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## Editorial

The Annual Parish Meeting is taking place on 10<sup>th</sup> May. All residents of Harbury and Deppers Bridge are invited to attend to discuss matters of importance for the village. There will also be a guest speaker – see the Parish Council article for details.

Come and be amused at the Theatre group production of Alan Ayckbourn's "Confusions" on 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> May.

Harbury Carnival is on 9<sup>th</sup> June – if you haven't already, please do think about taking part.

In Ladbroke, promises are being sought for the Auction of Promises on 30<sup>th</sup> June.

We always welcome articles from new authors and are pleased to see one from Ladbroke this month.

Following on from last year's Student Award, the Harbury & Ladbroke News Committee has decided this year to widen the award and it will be the Young Persons Award 2018. Details of eligibility, criteria and how to enter appear on page 51. It would be great to receive lots of entries.

We would like to offer our condolences to the families of Yenty Allington, Jo House, Mary Kimber and Doreen Such.

# Harbury Diary

## MAY 2018

- |       |   |   |
|-------|---|---|
| Tue   | 1 | Pilates, 9.30am, Village Hall<br>MeetingPoint (tea, coffee & biscuits), 2.00 - 4.00pm, The Crown Inn<br>Junior Theatre Group, 5.00pm, Village Hall<br>Heritage Room open, 6.30 - 8.30pm, The School<br>Holy Communion, 7.30pm |
| Wed   | 2 | Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am Village Hall Car Park - Wootton Wawen & Bluebells (4 miles some hilly)<br>Mothers' Union Meeting & Communion, 2.00pm, Tom Hauley Room   |
| Thurs | 3 | Inspire Dance, 4.30pm, Village Hall<br>Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am<br>Harbury Theatre Group, 7.30pm, Village Hall<br>Folk Club, 8.00pm, Village Club  |
| Sat   | 5 | Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Harbury Pre-School   |

- Sat 5 Race Night, 7.30pm, at Village Hall - Tickets £10 from Pharmacy including fish & chips
- Sun 6 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
 Holy Communion, 9.00am  
 'Little Saints' Service, 10.30am, followed by breakfast in the Tom Hauley Room  
 Celtic Service, 6.00pm  
 All Saints' Youth Group, 7.00 - 8.30pm, Tom Hauley Room  
 Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall  
 Harbury Theatre Group, 7.30pm, in Village Hall
- Mon 7 Martial Arts, 5.30pm, Village Hall
- Tue 8 Pilates, 9.30am, Village Hall  
 Junior Theatre Group, 5.00pm, Village Hall  
 Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 9 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am Village Hall Car Park -  
 Bluebells at Badby Woods/Fawsley (3½ miles hilly)  
 Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room  
 Inspire Dance, 4.30pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 10 Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am  
 Ascension Day Communion Service at Ladbroke, 7.30pm  
 Harbury WI, Resolutions meeting, 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room  
 Harbury's Annual Parish Meeting, with guest speaker Sarah Richardson on "Women's Suffrage", 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Fri 11 Junior Football Fund Raiser, 7.00pm, Village Hall
- Sat 12 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge WI (including the presentation of the Spirit of Harbury Award)
- Sun 13 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
 Holy Communion, 8.00am  
 Holy Communion & Children's Church Service, 10.30am  
 Messy Church, 3.00 - 5.00pm, Tom Hauley Room  
 Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall  
 Chesterton Horse Blessing and Fun Ride, 11.30am - 2.30pm, field by church
- Mon 14 Upholstery Class, 9.15am, Village Hall  
 Martial Arts, 5.30pm, Village Hall
- Tue 15 Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 16 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am Village Hall Car Park -  
 Lowsonford with optional pub meal (4 miles)  
 Connections (Dementia) Café, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room  
 Inspire Dance, 4.30pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 17 Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am  
 Harbury Theatre Group performs "Confusions" by Alan Ayckbourn  
 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Fri 18 Harbury Theatre Group performs "Confusions" by Alan Ayckbourn  
 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Sat 19 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Harbury Society

- Sat 19 Harbury Theatre Group performs "Confusions" by Alan Ayckbourn, including supper, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Sun 20 PENTECOST**  
 Holy Communion, 8.00am  
 'Saints Alive!' Informal Communion Service, 10.30am  
 Evensong, 6.00pm  
 All Saints' Youth Group, 7.00 - 8.30pm, Tom Hauley Room  
 Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall  
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- Mon 21 Upholstery Class, 9.15am, Village Hall  
 Martial Arts, 5.30pm, Village Hall
- Tue 22 Pilates, 9.30am, Village Hall  
 Inspire Dance, 4.30pm, Village Hall  
 Junior Theatre Group, 5.00pm, Village Hall  
 Holy Communion, 7.30pm  
 Julian Meeting, 8.00pm
- Wed 23 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am Village Hall Car Park - Brinklow (4 miles)  
 Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
- Thurs 24 Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am  
 ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST OR EMAIL TO ARTICLES@HLNEWS.CO.UK BY 5.30PM  
 Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, Farley Room, Village Hall
- Sat 26 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Ladbroke Church
- Sun 27 TRINITY SUNDAY**  
 Holy Communion, 8.00am  
 Holy Communion & Children's Church, 10.30am  
 Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall
- Mon 28 Martial Arts, 5.30pm, Village Hall
- Tue 29 Pilates, 9.30am, Village Hall  
 Junior Theatre Group, 5.00pm, Village Hall  
 Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 30 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am Village Hall Car Park - Cropredy (3 or 5 miles some hills)
- Thurs 31 Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am
- JUNE**
- Sat 2 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Village Show  
 Harbury WI, Craft Fair, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Village Hall  
 Ufton Fete, 2.00 - 5.00pm, to be held at Greg's Eggs, Bascote Heath
- 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

- Sun 3 All Saints' Youth Group, 7.00 - 8.30pm, Tom Hauley Room  
 Tue 5 MeetingPoint Summer Lunch (booking required), 12.30pm,  
 The Crown Inn  
 Heritage Room open, 6.30 - 8.30pm, The School  
 Holy Communion, 7.30pm  
 Wed 6 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park -  
 Stockton wild flowers (3 miles flat)  
 Mothers' Union Meeting & Communion, 2.00pm, Tom Hauley  
 Room  
 Thurs 7 Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am  
 Folk Club, 8.00pm, Village Club  
 Sat 9 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid  
 of Knitwits  
 Harbury Carnival, parade assembles at 12.30pm, Sutcliffe Drive  
 Wed 13 Senior Citizens' trip to Lincoln, leaves at 8.30am, from Village  
 Hall  
 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am Village Hall Car Park -  
 Radway - Edgehill wild flowers (4 miles hilly)

Refuse Collection Rota			
	Deppers Bridge	Harbury, Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge outlying properties	Collection Week
May	Wed	Fri	
	9	11	Grey Bin
	16	18	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	23	25	Grey Bin
	30		Green & Blue Lid Bins
June		1	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	6	8	Grey Bin
	13	15	Green & Blue Lid Bins

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All Saints  
HARBURY

## From the Rector

Reverend Craig Grocock

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### Pressing on to what is ahead

We have just had our Annual Church Meetings at Harbury and Ladbroke, a time to elect a new PCC, Church Wardens and officers for the church. It is also an opportunity to look back on the last year and to look forward to the next. This month marks my tenth anniversary at Harbury and Ladbroke. It is my desire, as it was when I came here, that we strive to be the church in our villages that God wants us to be; that we don't get so wrapped up in our own desires that we miss people and their needs.

I want the wonderful buildings we have to be places for everyone, places that retain our traditions but are accessible to all; buildings that speak of our past and history (of course) but also fitting for today's world and culture.

It has been a joy and privilege to have the Rev Nikki Moon as our curate over the last three years. Nikki moved on in February to the parishes of Stoneleigh and Ashow in Kenilworth Deanery for twelve months on an extended placement. I continue to act as Nikki's training supervisor and will continue to offer support to her in any way I can.

Many people give so much to the life of our churches, often behind the scenes. Thank you to everyone for all the hard work and dedication you give. Thanks especially to my fellow Clergy and Readers – Rev Ann Mulley, Rev Bob Clucas, Rev Martin Wright, Peter and Gemma Took and Alison Abbott (my 'partners in crime').

Our Churchwardens give so much to church and village. Thanks to Liz McBride and Michael Vincent (at Harbury) and Peter Rigby and Jackie West (at Ladbroke) for everything – you are brilliant! Jackie steps down this year as Church Warden after serving for five years and is replaced by Sue Moore. My Thanks to Fliss Harris for all the personal day to day help and support she gives me.

We are 'church' – the people of God. This year we will continue to seek His heart for our future. The important thing is we are here for everyone in our village community and we look forward to welcoming more of you on Sundays and during the week. Please do note our service times and go onto our website where you will find more information.

I finish with some words from St. Paul; 'Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me'.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

God bless.

## From the Registers

### *Wedding*

11<sup>th</sup> April Michael David Ridley to Valerie Margaret Zand

### *Baptism*

22<sup>nd</sup> April Seb Oscar Jenkins & Ralph Patrick Clarke

### *Funeral*

9<sup>th</sup> April Yenty Allington

19<sup>th</sup> April Jo House (72 years)

20<sup>th</sup> April Doreen Such (79 years)



## From the Churchwardens

**Liz & Michael**

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (our AGM) was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> April. The report, detailing all our church activities over the last year, was presented to the meeting. A copy of this is in the information area in church along with the annual financial statement.

A new PCC was elected and along with the clergy, readers and deanery synod representatives is as follows:-

*Clergy* - Reverends Craig and Ann, *Readers* - Alison Abbott, Gemma and Peter Took, *Deanery reps* - Bryan Pratt and John Eld.

*Elected:* Elaine Barnden, Sarah Brooke-Taylor, Peter Crowley, Gill Guilford, Brian Jones, Sam Jones, William Jones, Philip Keeping, Andrew Lawrence (Treasurer), Nic Lee and churchwardens Liz McBride and Michael Vincent. Judy Timson continues as Minute Secretary to the PCC.

Sally Stringer has stood down after over 30 years of service and Gill Guilford has come back on. Thank you to all those past and present who serve in this way.

We are pleased to report that the Memorial Garden is almost finished. The grass has been sown (thank you Martin Ellis) and two benches have been put in place. The plants, trees and shrubs planted last autumn are now making good growth and filling out the beds with colour - however they cannot outshine all the spring flowers in the rest of the churchyard which have been tremendous this year. Thanks to Bob Sherman and Philip Keeping for maintaining and conserving these areas.

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

At our March meeting, Mrs Pat Mott told us about her work as a volunteer with the independent monitoring board in Aylesbury Prison. These operate in every prison, having access to all areas and reporting to the Minister for Prisons. Requests and complaints can be channelled through these without fear of reprisals. Aylesbury is a Category B prison for 440 young offenders – aged 18 – 21, many of whom serve very long sentences with consequential effects on morale and discipline. About 40% of prisoners are illiterate and there are schemes to address this. Also, ways are sought for useful occupations such as mending damaged bicycles, and learning skills by working in the kitchen, laundry or coffee shop.

Pat made us see this as a positive and practical volunteering role which she would encourage anyone to consider.

Also, in April, we hosted a bread and broth lunch – a relaxed and happy event which raised enough funds for us to continue to give bibles to our wedding couples. Thank you to all who supported this.

On 14<sup>th</sup> May – a Monday – we are invited to join diocesan members in the cathedral at 3pm for a service described as “A Global Moment of Worship”. This is part of the Archbishop’s initiative called “Thy Kingdom Come” which in two years has grown into an international and ecumenical prayer movement. An inspiring service will include a Gospel Choir and address by the Very Reverend Bob Key from Lambeth Palace. It will also feature the blessing of the Cross of Nails presented to Mothers’ Union as a sign of our affiliation to this ministry of reconciliation.

Our meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> June will be moving to Ladbroke. After communion in church there at 2pm, we are delighted to be invited to have tea at Betty Winkfield’s home. We shall be arranging lifts – please make sure that Chris or a committee member knows if you are able to come.

## Ladbroke News & Diary

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

### MAY

- |            |           |   |
|------------|-----------|---|
| <b>Sun</b> | <b>7</b>  | <b>EASTER 6</b><br>Family Communion, 10.30am, including baptism, followed by refreshments |
| Wed        | 9         | Parish Council Meeting, 7.45pm, Village Hall  |
| Thurs      | 10        | Ascension Day service, 7.30pm   |
| Sat        | 12        | Coffee morning, 10.00 – 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge WI   |
| <b>Sun</b> | <b>13</b> | <b>EASTER 7</b><br>Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am  |

- Mon 14 Prayer evening in church, from 7.30 – 9.00pm  
 Wed 16 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall  
**Sun 20 PENTECOST**  
 Holy Communion (BCP), 9.00am  
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 Thurs 24 ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY PHARMACY,  
 HIGH ST OR EMAIL TO ARTICLES@HLNEWS.CO.UK BY  
 5.30PM
- Fri 25 Film Night, doors open 7.00pm, film starts 8.00pm, Village Hall  
 Sat 26 Coffee morning, 10.00 - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in  
 aid of Ladbroke Church
- Sun 27 TRINITY SUNDAY**  
 Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am
- Wed 30 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall
- JUNE**
- Sun 3 TRINITY 1**  
 Family Communion, 10.30am, followed by refreshments
- Tues 5 Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall  
 Wed 6 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall  
 Village Hall Annual Village Meeting, 7.30pm,  
 Thurs 7 WI, 7.30pm, Village Hall



## Ladbroke Church News

**Peter Rigby**

On 1<sup>st</sup> April the Church was fuller than usual (with about three times the usual congregation) as we came together on Easter Day to celebrate Jesus' resurrection. The building was beautifully decorated with flowers for the occasion; our thanks to all those who make it such a beautiful place to worship, not just at Easter but throughout the year.

With Rev Craig taking a well-earned rest, the following week we welcomed Rev Bob Clucas, a former resident of Ladbroke, to lead our service.

16<sup>th</sup> April was the date of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (effectively the AGM) at which the Church Wardens and PCC were elected. It was an opportunity to thank Jackie West, who has stood down as Church Warden, for the immense amount of work that she has done for the Church over the last five years in this role, and Rev Craig presented her with a gift in recognition of our appreciation. However, standing down as Church Warden does not mean that Jackie will be doing any less, as she will instead be focussing on the building restoration and broader Ladbroke Heritage projects (see her separate report in this edition for more details).

All those at the meeting (and especially the writer!) were delighted that Susan Moore has agreed to serve in her place, so the following have been elected for the coming year:

**Church Wardens:** Susan Moore and Peter Rigby

**PCC members:** Margaret Bosworth, Steve Copley, Sue Lord, Joan Perry, David & Susan Wright, Jackie West

Jenny Rigby continues as Deanery Synod representative.

Looking forward to May, our monthly Family Service at 10.30am on 6<sup>th</sup> May will include a baptism, and there will be a special Ascension Day service at 7.30pm on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May. Pentecost is on 20<sup>th</sup> May - service at 9.00am. All are welcome.

## From the Registers

### *Baptism*

8<sup>th</sup> April

Imogen Rose Morris



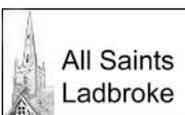
### Thy Kingdom Come

Jesus prayed at the Last Supper that we, those who follow him, might be one that the world might believe. We are invited to make a lasting difference in our nation and in our world, by responding to his call. The Archbishops of

Canterbury and York are calling us to join them in prayer between Ascension and Pentecost, 10<sup>th</sup> May to 20<sup>th</sup> May.

*Harbury and Ladbroke Churches will be open from 8.30am to dusk for people to come and pray or just sit and be.*

**All Saints, Harbury** will be arranging for new prayers to be displayed each day in their prayer corner. There will be the usual Eucharist on Tuesday evening 15<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm, and on Thursday morning 17<sup>th</sup> May at 9.45am where the prayer focus will be "Thy Kingdom Come". Please join us if you can. In addition, some of us are hoping to walk around our village, praying for roads/streets, our shops, pubs, and schools during the ten days.



**All Saints, Ladbroke** will have a number of resources on display to help with prayer during the hours the church is usually open. In addition the church will be open on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May between 7.30pm and 9pm. Please drop in during that time to share in an opportunity to pray with quiet reflective music.

**David Wright**



## 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>*

### **Ladbroke Annual Village Meeting Report**

Twenty people or so attended Ladbroke's 122<sup>nd</sup> annual village meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2018 and heard reports from our councillors and various village organisations and groups. Much of it has been reported previously in the Harbury & Ladbroke News so I'll try not to repeat that information in any detail.

**Parish Council:** After expressing condolences to the families of villagers who died last year, Derek Batty summarised Parish Council aspects, reminding us that we have our full complement of five councillors, who despite being volunteers are bombarded with legislation! He explained that the main expenses had been the clerk's salary, electricity for the street lights, insurance, hire of the Village Hall plus a grant towards the new windows in the Village Hall. There had been numerous planning applications in the last year and finally some progress on flood protection, with councillors due to attend a further meeting on this on 20<sup>th</sup> April. HS2 is now in its ninth year, we can see habitat creation on Windmill Hill but people move on - including all three people (two community engagement officers and the Construction Commissioner) who came to Ladbroke Parish Council's January 2017 meeting. The status of superfast broadband, defibrillator training, housing needs survey, streetlights and the drop from a Category 4 to category 5 village were all mentioned in passing and Martin Neal confirmed he would check that parish council minutes are available to the general public on the village website [ladbroke-pc.org.uk](http://ladbroke-pc.org.uk)

**Millennium Green and Village Hall:** Kip Warr gave a general update and Graham Lewis the financial report of these two charities which are separate but closely associated by having the same trustees and a single support group, Ladbroke Matters. Most of the other information was given at the AGMs and summarised in the December 2017 edition of the Harbury & Ladbroke News, available on [hlnews.co.uk](http://hlnews.co.uk) as are other back copies of this magazine. An HS2 community grant has been secured for a new disabled-friendly entrance, accessible toilet and relocation of the kitchen. Limited closure of the hall is anticipated towards the end of the works when they break through to the new parts.

**Photography Club:** Jackie West reported the club is now in its eighth year and continues to be as strong as ever with workshops, talks, outings, competitions and an exhibition at the John Turner Festival plus several social events. Unlike many photography clubs nowadays we still have space for

people to join us, either as members or to come as a visitor to one or two meetings.

**Church Report:** Rev Craig sent apologies so Jackie West gave the report. It is appreciated that the Church is well supported by church members and the village community and great to see both at our services, events and activities, with a special mention of the bell ringers and churchyard working parties. We continue to do well for such a small village with around 20 people each Sunday and a homegroup that meets fortnightly. Thank you to all who have helped and supported special events - coffee mornings, lent lunches, the harvest supper, Heritage Open Days, Beer and Carols, the concert by Krystal and friends and for the wonderful music by the choir, led by Bill and Kate. In 2017 our All Saints for All Generations campaign raised over £35,000 - great news and only possible because people are so generous. In December we conducted a Heritage Survey to support our application to the Heritage Lottery Fund; it was submitted in February and we should hear in June if we are successful. Jackie went on to summarise the meeting of Ladbroke Heritage Group two days earlier, see information on page 18, before saying again, "Thank you to everyone for all that they give - time, talents and money to support Ladbroke Church."

**Neighbourhood Watch:** Jim Laidler reminded us that even quiet Ladbroke is not immune and if in doubt to report problems on 101, the non-emergency number. No further police led property marking sessions are planned but Jim has a marking kit which can be borrowed by villagers if they wish to mark any items.

**Bell Ringers:** Martin Neal reported that they are a small group, separate from the church, and always happy for more people to join them. They usually practice on a Tuesday night and go to the pub afterwards to rehydrate. You can read about one of their special rings on page 45.



**Local and Visiting Ringers at Ladbroke**

**WI:** Joan Perry told us their 27 members have a great time with a wide range of activities and topics - last year's speaker on the school for bullied children was really inspirational (see the write up in last October's edition). In addition to two Tom Hauley Room coffee mornings, our WI held a strawberry tea in

Ladbroke Village Hall, which is going to be repeated again this summer. Various things are happening to celebrate the centenary of the WI in Warwickshire – our WI has 100 bulbs to plant and intend to put half at each end of the village, they also have a young oak tree to plant and accompanying plaque, so if you have ideas where Ladbroke's should go do let them know. Our WI also hopes that the tapestry created over the years by members can be hung in the Village Hall.

**Table Tennis:** Nicky Lewis gave the most entertaining report of the evening, as follows:

Regular table tennis numbers have peaked at eight this year, but alas we are now seven - we are mourning the loss of maestro Pete Loftus. Our ages range from 15 to.....well, Kip, who is ageless and timeless; Ladbroke's Dr Who. Since our coaching session in the summer, we are all gradually improving. Our serves, forehand topspin, backhand topspin, blocks and smashes are all coming on, and mostly we are getting them on the table, though some wild shots end up on the ceiling, the walls, and ricocheting off the lampshades. Whatever the route, as long as they end up on the table, Ladbroke Rules counts them in. Out athleticism knows no bounds, especially for Kip who once ended up crashing through the emergency fire exit and onto the paving slabs outside, in pursuit of the perfect forehand topspin return. He returned dishevelled and unhurt, pride just about intact...but missed the shot and lost the point! We play for fun and laugh a lot. We put up two tables, one for doubles and one for singles. There is no league table, no-one keeps score, and we change partners every few games. We pay £2 to play, and meet most Wednesdays at 7pm for an hour, then retire to the pub for a rest. And...we seem to have collected £680 for the Village Hall. We're a friendly bunch, and welcome anyone who fancies having a go and joining us; please come along.

**WCC and SDC :** Bob Stevens recapped the usual county council topics - cuts putting strain on services, housing developments impacting infrastructure, adult and children's services, schools, fire service etc and Chris Williams did likewise for SDC - the core strategy and planning.



Dianne welcomed two guests who joined a full meeting on the evening of Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> April. The speaker was Alan Winterburn and the title of his talk was 'Cotswold Curiosities'.

Alan used some of his extensive collection of slides to illustrate singular facts taken from settlements all over the Cotswolds. His starting point was Moreton -in-the-Marsh, so named for the Marsh family, not from any boggy ground! The Curfew Tower is probably the oldest building in Moreton and houses the curfew bell. The ringing of this guided Sir Robert Fry back to his home when

he was lost in the fog and a legacy left by him in gratitude still provides for its maintenance.

The last battle of the English Civil War took place at Stow-on-the-Wold, the highest place in the Cotswolds where the Royalist army surrendered.

Broadway, so named for the wide central main street, used to have 23 pubs along its length. When the Earl of Coventry married a lady who owned adjoining land, he commissioned a tower to be constructed on the highest point between their estates which gives amazing views and now houses exhibits over three floors showing the history of its inhabitants.

The altar cloth in Winchcombe church was embroidered by Catherine of Aragon and gargoyles are supposed to depict characters who were disliked by the villagers.

Many of the curiosities can be found in churchyards including the effigy to Tiddles the cat who made her home in Fairford church after the verger found her as a stray.

This is a small selection of the interesting anecdotes which Alan entertained us with. Anyone wishing to contact Alan can do so at [awinterburn@sky.com](mailto:awinterburn@sky.com)

## **Reports on Events:**

### **Annual Meeting at Chesford Grange**

This was an excellent day with really good speakers.

Margaret Pilkington stood down after her three years and Anne Bufton-McCoy becomes the new chairman of WFWI.

All WIs were given a little oak tree to plant as part of the centenary celebrations and the decision for the appropriate site in Ladbroke is still to be decided.

Many items for premature babies at Warwick hospital were donated from the knitters of Ladbroke and Deppers Bridge WI. The next appeal is to knit for the homeless and of course we are still knitting poppies (over 130 at the last count!).

All WFWI WI's have been twinned. Ladbroke's 'twin' is Willoughby so suggestions for joint activities would be welcomed.

**Celebrating Votes for Women** - Jenny and Dianne went to the talk in Bishops Itchington which was most interesting.

**Appalachian Clog Dancing** - Heather and Dianne heard lots about the history as well as trying out the dancing.

**Oklahoma** - trip to Spa Centre which everyone agreed was a fabulous show.

**Diaries** - We have had the order form - numbers with payment by 17<sup>th</sup> May!

### **Future Events:**

Please see the list in the March edition of Harbury and Ladbroke News plus:

**Kenilworth Show** 9<sup>th</sup> June, Stoneleigh Park. There are a number of categories to enter if you are interested and reduced price tickets can be purchased online at [www.kenilworthshow.co.uk](http://www.kenilworthshow.co.uk)

The **Big Day Out**, which is now revealed to be to **Lincoln** (Monday 30<sup>th</sup> July), £21. There will be lots of pick up points - details to follow.

**Great Fire of Warwick** and afternoon tea, Lord Leycester, 6<sup>th</sup> September, £18

**Indoor bowls**, 10<sup>th</sup> September, Lapworth, 10.30am-12.30pm, £8

**Kayak or Canoe** on the river Leam, 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2.00-3.30pm, £22

**Ghosts, Gallows and Gangsters**, London, 19<sup>th</sup> September, Tesco 7.15am, £42

### **Ladbroke & Deppers WI Events:**

**Coffee Morning: Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May in the Tom Hauley Room.** Cakes, bric-a-brac, books and help on the day appreciated.

**Annual Group Meeting, Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June.** As this is Warwickshire's Centenary, the competition is to decorate a hat in the Edwardian style of 1901 - 1918. Tickets are £5.

**Strawberry tea:** Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2.30 - 4.30pm in Ladbroke Village Hall.

**The Girls, Gary Barlow Musical.** Either 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> October in Leicester. See Sue Moore for details.

**Centenary bulbs.** We are hoping to plant 100 bulbs around the village to help celebrate 100 years of Warwickshire WIs. Possibly at both entrances to the village.

### **Resolutions**

"Mental Health matters as much as physical health. The NFWI urges all WI members to recognise the importance of parity between mental and physical health and take action to make it as acceptable to talk about mental health issues as much as physical health issues, and to lobby government for better support for mental illness." This will be discussed at our next meeting, which will be over before the distribution of this edition. The **June meeting is on 7<sup>th</sup> in Ladbroke Village Hall at 7.30pm** when we will be hearing Jean Cholerton tell us about the purchase of land which became Little Haven Nature Reserve and the hidden gems therein.

All are welcome as always.

	<h2><b>Ladbroke Matters</b></h2>	<p><b>David Wright</b></p>
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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.



Our next film and supper evening is scheduled for **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May.**

We will be screening 'The Help'. Set in 1960s Jackson, Mississippi, the film tells how a young, white would-be writer convinces two black maids to work secretly with her on a book.

As always, doors open at 7pm for supper followed by the film at 8pm. Tickets are available from Nicky (tel 815196 or email nicolalewis24@tiscali.co.uk) at £13 each. Book early as places are very limited. If you would like advance notice of our films contact Nicky to make sure you are on our email circulation list.



Get ready to dance the night away as we once again welcome the ever-popular **Above Average Weight Band** who will be returning to the Village Hall on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July** for a fun evening of music with a barbecue. Put the date in your diary now - more details next month!



A grant has been received to enable us to install toilets in the Village Hall for the less able. Work will commence as soon as we have considered quotations.

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

### March 2018

£50	Andy Hay	£50	Caryl Thomson
£25	Roger Plaskett	£25	Linda Spence
£25	Kate Liverton	£10	Derek and Colette Batty
£10	Jill Norgate	£10	Joley Malby
£10	Graham Lewis	£10	Jo Rose

**Margaret Bosworth**



## Ladbroke Photography Club

**Kip Warr**



It felt wet. Our photographs for April were all about water (perhaps that was appropriate following last month's theme of underwater photography). We basked in a sunset over the sea, enjoyed a vigorous splash with a dog, shivered at snow and ice, saw exotic fountains and puzzled over abstract aqueous images. With over forty prints in the competition and sixty projected on the screen for discussion we had a feast of wateriness. Two of the more abstract results are shown here and more are on our noticeboard in the Village Hall.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> May when our competition and topic will be "People", then on 5<sup>th</sup> June we are looking forward to learning about photography with drones from Allan Ballard. Our

**Ice Dancers by Jackie West**

spring outing will be to Birdland in Bourton on the Water; members are encouraged to visit during the week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> May, then we shall look at the results in the June meeting. Visitors and guests are welcome at our meetings; for more information see our website:

([tinyurl.com/ladbrokephoto](http://tinyurl.com/ladbrokephoto))

or contact [jackieszone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jackieszone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk)



Shower Spray by Jennie Daniels



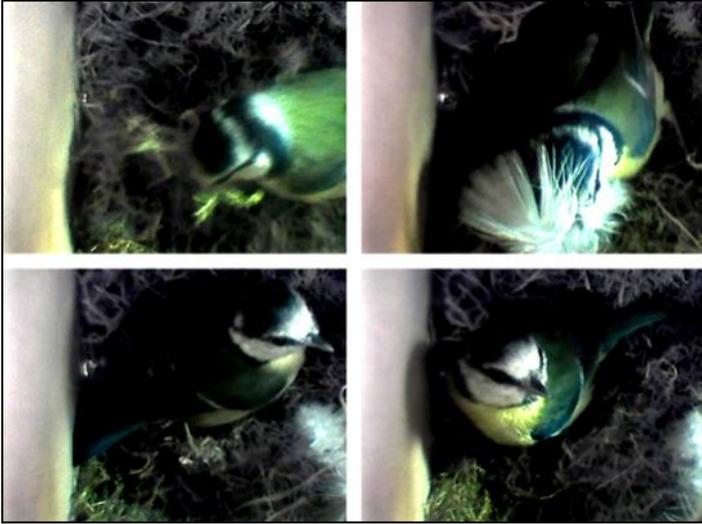
## Ladbroke General Section

### Newcomers Eco-Home

New build ... in sought after area ... wooden construction ... open plan ... surprisingly light and airy... It sounded too good to be true, so we went to have a look and fell in love with the place. What had really clinched it was the fact that it was just the basic structure and we could do just what we wanted with the interior. The first thing was to remove the huge advertising notice the agents had, for some reason, left inside but it was easily dragged through the entrance and left by the hedge for them to collect next time they were passing; in less than 24 hours the notice had gone and we felt the place was really ours.

Me and the Missus had dreamt of having our own eco-home as we are very keen on upcycling natural products. We enthusiastically set about searching the locality for suitable materials. At first I just brought in a few samples and made up a mood board of greens and browns, this proved a very successful ploy because it met instant approval from my better half. Over the next couple of weeks we foraged for lots more and started to create our ideal home. Unfortunately this activity coincided with the cold wet weather so quite a bit of what we had collected got damp in transit meaning that once inside we had to fan lots of air through it to prevent it from going mouldy. At the same time I gave everything we brought in a close inspection for unwanted beasties, you have to be so careful with natural materials. Both of us worked off and on for several weeks to get the basic layout to our liking before we could start the part I really like doing, the soft furnishings.

Our next door neighbours had seen our *modus operandi* and kindly brought us some sheep's wool they had gleaned from the wire fence near the church leaving it plain sight for us when we next left our abode. With this and feathers and the like that we obtained ourselves, we were well on the way to making our new home really comfortable. Just in time too as the wife is getting broody and we are hoping to start a family soon. You can see pictures of us creating our eco-home on the next page with more in the photo gallery on the village website [ladbroke-pc.org.uk](http://ladbroke-pc.org.uk)



**Mr A Bird, Cedar House, Ladbroke**

## Heritage Meeting

Jackie West, Nicky Lewis and Linda Doyle invited people to come to Ladbroke Village Hall on 9<sup>th</sup> April to hear the Heritage Survey results, plans for activities and ways to get involved. Impressively and despite grim weather, 28 people were there, all of them villagers, which works out as 10% of the population. It wasn't just the promise of refreshments either, there was a real interest in taking this forward with more ideas and lots of offers to get involved, thank you.

Jackie explained the background: Grant awarding bodies like the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) do not just want buildings repaired they want their money to bring benefits to people and communities too. Last December's Heritage Survey was finding out how much and why people appreciate the heritage of Ladbroke church and village and to get their ideas for activities to support our application to the HLF for the majority of the money we still need to raise; this was submitted in February and we should hear in June if we are successful. Then Nicky suggested some ways in which people could help. There was a Q&A and those who came also had time to see glimpses into the village's history provided by Linda.

There will be a rerun for those that couldn't make the first meeting, please contact **01926 810331** if you would like to come. There is also a leaflet "**The Heritage of Ladbroke**" available in church and on request; on the back are some interesting facts about Ladbroke's heritage and it reminds readers that our theme for Heritage Open Days (13<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> Sept) this year will be War and Peace.

**Jackie West**



## Auction of Promises, Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June

This was a great social event and fundraiser two years ago so it is happening again, on 30<sup>th</sup> June. We welcome promises large and small from Ladbroke, Harbury and beyond and of course people to bid for them. Do you have a skill or something that others would like? Last time the promises included dog walking, DIY, gardening, hand made cards, a ride in a posh car, fine wine, meals, food, babysitting, days out and who can forget the bidding for Rev Craig's ukelele lesson! The evening itself will follow the tried and trusted format with Ladbroke Village Hall doors opening at 7pm and the first course served around 7.15pm. Then our auctioneer will take to the stage for the auction which will include a pudding interval. Tickets cost £12. If you can't come on the night there will be the opportunity to make advanced bids.

Hopefully by the time you read this there will be a lilac coloured flyer with more details winging its way through Ladbroke letter boxes, also available in Ladbroke and Harbury churches and on the website [ladbrokechurch.org.uk](http://ladbrokechurch.org.uk) but to offer a promise or for more information please email [jackieszone-auction@yahoo.com](mailto:jackieszone-auction@yahoo.com)

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

**Jackie West**



**Official minutes can be viewed in the Library, on the Parish Council website [www.harbury-pc.gov.uk](http://www.harbury-pc.gov.uk) or obtained from the Parish Clerk, Tel: 01926 614646**

Unusually although there were serious matters to consider so this was quite a jocular meeting!

### **Reports on other organisations**

This began with a sensitive review of Village with a Vision's attempt to find a site for affordable bungalows for the elderly of Harbury. Tony Stubbs, for VwV, explained that the land prices were an insurmountable problem. The Henry's development was cited as an example of this. The Councillors were sympathetic but had to agree with his conclusions that without cheap land it would be impossible to provide bungalows at an affordable price for village pensioners.

Harbury School was congratulated on its "Good" Ofsted inspection but, Cllr Gibb warned that it was oversubscribed for the Autumn entry and it was possible that some village children would not be found a place.

Stratford District Cllr Harris warned of the rise in car key burglary, and the drugs problem in Stratford town. She urged the public to give money to charities for the homeless rather than to beggars on the streets, as some

could be drug dealers. She had attended the recent workshop on dementia which she praised and also announced the Royal Shakespeare Company was to host plays about dementia. The Chairman reminded Cllr Harris of Harbury's Dementia Café which is held once a month in the Tom Hauley Room.

### **Planning**

After some discussion the Parish Council made "No Representation" on the Yew Hedge proposed to replace the stone wall at Old Timbers, Ivy Lane which, being in the Conservation Area, had been removed without the requisite planning permission.

Similarly they made No Representation on extension plans to the rear of the Stone House, Mill Street (also known as the Buttery).

On Spitfire's plans for the paddock off Vicarage Lane, the Parish Council reiterated their previous objections, which included Harbury having exceeded the housing total set for it, adding an objection to the planned removal of the veteran ash tree in the "traditional orchard".

They also objected to the curious bungalow proposed at the back of the two houses being built on the Spinney Paddock, while continuing to complain about the severe damage to the Pound.

### **Properties**

Playing Fields - The path extension could not be done until the weather improved.

Cemetery - Repairs had been effected to the door arch of the old Chapel of Rest, but no decision had been made on relocating the water butt which had contributed to the damage.

Cllr Summers was concerned school children were walking along the top of the boundary wall.

New Burial Ground - The land agent would be consulted about this following the death of the landowner.

Allotments - The water pipe has been fixed.

### **Environment**

Lighting - Lanterns had been ordered and lampposts were to be painted in mid May.

Roads - Cllr Gibb surveyed all the potholes and put details on the Fix My Street Website. There have been continual complaints about the state of verges especially in Bush Heath Lane. The PC fervently hoped the aggregate used on the damaged carriageway was not intended as a permanent solution. They were further annoyed at the extensive damage to the Pound which Cllr Mancell thought required more bollards!

Bins - Cllr Gibb had ordered a recycling bin for outside the Co-op and a dog waste one to be placed at the entrance to the Thwaites Estate. The Parish Council pays the District to empty these and the other bins in the village.

### **Finance**

Grants - The Council agreed a grant of £186 to the Harbury Show for the hire of the Village Hall.

Sports Clubs' Licences - The Councillors agreed they needed more legal advice on these.

Community Assets - The Village Club has now been registered for this protection and the Cllrs were asked to consider including the Library as well. In response to Cllr Thornley, the Clerk explained that this protection meant that if there was an attempt to sell the building, the community would have six months to raise money to buy it. If they failed to get the sum required, it could then be sold on the open market.

Parish Cllrs' Emails - There was prolonged discussion in the light of new GDPR legislation on whether Cllrs could continue to use their own email addresses or be provided with a dedicated Council one. As the Clerk is the "official mouthpiece" of the Council they believe that only her email needs to be monitored. The Act comes into force in May this year.

### **Centenary Projects**

The Chairman reported the Women's Suffrage Celebration group had applied for a £1,800 grant for a website and exhibitions.

Cllr Gibb said the WW1 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary was to be celebrated on 11<sup>th</sup> November in collaboration with Chesterton. There would be a beacon on Windmill Hill which the Scouts and Guides would erect. He warned anyone wishing to attend that there would be no parking available on or round the site.

**Next Parish Council Meeting: Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

**Harbury & Deppers Bridge**  
**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**  
**Thursday, 10 May 2018**  
**7.30pm**  
**Harbury Village Hall**

Please join other residents to celebrate all the good things that have happened in our community over the last 12 months and discuss current issues with your local councillors.

In celebration of 100 years since women got the vote, there will be a presentation by guest speaker Sarah Richardson on "Women's Suffrage".

This is not a parish council meeting but a meeting of the local electorate. It is your opportunity to meet and discuss what you feel is important to Harbury and Deppers Bridge.

Wine and nibbles will be served at the end of the evening. **Everyone is welcome!**



## Harbury Society

Linda Ridgley

Bryn Gethin gave a very comprehensive talk on recent archaeological findings in our area and started with a pre-development excavation to the west of Bush Heath Lane, Harbury.

Initial trenches found just a ditch but geophysical surveys revealed an Iron Age enclosure with pits for storing grain and more with burnt bone from cremation burials. There were no other features to give a date but the finds were likely to be late Bronze Age.

Geophysics work at Newbold on Stour showed a ring ditch which archaeologists thought might have been a burial mound but there was no pit in the middle of it. However another pit had "crouched burials" that were probably Bronze Age. Another had a red deer antler which might have been an offering. Google Earth shows a small Henge or "funerary monument" on the site.

At Bidford on Avon, when topsoil was stripped off, Henges were found with four sets of cremated human bones. A drone revealed postholes which were not visible at ground level.

A large site at Hillmorton (east of Rugby) had ditches with kilns and early Roman pottery of regional style, dating from 80-100 AD. The large rectangular enclosures were thought to be for holding cattle. Archaeology was Roman but they also found pre-historic pits and a well.

More excitingly, on the new site for Kings High School in Warwick, the excavation last summer found some Roman archaeology with wall footings and a possible kiln which they concluded was probably a corn dryer. One stone wall with lines of post holes proved to be part of a building 30 metres long which might have been two storeys high. It had been added to over time with more rooms and an aisled barn. All this was likely to have been part of a Roman estate but there was no sight of the site of the house which could be under the existing Warwick School complex. This was, however, the first example of Roman occupation in Warwick.

Out at Baginton work on a small area of the Lunt Fort found a Roman cremation as well as lots of pits with burnt stones (for heating the water), Saxon huts, a pre-historic ring ditch and postholes. They found lots of pots; two perfect, one with a flagon next to it and remains of a copper-bound box in one of the graves and in it a bronze silvered mirror. Another pit had four pots with jewellery and coins under it.

The Lunt Fort at Baginton is of Nero's era and was abandoned when Hadrian's Wall was built. Amongst the finds were Samian bowls, 23 pots, an oil lamp, imported glazed flagons; a couple of glass bottles, iron nails, a small copper finger ring with an intaglio in yellow, another ring with a picture of a

bee; a red and blue enamelled copper brooch and, in other graves, lots of hobnails which Bryn said might indicate Christians buried with their boots on.

There were Saxon buildings on the site too. Rectangular holes had been dug into the ground with two postholes to hold a roof. They found a Saxon pot - whole, a shield boss, a Saxon bowl filled with loom weights, a knife with its leather sheath and a crushed hanging bowl of copper alloy. Surprisingly, under the bowl was an orange blob of feathers from the down pillow below it. Higher up the site a was proper cemetery but the sandy soil meant there were no bones remaining.

On some sites Lidar imaging reveals lost Medieval remains as at Wolfhamcote and Braunstonbury. At Long Compton a whole lost section of the settlement exists alongside the main road. The pottery there is no later than the mid-1200's when this part was deserted.

We thanked Bryn for his talk and gave him a copy of our Hungry Harbury book.

The next event will be our **Coffee Morning** at the Tom Hauley Room on **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May** in the Tom Hauley Room 10am to noon.

	<b>Harbury Women's Institute</b>	<b>Mary Thompson</b>
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The speaker for our April meeting was Professor Fred Lockwood who has spent his working life in education - mainly higher education where he spent his time teaching, researching and in publication. He shared his personal journey and encouraged us to think about our hobbies and where they might take us.

When he was younger, his hobbies were rugby, squash and golf. As he got older, he struggled with those hobbies and turned to cycling and walking and then scuba diving when he retired. He said he had to think about whether his hobbies were sustainable and affordable. Fred brought a variety of diving equipment to show us; he only likes scuba diving in warm countries so scuba diving for him is an expensive hobby. He has just returned from a diving expedition to The Philippines.

A couple of years ago he started to ask himself how much longer he could afford to dive and diving does require mobility, good vision and hearing. He decided he needed a change of direction and decided to take up a hobby which he could do at any time and any place - writing. His first book "Total Loss" evolved from three short stories into one combined story. His second book is called "Overdue" and book three is well underway. He described the problem of transferring the book into a language and style appropriate for his audience. Finding a publisher wasn't easy but he managed eventually. He brought his first two books to show us and we appreciated the thrill he felt at seeing his name on the front cover. A very interesting and thought-provoking talk.

At our meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> May, we shall discuss the resolution concerning Mental Health matters which will be presented at the National AGM to be held in Cardiff in June. Members are invited to bring a hat decorated in the style of the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

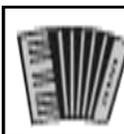
A reminder that everyone is invited to our Craft Fair in the Village Hall on the afternoon of Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Come and look at the variety of crafts which our members do - maybe have a go yourself. There will be photographs and memorabilia which show the history of Harbury WI plus, of course, tea and cake. We look forward to welcoming Lin Stubbings, a Warwickshire WI member who is the chair of National WI. Hope to see you there.

	<h2>Harbury Theatre Group</h2>	<p><b>Chris Barber</b></p>
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Tickets are now available for our Spring production on Thursday to Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> May. We are presenting Alan Ayckbourn's "Gosforth's Fete" together with the equally brilliant "Between Mouthfuls", both from his clever set "Confusions". We have coupled these with some short sketches and a couple of songs, to make a lively evening of entertainment!

The hall will be set out in café style so you have a table for your drink from the bar and on Saturday evening we shall provide supper.

Do join us and bring your friends for some typical Ayckbourn anarchy and a sociable evening in our cosy Village Hall! Tickets are available from the pharmacy and Harbury Library. There are concessions. For more information call Wendy Lewin 613233.

	<h2>Folk Club</h2>	<p><b>Deborah Ellis</b></p>
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As well as being the 401<sup>st</sup> Folk Club, it was also the end of an era. Tonight, this was to be Des's last night at Harbury Folk Club as one of our MC's. I can remember being asked if I could help Des with selling some raffle tickets at a Folk Club one night and it was not long before he asked me to introduce a few of the performers too. Also, on many occasions, I had read the Folk Club reports in the Harbury & Ladbroke News and, through Des, I became one of those contributors too. And here is the latest report!

Tonight's theme was *Foolish Behaviour* and, once again, the performers did not disappoint. Des began the frivolities with 'Landlord Fill the Flowing Bowl' and this warmed up the audience with 'tomorrow we'll be sober'. His second offering was a Pete Seeger song, 'We Shall Overcome', and this was to mark the anniversary of Martin Luther King's assassination. Maureen and Janny were up next with a beautiful song, 'What Will Become of Me/Sorry the Day' by the Threfalls, about a young girl being led to the altar in suspicious circumstances. They followed this with 'Silly Old Fool', a song by Artisan.

This song was not about Steve or Doug, they told us. Rik, with a sore throat, sang 'Falling of the Rain' whilst playing his concertina. His second was about a sailor getting into all sorts of trouble on land when he met a young lady in 'Barrack Street'.

Ray and Anne were up next. They sang 'Martin Said to His Man' about 'who's the fool now?' and then performed the short and sweet lullaby, 'Cherry Riddle'. Then along came Norman Wheatley. He sang a song all about 'Wilbur' who went parachuting even though he was rather accident prone! Norman is full of one-liners and tonight's best was "If at first you don't succeed, parachuting is not for you!". Sometimes performers at Harbury Folk Club have problems with the theme. One of these is when someone performs the song that you were going to sing before you. The other is when a performer shoehorns their song into the evening's entertainment whether it fits the theme or not (I am guilty of this.) Then there is theme 'creep' where a performer carries unperformed songs forward from previous themes. And tonight Norman sang 'Sometimes You Win, Sometimes You Lose' which was from Ted and Sue's Folk Club in February! Pete and Liz Bones sang 'Crazy Man Michael' about a man being haunted by Satan! Then they did a Ralph McTell song, 'Clown', who 'hangs up his smile by the door'.

The second half was started by Deb with her poem, 'Make Believe', all about the ups and downs in the world of fairy tales and she followed this with 'Down by the Sally Gardens' about being young and foolish. Then the Daft Dames arrived, in costume, to sing 'There is Nothing Like a Dame'. They are an experience to be witnessed. I am blessed to call them my friends. Ted and Sue sang 'On One April Morning' and then a Nic Jones song 'Crockery Ware'. Dave Fry entertained us with 'Act Naturally' and then a song about a foolish animal who wanted to be a man with 'I Wanna Be Like You'.

Our next performers were Rough (or were they ragged?) Around the Edges! They sang a Canadian song called 'Foolish You' and then they donned anoraks to sing 'Walking in the Rain'. Peter McDonald sang a Huw Williams song, 'The Days Before', about being young and foolish and then 'England Green and England Grey'.

Our traditional third half was begun by Pete Mason. His first offering was 'The Bookkeeper', where a chap falls for the chief accountant's clerk. His second was about the 'Wisdom of Standing Still'. Martin Day performed 'Jackie Smith and her Spliff' and then treated us all to some of Les Barker's wonderful one-liners. The Harvesters were up next with 'Lazy John' about someone not pulling their weight on the plantations and then 'Waiting at the Church' about someone being dumped at the altar. Don Arthurson sang a song about a young girl's stupidity in 'Claudy Banks' and then 'Hear That Train a-coming' about a son who doesn't listen to his Mum's advice.

The inimitable Keith Donnelly sang 'Fools in Love' and 'Fools Fall in Love Too'. Both of these fitted the theme perfectly. Des finished off the evening with 'When we First Met' and that was the perfect end to his last folk club as MC. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Des very much as it was

through him that I began my 'career' as an MC and I will be continuing to MC at Harbury Folk Club. I may ask for help with selling raffle tickets though.

We raised £77 for Age UK from the proceeds of the raffle so thank you again. Next month's theme is: 'Wild and Wonderful' and your hosts are Janny and Doug.



April is a quiet month for the Twinning Association but not for our committee who have been finalising the plans for our trip to Samois-sur-Seine at the end of May and making arrangements for our involvement in the village Carnival.

We invite you all to join us at our Caribbean Evening on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June and enjoy an authentic Caribbean-themed evening. You will be welcomed with a glass of rum punch before you sit back and listen or dance to the exciting music played by the Coventry based "*Phase One Steel Band*". In the interval you will be served delicious Caribbean cuisine cooked by the "*Big Red Pig Company*". As usual, a fully stocked bar will be available. The traditional Caribbean music with its exciting reggae rhythm will be certain to get you up and dancing.

**An evening not to be missed.**



The following is part 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***

*Books, slates, maps etc will be provided free of any charge.*

*Copy books, and books used out of school hours will be an extra charge. And no books allowed in the school but what are there obtained.*

*The school payments are as follows*

*Farm Labourers' children; one child 2d, two children 3d, three children 4d.*

*Mechanics' children; one child 3d, two children 5d, three children 6d*

*Tradesmen's children 4d*

*Professional men's children, and those in affluent circumstances, ten shillings per quarter.*

*An extra charge for children not living in the parish.*

*No contracting of debts will be allowed. All payments to be in advance, and any child not bringing his pence on Monday morning, will be sent back and refused admittance until the money is brought.*

*Any child coming to school dirty or with uncombed hair will be sent back.*

*Any child found guilty of dirty habits, bad language or any improper conduct, and persisting in such conduct after having been duly admonished will be expelled from the schools.*

*The school will be open at a quarter before nine in the morning and at a quarter before two in the afternoon. A singing or drilling lesson will occupy the time till nine in the morning and till two in the afternoon. And as the lessons will begin punctually at nine and at two, and any child coming after would render it necessary to recommence the lesson, a child coming after nine or two will be liable to be sent back.*

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 1<sup>st</sup> May and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June from 6.30 to 8.30pm. Local organisations are welcome to book other times at their convenience.

	<h2>Harbury Energy Initiative</h2>	<b>Bob Sherman</b>
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### **Salt 'n' Batteries**

In between writing my last column (which seems but a breath away) and today, our first stage bid for a salt water battery for the Village Hall was accepted by the Postcode Local Trust and I have submitted a more detailed Stage 2 application with lots of help from various Village Hall grandees, who fancy a bit of salt with their battery. We are a long way from success yet but further on than we were. It could all end in salt tears but that's what applying for funds is like. We will hear the result in mid June. You may hear the result - if successful - echoing down our road!

### **Back to School**

Alison Hodge, Chris Christou and I continue to work on air quality and awareness of pollution. We have recently talked to the school again about next steps and a decision on which age pupils will take part. Friends of the Earth make it easier for us by providing air sampling tubes, curriculum-based lesson plans, posters and the inevitable stickers (I still have one glued to my paper shredder from last year, so it's quite a lasting reminder!). Children suffer first and most from poor air quality and vehicle emissions, so working

with the school makes sense. We can't afford to buy a new car every time there are new revelations about exhaust emissions and our carbon footprint but we can switch the engine off when parked. That alone makes a difference.

HEI is also going back to school to find out how effective the LED lighting that we arranged with the support of the County Council has been in cutting energy use. Any money saved as a result will help the school buy more resources and fund education rather than running costs. I don't have any figures for you yet but I should be able to tell you next month. I hope that in your eagerness you can bear the frustration of the wait.

### **Free home energy checks**

You might want to know how energy efficient your home is, especially as energy costs are set to rise and rise. British Gas is not the only company hiking their prices. Possibilities for cutting costs range from something simple, such as changing over to LED lights with a very quick payback time, to major insulation works.

There are several on-line tools available to give you a rough indication of what you could consider doing to make your house more energy efficient and warmer. Act on Energy is our local energy advice service and you can do a desktop survey of your house with this link:

<http://www.energysavinghomes.org.uk/calculate-your-energy-saving>

Alternatively take a look at the national organisation Energy Saving Trust which has a home energy survey at:

<http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/resources/tools-calculators/home-energy-check>

Good luck saving money.

### **Carnival fever**

I just thought I would let you know that HEI and Harbury e-Wheels will be joining forces with a display at the Carnival on 9<sup>th</sup> June. There will, of course, be games... and big prizes - fairly big anyway. See you there.

**Bob Sherman**

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## Guides and Scouts Support

Paul Quinney

GUIDES AND SCOUTS SUPPORT

### Annual AGM and Year Review 2018

All parents, helpers and young people are invited to the annual GASS AGM and year review at **3pm on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2018** at Harbury Scout Hut (rear of Wight School). Refreshments and cake provided.

This is an opportunity to find out what the various sections have been up to as well as ensuring the GASS committee is sustained to support the Harbury Guide and Scout sections. GASS members help with maintaining the premises, operations and central fundraising. Events include the annual beer festival, coffee morning, bonfire and GASS post.

On behalf of scout and guide groups we would like to thank the GASS committee, leaders, children, parents and numerous volunteers for helping make these events a success.

However, holding these great events is a result of all those involved either on the day or before and after, for which GASS relies on volunteer support. We are looking for further parent volunteers to support GASS and the leaders in order to maintain fundraising and the running of the groups. So please support this event and consider giving some of your time for the young people of the village.

I look forward to seeing you.

**SCOUTS**  **1<sup>st</sup> Harbury Scouts**

Paul Quinney

1st Harbury

### Two Castles - Expedition Challenge



A group of 1<sup>st</sup> Harbury Scouts braved the elements of snow and freezing conditions as they undertook their expedition challenge walking from Warwick castle to Hatton campsite and then onto Kenilworth Castle.

The expedition challenge is an opportunity for older scouts to put to the test their skills of route and menu planning, navigation, cooking and teamwork to achieve this award. Well done scouts.

The route was varied in terrain, conditions challenging, but spirits remained high and they successfully completed their objective. The scouts also learnt about world issues in an evening workshop as well as undertaking traditional scout activities of team games, camp fire and wide game undeterred by the continual evening snow.



Harbury Scout group meet on Thursday evenings to participate in a range of scouting activities based both at and away from the hut, as well as annual camps and special events like go-karting. The leaders plan a varied programme through which the scouts can achieve a range of activity badges and challenge awards.



Continuing to run the scout and guide sections relies on volunteer support and we are looking for further parent volunteers to support the leaders to maintain the running of the groups. So please consider giving some of your time to support these groups for the young people of the village.

**Paul Quinney**  
Group Scout Leader



## Harbury Rugby Football Club

Steve Kittendorf

### **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March - Burbage 35 Harbury 25 Midlands 4 West (South)**

Despite the score line, Harbury produced a highly committed and thoughtful performance in a match where they were unlucky not to gain two bonus points and possibly even victory.

### **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April - Harbury 19 Claverdon 17 Midlands 4 West (South)**

These two Clubs have been playing one another at one level or another for over 50 years and it was only fitting that Claverdon's officials were invited to the Vice President's pre-match lunch.

Most matches have been close with little more than one or two scores between the teams, in fact earlier in December the game at Claverdon ended as a 24-24 draw. Claverdon, with their position for next season in the league secure, were keen to gain local bragging rights. Harbury meanwhile needed the win to help ensure their safety, the result being crucial. The return saw a mere two points separate the sides and the match was as tight as the final result indicated.

Arrangements had been made for a 2<sup>nd</sup> XV game to be played at the same time. Unfortunately, Claverdon were unable to raise a side and Harbury were unable to find an alternative fixture in the short time available.

### **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April**

The availability of players has been something that has frustrated the club throughout the season. None more so when the previous week some 35 players put their name forwards for selection only for the next week to have only 12 players available to travel over to Coventrians. Needless to say that, being unable to field a competitive side, Harbury had to concede the match.

### **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April - Harbury 26 Coventry Welsh 25 Midlands 4 West (South)**

Harbury opened their 2017/18 campaign winning their pre-season friendlies and remaining unbeaten until the end of October with a style of play encouraged by coach Ben Baseley that was fast, open and exciting to watch. However, a number of players were side-lined with long term injuries and despite reaching the semi finals of the Junior Vase, League wins have been very hard to come by since.

Coventry Welsh arrived at Harbury having already secured promotion and it would not be unreasonable for Welsh to arrive with an expectation of victory against a team in the lower reaches of the league. No doubt the mind-set might also have been to erase the loss at home (Welsh 13 - Harbury 22) and finish the season on a high. However, Harbury produced an excellent performance and eventually took a well-deserved win from a hard and demanding game of rugby.

## Forthcoming Events

Whilst the U9s embarked on their tour back in January, the remaining Mini and Junior sides will have been on their end of season tours by the time you read this.

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May - Mini and Juniors Awards night at the Club.

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May - 200 guests will attend a black tie, End of Season Ball at the Dunchurch Park Hotel.



## Harbury Tennis Club

Colin and Sue Mercer

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

Although we now play year round, April is the traditional “start” of the season when annual subscriptions are due and we have our “Cheque Book” tournament. That’s a bit of a misnomer as payments are all mainly made online but that doesn’t have the same ring about it! Peter Walshe did an excellent job with the seedings, which resulted in very evenly balanced pairings and the fight for the title turned into a close run



thing. Of the nine pairs that took part, seven had almost exactly the same scores at the end of the round robin stage which meant a complex calculation to determine who went through to the knock-out stage. The outcome was a couple of semi-finals, played in deteriorating conditions, between the Steve Fitzgerald/Keith Thompson combo against AndySmith/Paul Crowton and Mary Thompson/Steve Marshall versus Karen Bristow/Nigel Eaton. Nigel and Karen then triumphed over Andy and Paul in the final to take the trophy.

The winter leagues were finally completed after numerous postponements. In the weekend format the A team’s final Division 3 match was against Charlbury and a win was needed to win the league. Caroline Morland, Eira Owen, Steve Stark and Ben Fish duly “did the business” in fine style with a 7-1 win to see Harbury crowned as champions. In the floodlit league the A team’s final Division 2 match was at Banbury West End and for this one Debs Brookes joined Caroline, Steve and Ben. They secured a 6-2 win to finish in fourth place in Harbury’s first season in Division 2, a very satisfactory outcome! In Division 3 the B team finally managed to play their last match

against Deddington at the third attempt, and even this was played in the rain! Sue Panton, Eira Owen, Nigel Eaton and Josh Marshall battled hard but eventually went down to a soggy 3-5 defeat. The three points gained were enough to move Harbury off the foot of the table but not quite enough to avoid relegation.

The *Coolsportz* coaching programme has sessions for Juniors on Mondays (coach Elizabeth Holding) between 4.30 and 7.30pm, with a session for Adult Beginners/Improvers at 7.30pm. On Thursdays coach Rob West runs Junior sessions between 3.45 and 5.45pm, and Friday mornings (9.30-10.30am) has a Ladies' Group. For more details email Lianne Candappa at [lianne@coolsportz.co.uk](mailto:lianne@coolsportz.co.uk)

	<h2 style="margin: 0;">Harbury Toddler Group</h2> <p style="margin: 0; font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">Lynne Barton</p>
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Hello Harbury Readers,

### Moving On



This Photo

Firstly, thank you all so much for your support in helping us to secure another venue from which to continue to operate our much-needed Toddler Group - we even had a mention in the Editorial of the Harbury News so were very pleased and touched.

We have undertaken a thorough option appraisal of seven potential places in the village. None of the seven offered all the facilities we have come to see as essential, so compromises are being made. In the event there were only four possible locations which were viable for consideration, so parents, carers and grandparents voted for their preferred option. We remain optimistic and are in discussions with a representative from the venue with the highest number of votes. We know you will all be 'rooting for us' in pursuit of a successful outcome.

What has become apparent is that **WE LOVE MONDAYS** which perhaps not many people can say, but also it isn't the room or the building. It's the welcome, it's the people, it's the children, it's the sharing, the connections and the love which is most important to us all.

### So here is another plea for help

When we move we will need:

- Some colourful rugs suitable for babies to lie on
- Some foam jigsaw floor pieces for sitting and activities for older toddlers
- New trainer toilet seat and new potty
- A changing bench or table

- Some small stacking chairs
- A notice board

**But the greatest need of all is to have a custom build shed with base to fit a small but longish space! If you are able to help we would love to hear from you, thank you!**

**Well what have we been up to?**

We went through our Magic Door to see John and Sue, in the Library - what can be more exciting when you are three or four years old, the anticipation of someone knocking in response to our knock is a joy to behold. Sue held everyone's attention with a story about Maisie who learns to swim and our rendition of If You're Happy and You Know It Shout 'We Are' is loud enough to be heard in Bishops!



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

**Making friends and keeping busy**

Our playdough recipe is so simple and keeps little ones amused for some time, for Toddlers we mix 2 cups of plain flour, 1 cup of salt, 2 cups of warm water, 2 tablespoons of vegetable oil, a tablespoon of cream of tartar together with some food colouring. Mix, stir over a low heat, when it pulls away from the saucepan in clumps take it off the heat and let it cool. Ready to play.



Making Spring flowers with Deb took a lot of patience, creativity and concentration, well done guys. Threading with card and bits of wool also needs some focussed time and a little help from grandmothers, mothers and any passing adult!





## Congratulations

We welcome little Joseph, brother to Rory, aged just two weeks in this photograph with plenty of offers to hold him - our Volunteer Selina was very quick off the mark!!!

And Happy Birthday to Reg, (picture right)) our steadfast volunteer, the announcement of his birthday was met by spontaneous applause which says it all - a very valued member of the team.



## 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](mailto:lynnebarton@btinternet.com)



## Harbury Pre-School

Staff & Committee

**New staff:** We extend a warm welcome to Candida Watson who has joined our staffing team. She comes with a wealth of teaching experience and has been volunteering with us since Christmas. She will be working on a Tuesday and Thursday morning.

**Pebble Point Treats:** The children have been working hard to fill up Pre-School's Pebble Point Jar. Pebble points are earned for being kind to our friends, sharing, helping other children or adults, or achieving something new in the setting, to name a few. We were excited when a child put our final pebble in the jar just before we finished for Easter.



All children enjoyed our Pebble Point Treat which involved making chocolate Easter nests out of shredded wheat, chocolate and not forgetting the mini eggs! The children were fascinated to watch as the chocolate began to melt when placed in hot water. They then mixed the shredded wheat with the chocolate and counted out five tiny mini eggs for the top.



**Animal visitors:** Spring has sprung, especially last week in Harbury Pre-School when two baby lambs came for a visit to our outdoor area, much to the delight of the children.

The lambs were two weeks and four weeks old respectively and it was a joy to watch the children build up the confidence to stroke the lambs and feed them some milk.

The lambs also seemed to thoroughly enjoy their time with the children and went home with very full bellies!

Many thanks to William and his Mum, Claire Ibbett for giving up their time to visit us with their newborn lambs.

**Events:** Harbury Pre-school held its first Speed Quiz on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April. The night was a huge success and we managed to raise a whopping £681! This of course would not have been possible without the help of the community.

We would like to firstly thank Stoo Pittaway for hosting the night, Harbury Primary School for providing the venue, Cana Wines for running the bar (as always providing an excellent service and diverse selection!) the Shakespeare Inn for providing chips at the last minute, and to Claire Ibbett for providing her lovely homemade fudge!



In attendance we had Green Chameleon, Miles of Tiles, Utility Warehouse, Mrs Smiths Salon, BNI Godiva, Pre-school Staff and Walworth Farm for the sponsored tables. Rosanna Hunt and Natasha Goode, parents from the Pre-school, had tables also. Thank you all for creating the cracking atmosphere and partaking in the quiz.

We would also like to acknowledge Harbury Chemist, Susanne Evetts Flowers, CCFC, JumpIn, The Bowling Green pub and Jaqueline Florist for raffle donations.

During the course of the evening a cash prize was won by Lindsey Stevens who kindly donated her winnings back to preschool!

Lastly, I would like to acknowledge the hard work from staff and committee. Karena Ellis-Greenway and Jess Coleman for organising the event, Kelly Jones and Helen Robertson for giving up their evenings to help, and all staff and committee members.

We as a pre-school work tirelessly to fundraise for all our resources, and as you know we reside in The Wight School which is a Victorian building and has recently received a crippling £10,000 damp bill! Without the help from the community, this integral part of the village for the past 45 years will sadly vanish. So again, thank you everyone.

We hope to see you at our coffee morning on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May. We will have "guess how many sweets in the jar" and colouring in bags for the children as well as coffee for the adults.

**New hours:** From September, the Pre-School will be open from 8.30am - 3.30pm Monday to Friday. Morning session: 8.30-11.30am, lunch: 11.30am-12.30pm, afternoon session: 1.30-3.30pm.

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.



We need your help to equip our very own Harbury Digital natives with computing skills...

We asked all parents and teachers what they would like us to focus our PTA fund raising activities on. Over 50 families responded with "Computers, please! And outdoor play equipment for the infant playground."

So we are on a mission to raise £30,000!

Harbury School will soon be able to raise money via Tesco Southam - when you pay for your shopping, you will be given tokens that can be placed in a collection box for Harbury School. **Please look out for the Harbury C of E token box behind the checkouts and put your tokens in there.**

To close the big gap, we are applying for grants from charitable foundations and asking local organisations if they would like to "adopt a computer". Each computer costs £575 and a company can claim corporation tax relief with any donation they make. If you are interested in supporting our local children, please contact us at harburypta@gmail.com.

In addition, some companies "match" funds raised during fundraising events. Please see if your employer could support the PTA in this way.

Please continue to fill the textile recycling bin in the school car park.

Don't forget to register with Easyfundraising and place your online purchases via the Easyfundraising website (this initiative has raised over £2000 for the PTA over the last two years).

Watch this space for more details of fun activities we are planning over the summer!

A big thank you to everyone who has donated raffle prizes, sponsored a child for the March Sponsored Walk and put clothes in the rag bin outside of the school. Every penny raised goes towards the children and in the past three months we have raised over £2,500 - which is great news.

The PTA needs more members so please get in touch if you would like to join or support the PTA in any way.

Thank you for your support.

**Harbury School PTA (Sue Johnson, Rob Johnson, Claire Hemmings, David Gimson, Helen Edwards)**



## Village Hall Update

**Geoff Thorpe**

### **Chairman's Report to the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting - Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

I promised in my report last year that having completed the stage extension in 2016 the committee would not be resting on its laurels and I am pleased to report that, as promised, a major revision of the hall's energy usage was undertaken and in 2017 modern insulation, LED lighting and efficient electric heating was installed. This has of course resulted in unexpected consequences, mainly complaints that the hall is too hot! The committee's sights are now set on major improvements to the front porch, the Farley Room and various smaller items. This is likely to happen in 2019.

In addition, the Harbury Energy Initiative led by Bob Sherman is working toward funding a battery storage system to complement the existing photovoltaic panels. The tariff received from the existing panels produces a return greater than the hall's current expenditure on electricity for heating and lighting.

Flo and Tom Marsh retired at the end of last year having kept the hall spick and span for several years, our thanks to them for such a wonderful job. We are delighted that Michelle Lawley has stepped into their shoes absolutely seamlessly.

Chris Finch continues to make steady progress from her illness but feels the time has come to stand down as Vice Chairman. She does intend to remain active on the committee. I am sure the village will join me in thanking her for

her continued efforts, not only in the hall but in so many village activities, over many years.

I am pleased to report that the faulty electricity meter has finally been replaced after over two years of incompetence and failed appointments. I suspect that the resolution of the outstanding account may take a similar amount of time!

The Women's Institute took over the running of the very popular village cinema in the autumn last year and are doing a wonderful job with most performances sell outs. I have been asked not to mention the special effects provided at the screening of Dunkirk!

The booking levels remain strong and the stage has proved a valuable addition to the hall, not just for the Junior and Senior Theatre Groups but for parties, concerts and presentations.

As usual thanks are due to the committee in general and especially to Celia Neal, the booking secretary and Sue Littlewood, the treasurer.

One final thought. The huge improvements made to the hall over the last few years have sadly led to a commonly held view that the hall is extremely well off. This is not the case. The improvements are the result of a huge fundraising effort and tedious, form filling bureaucracy. On a day to day basis the hall's income, primarily from hire fees, leads to an annual surplus of three or four thousand pounds, insufficient to cover the costs of redecoration let alone the replacement of, for example, chairs or curtains. The hall is a registered charity run by a volunteer committee and the aim is to provide an affordable venue for the village. The committee clearly has a responsibility to keep the hall on a sound financial footing.

A common request is for discounts for fundraising events in the hall. Harbury Parish residents and groups receive a discount but beyond that there are no other discounts or concessions. The committee believe that the current hire charges represent a fair charge for an excellent village hall.



As we hope you know by now, Harbury Village Library has its own collection of over 3000 books which have been donated or bought by us in our Blue Label Collection, as well as County library books. This means we have best sellers such as *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* or John le Carré's newest thriller on our shelves for anyone with a WCC library card to borrow. What you may not know is that it is easy to find out which books we have by going to our website, finding the heading **Library** on the top menu, and then selecting **Blue Label Collection** from the side menu. You will then be told how to search for a book in our collection, and then reserve it if you want to read it. This is a free service; but if we don't have a copy, and there is no County book on our shelves either, you also have access to all the books in the Warwickshire library service which you can access from our website too,

for a charge of 50p. The book will then be delivered to Harbury Library for collection. You can renew all your books online or by telephone too, so you never have to worry about paying a fine.

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## Harbury Village Club & Institute

**Judy Morrall**

It has been a busy time at the club over the last few weeks. The AGM was on 16<sup>th</sup> April and I will just briefly summarise the important points. We were disappointed that we actually had an overall loss last year of a few hundred pounds. It was noticeable that the cost of the water rates had tripled and was over a thousand pounds more which Clive was unable to explain but once the paperwork is back from the auditors he will follow this up. If it hadn't been for that we would have shown a profit. A few suggestions were made that meters be fitted especially at the club cottage. We shall see what happens.

We welcomed the darts and pool teams from the Old New Inn and this has made a difference and nice to have some younger members. The crib, dominoes and snooker are all doing well. Functions have been very successful and we really do need more of the same this year so don't forget that the use of the concert room is free. You don't get that anywhere else so please come along and see what we can offer. Pam went on to thank the hard-working bar staff and Ted and Malcolm for selling bingo tickets and doing the checking, also a big thank you to Joy our caller. Ted also comes every two weeks to bag up the coins and count the takings; we are so grateful to him for doing this voluntarily, such a big help to the treasurer.

Just a few boring sentences, as I have a list of members on my computer and the new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) comes into effect on 25<sup>th</sup> May, I have composed a form to this effect for all members to sign and agree to being on the list, I stress that we do not share any details with anyone and we are protected by the data privacy policy. I managed to get all who attended the AGM to agree and sign and I have printed off more forms which are behind the bar so if you have not yet done so, next time you come to the club please fill one in and leave behind the bar, thank you. Regarding membership I said that we have 310 paid members and only seven who have not paid. We have 43 members under the age of 45 which is a record.

Thank you to all of you for your payments and support. It was proposed that the membership fees be increased from £10 for non pensioners to £12.50 and for pensioners from £2.50 to £5.00. All present agreed to this so this will take effect from 2019. I also mentioned that I was successful in obtaining two grants last year from the parish council and Warwickshire County Council with help from Janet Thornley. As you know the £910 was spent on recovering the snooker tables and the £875 went towards the repairs to the damp on the gable end of the club cottage. I had recently been advised by Stratford upon Avon District Council that the club, an asset, is now included in the Assets of Community Value (England) Regulations 2012. Brilliant.

Bob, who works behind the bar, and last year redecorated the snooker room has been busy again. This time he has made such a difference to the bar in the lounge it looks lighter and so much more presentable. A lot of hard work, painting and moving things about again - a huge thank you Bob.

It is so cheering to see the tete-a-tete daffodils in full bloom at the entrance to the car park and the pots are excelling themselves. I shall have to start watering them soon. When I was working at my allotments last Sunday I noticed that where we had stored the hanging baskets we took down last October that some of the plants, mostly the trailers and a few begonias had survived and were flourishing. They were against a hedge so this obviously protected them against the heavy frosts. So I can make use of these when I replant the pots, isn't nature a wonderful thing?

We have one extra name on the list for committee members. It would be nice to have at least two more so please do not be shy you can be co-opted at any time. Not as bad as it sounds! Seriously, we need your help with any plans for celebrating our centenary next year. I do so want everyone to enjoy whatever we have planned. I will be applying for a couple more grants in the near future, nothing ventured nothing gained. It would be nice to update some of the furniture and we desperately need to find a solution to the damp problem. With the main part of the building nearing 100 years old and no damp course we do not want this to progress any further. We will be having a first committee meeting since the AGM on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm so I will report back on that in my next article.

We have two functions on the same day at the end of April, in the afternoon and evening so that will be a busy time. We have some bookings for the Summer but still have dates that are free and, as before, why not just come for a drink or two and see what we can do for you. I am happy to announce (no not anything Royal!) that we have a new member on our bar team who will fill in for us as and when needed. Her name is Hilary Nealon and we look forward to her joining the team, do come along and say hello. This will be a help as when we have functions we do need two bar staff as both bars get busy. Don't forget to look out for our cyclists who will be descending on us on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May and love stopping on at the club. Last year when they visited I was driving to Upton House for my volunteering stint and many cyclists were coming down Edgehill on their way to the club, visions in lycra.

Don't forget to come to our weekly bingo sessions on a Friday night. Now that it is light until almost 8.30pm at least you can come out in the light. We do have fun and have a few new faces so come and see for yourselves.

You will be pleased to know that is all. Thank you everyone for all of your lovely comments and I look forward to seeing you all over the coming weeks.



## Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery

**Christine Dakin**

Although we have had far too much rain recently to be able to do any gardening, I'd like to bet that later in the year it will go the other way and we gardeners will be crying out for some summer showers. With the soil being cold and wet you need to use your own judgement as to when to do some of the jobs. If some things get missed, it won't be the end of the world! But we would all like to enjoy our plots so some work should be done when the weather allows it.

- Trim spring flowering shrubs such as forsythia and spirea after the flowers have finished.
- Plant out dahlias and cannas later in the month.
- Try growing agapanthus in the garden, they don't need to be in pots.
- A job I'm not good at doing is to stake some of the taller perennials to prevent them flopping, this needs to be done before the plant gets too tall. Push some canes in around the clump then wrap some string round the canes to provide support for later in the year.
- Later in the month you can sow French and runner beans, sweet corn and courgette seeds.
- Tomato plants need to have the side shoots removed (unless you are growing a bush variety).
- You may have lost some plants this winter so come and see what we have so you can fill in those gaps. And don't forget to weed.

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## Nature Notes

**John Hancock**

I am writing this sitting in the departure lounge of Changi Airport, Singapore, waiting for our flight back to the UK. We left a wintry Britain towards the end of March exchanging damp, cold and sometimes snowy conditions for the sunshine of Australia. We stayed the first week with our friends Graham and Gay McLean whose home is in the Eucalyptus forest clothing the deep sandstone re-entrants on the north shore of Sydney Harbour. The dawn chorus was rather different to home with the rising crescendo of the Whip bird

and the parrot like calls of Rainbow Lorikeets and Sulphur-crested Cockatoos. Their garden is the open forest and the dwellers of that terrain happily wander through. Bush turkeys at the southern end of their range build interesting nests. They spend time sweeping up the many leaves forming a large mound. It's in an inner chamber that the eggs are laid. Due to the warmth generated by the vegetation, no incubation by a parent is necessary. The male controls the temperature by digging holes for ventilation otherwise it's just vigilance and distraction to ward off predators. The chicks hatch in about seven weeks, burrow out and are able to walk and fly almost immediately.

Graham, an electrical engineer by training, whom we first met when he came to GEC in Rugby 45 years ago, has worked as a volunteer at the National Museum of Australia since retirement. He has co-authored several papers whilst helping to re-catalogue the museum's palaeontology collection. He showed me one article concerning the wing of a Jurassic Period (200-145 million years ago) dragonfly found in the Tralbrogar fish bed in New South Wales when central Australia was not the dry, semi-desert it is today.

Later in the holiday whilst visiting Sharon's cousin Graham Jorgensen and his wife Joyce in Far North Queensland, we experienced the tropics. One evening when we were sitting on their veranda, a frog hopped across our outstretched legs. I reacted instinctively thinking it was a snake and kicked it into the darkness. It reappeared, we laughed and I felt a bit of a heel.

It was in Mareeba on the Atherton Tableland that I finished the book that I brought with me from Britain. It was 'Common Ground' by Rob Cowan published by Windmill Books. The author describes in poetic style how, after moving from London to Yorkshire, he finds himself in unfamiliar territory. Disorientated and hemmed in by winter and yearning for open space, he ventures out to a nearby 'edge land', a pylon slung tangle of wood, hedge, field and meadow that lay unclaimed on the edge of the town. That town is Harrogate and the river the Nidd. It's an unlikely setting for a nature book but Cowan brings the seasons to life and his observations are startling. Chapters on the Mayfly as that insect emerges from the river in such numbers in a day that it overwhelms its predators, fish and birds, by satiation; an evolutionary tactic often seen in the animal kingdom.

It was once thought that swifts spent the winter in the mud at the bottom of lakes as they seemed to disappear at the end of summer and return nine months later. The mystery of their migration to Africa was solved when a French World War 1 pilot coasting over No Man's Land at 10,000 feet ran into a flock of birds which seemed to be asleep. On landing, a swift was found in his engine. It seems these birds can close down half their brain and continue on course - literally asleep on the wing,

Near Mareeba we saw a Great Bustard perfectly disguised by its coloration and habit of standing stock still. Several large colourful butterflies proved to be males and females of the same species, the Varied Eggfly-Hypolimnos bolina. Lizards were numerous and frequently aided their survival by freezing

into their environment. An osprey was perched by its nest at the top of a pylon. When I met Geoff Thorpe in Harbury on our return he told me of his osprey sighting. He was walking by the lakes at Chesterton when there was a commotion in the water. He was expecting to see a Canada goose so was surprised when an osprey climbed into the air and flew off. No doubt it had stopped to feed on its route north from West Africa to its breeding ground.

Now the days are lengthening. Bluebells are in their full glory. It's good to be home. Enjoy the unfolding summer months.



## General Section



### Gladys Hutchins 1925 – 2018

#### Dear Harbury Friends

We would like to thank everyone in the village who came to the memorial service for our Mum on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March. £627.05 was donated in her memory - Shakespeare Hospice at Home and Water Aid will receive half each.

In the early hours of the morning of 18<sup>th</sup> February we were privileged to be with our beautiful Mum as she left this life. Gladys was a faithful, practical and loving Christian all of her life and her faith remained strong to the last.

Mum was always so full of love, she touched the hearts of everyone she ever met; her death left us with a dilemma - how to truly celebrate that love and care?

Mum was always such fun, laughter was the most likely sound you'd hear when in her company. Always a recycled teenager (with attitude) and brazenly confessing to 39 years of age, we often told her to behave herself! Mum would reply 'There's no fun in that!'. We planned her memorial with the help of Rev. Craig, he loved our Mum, and we will always be grateful for his open-hearted guidance in allowing us to arrange Mum's farewell in our way - or perhaps we should say, Mum's way. A unique celebration of a unique woman. So, a big thank you to everyone who came and rocked 'All over the World' with us and sang 'When You're Smiling' with full and thankful hearts.

Mum's death is the end of an era: she was the last of her generation, the last 'Orford Auntie'. We now have the dubious privilege of being the old fogies of the family...

For Harbury it is also the end of an era. Gladys and Fred moved to Harbury in 1968 - Fred died in 1997, Gladys lived on in 6 Farley Avenue. They both loved Harbury and both of them were very much part of the community.

Fred worked at Automotive Products/Lockheed as a computer manager, he was an electrician as well as a keen all-round handyman. Our 'Mr Fixit' Dad was always willing to help anyone and often shinned up ladders, into attics - well, just about anything to sort out a problem.

Gladys was a mover and shaker in the village. She was one of the founder members of this magazine, she helped to raise funds for the tennis courts and playing fields; she was the hot-dog lady at the village fete and was a stall-holder at the annual Victorian Christmas Fair. Mum loved being a member of 'Butterflies' meeting like-minded women to share a wide variety of interests. For many years, Mum and Dad were heavily involved with the British Heart Foundation - raising funds to further its work.

Fred and Gladys were both well-respected and loved in the village. Thank you to all of their Harbury friends for the friendship and joy that was shared over the course of 50 years.

**Zoe, Linda, Chris, Susan & Peter**

## **Celebrating St George and a Royal Baby**

All Saints Harbury and All Saints Ladbroke were two of the first bell towers in the country to celebrate the birth of the Royal baby alongside the traditional St George's Day celebratory ring. Our two towers joined forces with a local group of bell ringers called the Wombelles on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Both bell towers are short of ringers so are asking for more people to come forward and take up the ancient art of Bell Ringing. Please contact Keith Archer for more information on 07484 212863.



**Local and Visiting Ringers at Harbury**

## Carnival is only a month away - Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June

Time to plan how you will dress up, join the Parade and enjoy the entertainment and stalls at Carnival 2018 and see the Carnival King and Queen:



### **Carnival Queen**

*"Hello, my name is Ruby, I am 11 years old and I go to Harbury C of E Primary School. My favourite subject at school is science because I think it is really interesting. I live in Harbury with my mum, dad, sister Lily and our pet rabbit Lulu. I have a half brother called Ben who is married to Charlotte. I have a nephew called William, he is so cute! My hobbies are singing, dancing, acting and playing piano. When I grow up I would like to be a singer and an actress. I love animals and one day I would really like to be able to do operations on them to help them. I've always participated in Harbury Carnival so I'm really excited to be Carnival Queen."*

### **Carnival King**

*"I am Matthew, I'm eleven years old and I live in Harbury with my mum, dad and older brother. I have spent seven years at Harbury School with my closest friends, Joe, Will and Rory. During my time at Harbury School I have participated in football games, a rugby tournament, a production and many Church services. I like playing rugby and football when I have free time and I am a member of Harbury Scouts. At school I enjoy Maths, PE and Music."*

The Big Parade assembles at 12.30pm in Sutcliffe Drive and leaves soon after (and no later than 1pm) led by the famous Shirley Pipe Band.

There are coveted ribbons to be won for the first three places for most categories that include:

Trade Float, Independent Float, Children's Float, Decorated Bike/Pram/Car, Horse Drawn/Mounted/Lead, Walking Tableau Children 2-8 persons, Walking Tableau Children more than 8 persons, Walking Tableau Family, Walking Tableau Adults, Walking Adult and Walking Child.

The programme in the arena this year includes:

2.00pm	Fancy Dress Judging
2.45pm	Mystery Item
3.00pm	Theatre Group Event
3.20pm	Karate Demonstration
3.50pm	Appalachian Dance Troupe
4.15pm	Dog Show
5.00pm	Raffle Draw and Lucky Programme

In addition to the fun fair and many stalls there will be donkey rides, the Porsche Racing Team, Morris Minor Club, Triumph cars, army lorry, Victorian and contemporary ice-creams, Netball Club demo (and Tennis Club free participation in the morning).

To book a stall/pitch on the field, please call Mike McBride on 612421.

To advertise in the programme, call Julie Marshall-Hardy on 613355.

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

See you there!

**Submitted by Peter Walshe  
On behalf of the Carnival Committee**

## **Harbury Senior Citizens Committee Update**

Firstly, we would like to thank Paul Winchester for organising and running a quiz night in the Village Hall in April. He has done this a number of times in recent years and we are grateful for this fund-raising opportunity. Our thanks also go to everyone who took part in the quiz. We hope you all enjoyed it. Thank you each and everyone for your support.

We also ran a Saturday coffee morning in April. Thank you for coming along and buying raffle tickets and cakes to raise funds for us.

The invitations for the Summer Outing to Lincoln will have been delivered by the time you read this. Please return them to Harbury Village Library or 1, Park Lane by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May.

In the April edition of the Harbury & Ladbroke News we mentioned the new General Data Protection Act. The invitations for the outing also contain a tick box to authorise us to keep your details. Even if you do not want to come on

the outing this year please complete and return the invitation if you want us to include you on our distribution list. This is particularly important for those who cannot come on the outing but who wish to come to the Christmas Party.

If you have any queries please call Julie Clarke on 612066 or Mike McBride on 612421.

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

## Spirit of Harbury Award

It is once again nearly time to present the 16<sup>th</sup> Spirit of Harbury. For all those new to our village, the Spirit of Harbury recognises those individuals who help it to be the special place to live that it is. It is awarded in memory of John Hunt who served his time on the Carnival, Parish Council, Scouts, Twinning etc. John understood that it is people who make a community, often quietly and without fuss and wanted them to be acknowledged. It may be they regularly pick up litter, check on elderly neighbours or make sure Biblio's is kept well stocked with cakes. We haven't asked for nominations this year because we have so many worthy names which you have put forward previously to select from. We look forward to seeing you at the coffee morning in the Tom Hauley Room on 12<sup>th</sup> May where this year's recipient will be revealed!

It might be interesting to refresh your memory of the names currently on the role of honour:

2003 Janet Thornley	2011 John Moore
2004 Dan Killian	2012 Mike McBride
2005 Brian Ingram	2013 Harbury Library & Biblio's
2006 Joyce Windsor	2014 Myton Hospice Support Group
2007 Lana Long	2015 John & Sharon Hancock
2008 Nigel Chapman	2016 Paul Winchester
2009 Peggie and Bill Middleton	2017 Chris Finch
2010 Linda & John Ridgely	

**Andrew Hunt**



## Harbury Local Produce

How to turn a negative into a positive:

A lovely local council representative from Stratford District Council came to see Karena at 31 Manor Road regarding the Harbury Local Produce Pop-Up market that had been held recently on her drive - there had been complaints about it made to SDC.

After a helpful chat, we now have a good contact in the Council who sees the positive contribution to a community like Harbury that a pop-up market can bring and is willing to help us find a suitable venue and get a licence if required.

The next Pop-Up is due to be 12<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at Shakespeare Public House who are more than happy to support this market - depending on our discussions with SDC, it may or may not go ahead so please join Harbury Local Produce for further updates.

All producers are making deliveries locally or items can be collected from 31 Manor Road if needed.

If you fancy helping out at this not for profit Pop-Up Market, please contact us - all proceeds go to local charities and help running it would be great.

Happy local produce buying.

**Karena Ellis-Greenway, Jane Ekins & Jane Durman**

## **Times Past and Village Pastimes**

Another set of Mike Bloxham's photos have been mounted and are now on display in the Farley Room at the Village Hall. As with the two previous sets, long established villagers will enjoy the challenge of recognising some familiar faces and perhaps second-guessing some unfamiliar scenes or activities.

### **Familiar faces**

Tim Percival - the resident village policeman, who knew everyone and everything that happened in the village.

Father Christmas - aka John Ridgley arriving at the Village Hall.

Rob Davies - bottle feeding lambs at his farm on Middle Road.

John and Ann Moore / John and Sharon Hancock celebrating a significant anniversary of the Harbury & Ladbroke News.

WI Ladies on one of their many award winning floats.

Netball Ladies preparing to go on court.

John Hancock leading out the runners on the Harbury Hash.

Harbury Albion enjoying a hot punch during the interval on Boxing Day.

### **Unfamiliar scenes**

The massive, diseased horse chestnut in the churchyard, prior to removal.

The road leading into Temple End before the development of houses on the bank.

The Salvation Army band playing outside the Co-op at Christmas time.

The tug of war competition at the Harbury Carnival.

Hamilton Bland, well-known local swimmer opening the Harbury School swimming pool.

Planting the Jubilee tree on the Old New Inn Green.

Employees at the Bonnickson airfield on Harbury Lane massed in front of a wartime plane.

Harbury Junior Morris dancers recruited from Harbury Primary school.

The dancing displays at the Village Hall created by Bayard Burford.

Families gathering to toboggan down Treen's hill on Middle Road, now a copse.

In looking at Mike Bloxham's photos, it is sometimes easy to consider that some things stay the same - preparations for the annual bonfire, football and netball teams still playing, scouting packs thriving in the village and the occasional snow-covered street scenes. However, the village has grown exponentially in recent years with the development of the new estates and there is the potential for change and additional activities which will keep the village thriving. It will need a camera man in the mould of Mike, erstwhile member of the Harbury and Ladbroke News team, to record all the changing scenes and activities.

**Chris Finch**



## **Marathon des Sables**

Anyone who happened to be watching the end of the BBC 6pm news on 18<sup>th</sup> April, will have heard brief mention of newsreader Sophie Raworth having just completed the Marathon des Sables.

A Harbury resident has also just returned from completing the same marathon.

The Marathon des Sables has been described as “the toughest footrace on earth - a gruelling multi stage adventure”. This was the 33<sup>rd</sup> event.

Duncan Nealon left Gatwick airport on 6<sup>th</sup> April; most of his luggage was left at the Berhere Palace hotel in Ouarzuzate, Morocco. 1,000 competitors then travelled six hours by coach where they moved into communal horse hair Berber tents. Competitors ran/walked six stages over seven days - a total of 250k (156 miles) over the Sahara.

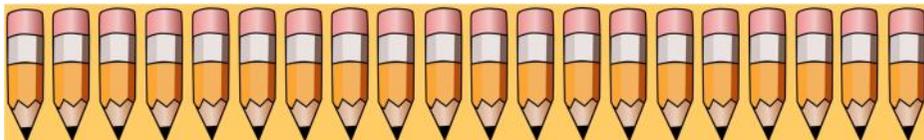
The tents were moved and pitched every night - apart from that they had to carry everything with them, including food, but not water.

The longest stage was on 11<sup>th</sup> April when they ran 52 miles - running/walking from dawn until the next morning. Duncan finished that stage in 19 hours but some took the full 36 hours allowed. Duncan relates running for an hour in the dark without seeing anything but a scorpion!

The competitors returned to the hotel on 14<sup>th</sup> April where they were so pleased to have a shower, eat proper food and sleep in a bed.

Duncan returned home on 16<sup>th</sup> April having achieved a personal goal which he had been training for over many months. He finished about half way in the field of competitors. You may well have seen him running around the roads of Harbury, Bishops Itchington and beyond. He also raised about £7,000 for Ettington Community First Responders.

**Mary Thompson**



# 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. WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO WRITE A PIECE TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE MAGAZINE THAT WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO OUR READERS.

### Submissions can be:

- ◆ Written piece - fictional, non fictional or biographical
- ◆ Poetry on any topic
- ◆ Film Script or Play
- ◆ Graphic novel
- ◆ Some other form of creative writing

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 of the Harbury News / Harbury Village News Facebook pages
- ◆ Email: [awards@hlnews.co.uk](mailto: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.

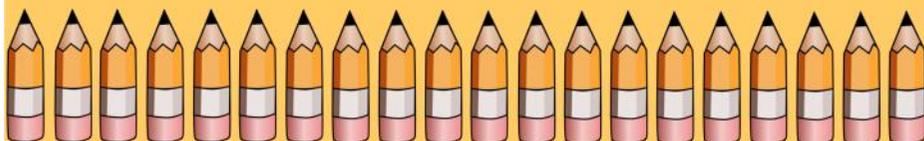
### Time Line

- ◆ Submission of entry by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018
- ◆ Judging and notification of winners - October 2018

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## Harbury Village Show

Schedules for Harbury Village Show are now available! You can pick up a paper copy from Harbury library or download the schedule from our website

harburyvillageshow.uk. (You can find us on Facebook too). The show, which will be held on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2018**, includes classes for everyone in the village to showcase their talents. A new addition this year is a Fruit Liqueur category. So, whether its sloe gin, rhubarb liqueur or raspberry vodka make sure that you get your entry in.

As usual there are given recipes for a cake and biscuits for those who would like to start practising. For the growers and gardeners, after a long cold winter the weather and soil are finally warming up and I know lots of you will have seeds sprouting and potatoes in. This year we have brought back categories for courgettes and chillies.

There is an exciting children's schedule too including Lego models, edible jewellery and those vegetable monsters. These schedules will be given out to the pupils through Harbury Primary school before the end of term. In conjunction with the Harbury and Ladbroke News we also have a new writing competition with exciting prizes. Keep an eye out for further details.

**Village Show Committee**

## **TESCO** Bags of Help **Tesco Bags of Help Scheme - Our Hedgehogs Need Help**

**Our hedgehogs are in severe decline and need all the help they can get.**

Warwickshire Hedgehog Rescue is a small group of volunteers who take in and care for an increasing number of sick and injured hedgehogs. The decline in hedgehog numbers in the last decade has been as much as 50% in rural areas and this trend is continuing. You can help.



With the rising cost of drugs and equipment to treat them with we urgently need funds. We have been accepted onto the Tesco Bags of Help Scheme in the Southam store, to run from the beginning of May till the end of June, so if you shop in the Southam store we need your help in voting for us, so that we can get the maximum grant towards our costs. Every vote counts so PLEASE



put your counters in the Warwickshire Hedgehog Rescue box during May and June. The hedgehogs will be very grateful!

If you want to encourage hedgehogs into your garden you can make a feeding station. I have instructions and helpful tips on how to do this and also information sheets on other ways to help hedgehogs and hazards to watch out for.

You can contact me on 612277 - or look on the British Hedgehog Preservation website.

**Christina Sherman**



### **An Engineering Landmark - (ICE200)**

This year is the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Institution of Civil Engineers by Thomas Telford and others in a coffee shop in London on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1818. The group's aim was to provide a forum for professional engineers to meet and exchange experience and ideas to improve their knowledge of their profession. The subsequent Royal Charter of the Institution of 1828 states that its main objective is *'for the advancement of Mechanical Science and more particularly the acquisition of that species of knowledge which constitutes the Profession of a Civil Engineer, being the art of directing the great sources of power in Nature for the benefit of man'*.

The membership of this learned Institution in those early years included such giants and pioneers of infrastructure of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century as Thomas Telford, Isambard Kingdom Brunel, Robert and George Stevenson, Joseph Locke, Sir John Fowler and many others who developed our roads, canals, railways and ports, which revolutionised transport at the time, firstly in Britain and then overseas. Later in that century, civil engineers provided clean drinking water for our cities for the first time and drainage systems to deal with waste water and sewage, thus improving public health.

This was the commencement of continuing development of our infrastructure during the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. With the advent of electricity, motor vehicles and aircraft; the design and construction of power stations, major roads, motorways and airports, manufacturing facilities, office and shopping complexes were undertaken; whilst the existing facilities were modernised and extended to meet the needs of industry and commerce and a rapidly rising population.

If we wish our nation to remain prosperous in the global economy, we will need many skilled professional civil engineers in the future to continue to develop, maintain and sustain our transport, energy, service and manufacturing facilities. Unfortunately, we are not encouraging and training enough young people to enter the profession to meet the needs of the future.

There are a number of routes into the profession from apprenticeships through to university graduation.

As part of the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations being carried out throughout this year and known as ICE 200; the Institution has asked its senior members to bring to the attention of our communities the importance of civil engineering to everyone's way of life. They wish them to tell grandparents, parents, and young people about the opportunities available for both boys and girls, and the routes for training and entry to this most challenging profession and to consider it as a career. This they can do by meeting and speaking informally to individuals at home or in their own homes over a cup of tea or coffee, or to larger groups of people at other venues.

Living in Harbury, we have five professional senior civil engineers, who have wide experience, both in the UK and overseas. They are available and very happy to undertake this task and to meet and discuss their experience, and their enthusiasm for the projects they have designed, constructed and managed. They are proud of their work and heritage and can explain the opportunities for our young people and how they can join and progress in a key and challenging profession for the future benefit of this country and indeed, the rest of the world.

If you are interested in learning more about this initiative as an individual or on behalf of a group, and would like to meet us, please contact: John Smith, B.Eng, FICE, FIHT. on 01926 612 650 or 07765 146 720 or at [j.smith502@btinternet.com](mailto:j.smith502@btinternet.com) in the first instance.

Additional information is also available at [ICE.org.uk](http://ICE.org.uk) for more information about the Institution and ICE200.

**John F. Smith**



## **Chesterton Horse Blessing and Fun Ride - Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 11.30am until 2.30pm**

To be held in the field by the Church. The course is redesigned over a new route with jumps (optional) to provide horses and riders with an enjoyable few hours over the Warwickshire Countryside. Refreshments will be readily available and there are many raffle prizes to be won.

Anyone wishing to make donations or for general enquiries prior to the day please contact Lynne Smith on 07759 454195.

Come and bring your friends, enjoy the fun ride and let your horses have the blessing they deserve.

**Jo Spurr**

**DATES FOR INCLUSION IN THE HARBURY DIARY  
PLEASE TO: LINDA RIDGLEY - TEL. 612792**



## Ufton Fete - Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2 - 5pm

(*New venue* - Lower Fox Farm (Greg's Eggs), Bascote Heath, CV47 2DN)

More activities - competitions for children, including fancy dress with a woodland theme. Cream teas, beer tent, pig roast. Stalls – plants, cakes and produce, bric a brac children's books and toys. Tombola - Grand raffle. Fire engine. Entertainment - Morris dancers, Ukulele Band and more. Wood carving, welly throwing and tug of war.

Admission: £1.00, children under 16 **free**. **Proceeds to Ufton Church.**

**Gillian Ingham**



### LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

#### **Dear Editors**

*I would like to thank the Rev Craig and all the people who came to celebrate the life of my wife Jo House at All Saints' Church, Harbury on 19<sup>th</sup> April.*

*Also to those who sent cards with many words of comfort and affection for Jo.*

*It was a beautiful sunny day and her love of flowers was reflected in the decoration of the church by the flower ladies.*

*Jo loved people and it would have been a delight to her to see so many of her friends all together, and a great comfort to her family.*

*I would like to thank Dorothy Groves and her helpers for the lovely spread of refreshments at the Village Hall, it was greatly appreciated, very much a party atmosphere which Jo would have loved and I also enjoyed.*

*Liz McBride has told me that many donations were made on the day, thank you, and these will be given to:-*

*The Brain Tumour Charity*

*Hartshead house*

*61-65 Victoria Road*

*Farnborough*

*Surrey, GU14 7PA*

*Thank you all for making it a memorable day.*

**Patrick, Grace, Richard, Duncan & Anya**



**Dear Editors**

*I would like to thank all our friends in Harbury for the many cards and flowers received after Mum, Mary Kimber, died on 3<sup>rd</sup> April.*

*The friendship and care shown to Mum over the years from all parts of village life – Friends, Doctors, Nurses, Church, Drop in Tea, Countryfare, Chemist, Co-op....all of you made such a difference to Mum's life here.*

*Our thanks go to the staff at Galanos House for their love and skill in caring for our Mum – you are very special people.*

*Rest now Mum.*

*We shall miss you but you are always close in our hearts.*

**Moya Waterman, Sue Hawkes and our families**

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**Dear Editors**

*To all those who sent cards and messages and those who attended Theodora's funeral service, my family and I thank you. Your thoughts were very comforting.*

*Craig and John conducted a very moving service; Theodora would have approved.*

*£618 was kindly donated to The Alzheimers Society. Thank you.*

**Brian Wilne**

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**Dear Editors**

*We, the residents of Crown Close would like to thank the Councillors, Vicar and the people of Harbury for all the help and support given to us during a very difficult period. The decision by Orbit to sell our homes has now been reversed and we have now all received confirmation of this in writing.*

**Kind regards to you all from the residents of Crown Close**

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**Dear Editors**

*Chris Finch's recent letter reminded me of the sterling service she performed for a number of years for a group of households in the area needing heating oil, by researching the best price and arranging deliveries. As one of those buyers, inevitably her true value only came to be appreciated during her incapacity and I relate my own experience as a salutary warning to others. Rather than making several phone calls to different suppliers, I unwisely*

decided to use Boiler Juice, an online buying group, as on the face of it they seemed to represent a "virtual Chris Finch". Wrong. I strongly advise readers not to use any online buying group as :-

- they take full payment on order, with at least a two week lead time ahead of delivery cash on order.
- order lead times and supplier details are only confirmed after payment.
- (the supplier driver confirmed that) all direct orders are dealt with as priority so even if "the oil is on the tanker" your order can keep getting pushed back down the queue until it's too late to deliver. We wasted three entire days after the promised delivery date, being told the oil was on its way, only for no delivery to take place. Boiler Juice customer service is non-existent; for three days I tried chasing my order, only to be held for 30 minutes each day without managing to get through to anyone.

Do take the trouble to ring round suppliers to get the best price and order directly; their lead time will only be three days and you pay on delivery date.

**Jonathan Cook**

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<b>AM</b>	Bishops Itchington	Dr Snowdon 9.00 - 11.30am	Dr Panting 9.00 - 11.30am	Dr Wood 9.00 - 11.30am	Dr Hill 9.00 - 11.30am	Dr Wilkinson 9.00 - 11.30am
	Harbury	Dr Wood 9.00 - 11.30am	Dr Wilkinson 9.00 - 11.30am	Dr Snowdon 9.00 - 11.30am	Dr Panting 9.00 - 11.30am	Dr Wood 9.00 - 11.30am
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<b>PM</b>	Harbury	----- Dr Panting 2.00 - 4.30pm	Dr Wood 2.00 - 4.30pm	Dr Hill 2.00 - 4.30pm	-----	
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1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in the month:	9.00am	Sung Eucharist
	10.30am	Little Saints
	6.00pm	Various/Ad hoc (see pew sheet)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in the month:	8.00am	Said Communion
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
	12.30pm	Baptisms
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in the month:	8.00am	Said Communion
	10.30am	Saints Alive! Informal Communion Service
	6.00pm	Evensong
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month:	8:00am	Said Communion
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	12:30pm	Baptisms
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month:	8:00am	Said Communion
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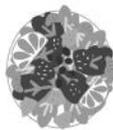


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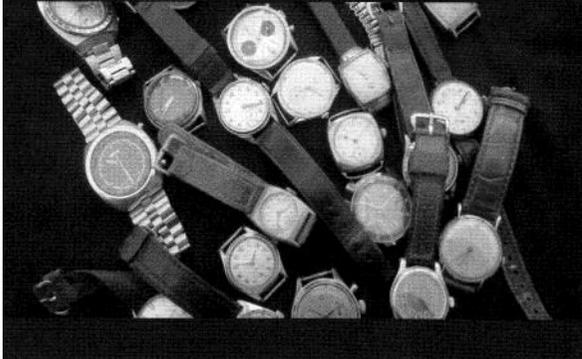
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## Instrumentalists Wanted

Are you a player looking for someone to play with? Maybe you haven't picked up that fiddle or flute for a while but would like to take it up again?

We are looking for a couple of instrumentalists to join our group, Immanuel's Ground Quire. We rehearse in Warwick and play and sing the music which was performed in the "West Gallery" of English parish churches during the 18<sup>th</sup> and early 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. This music was much loved by Thomas Hardy who wrote about it in his novels (especially "Under the Greenwood Tree") and poems. This raw and exciting music was written by local people and performed by village musicians and is genuinely the "music of the people". Our repertoire also includes secular music from the period and psalmody from the American "shape note" tradition of the same era.

We are particularly looking for woodwind and string players. The standard is not too demanding – if you can play hymns, you will be able to play "West Gallery" but you will need to be able to sight read and play in most keys.

The instrumentalists mostly accompany the quire by playing the voice parts but there are also some separate instrumental parts and we also play some instrumental pieces at concerts. We perform, usually in period costume, 5 or 6 times a year at a variety of venues around the Midlands.



To find out more, please contact Alison Biddle on 01926 812767 or visit [www.immanuelsground.com](http://www.immanuelsground.com).

**Immanuel's Ground, Warwick's West Gallery Quire.**

## CHESTERTON FUN RIDE AND HORSE BLESSING SUNDAY 13th MAY

Meeting point in the field by the Church - 11.00 am until 2.30 pm

Children and adults can enjoy the varied course with optional jumps over the quiet countryside.

Come and arrange your ride on the day or phone Lynne Smith 07759454195 for more details.

Refreshments readily available.

