

YOGA: Tuesday, 1.30 - 3.00pm and 6.00 - 7.30pm, Tom Hauley Room, Tel: 817904 YOUTH GROUP - ICON: 4th Sunday monthly, 7.00 - 8.30pm, Tom Hauley Room,

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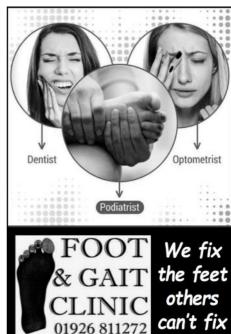
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6.30pm - 7.15pm Grade 5 Modern (15 yrs+) 6.30pm - 7.15pm Pointe Class (Beg)

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Thursdau

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