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## Editorial



Over the past week we have been enjoying some lovely spring weather. Andy Shieff's photograph shows some cute new residents who have just arrived, enjoying the sunshine in Harbury.

During the Easter holidays, the Village Club will be running Easter Family Bingo on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April, regular and new visitors are welcome. Special services at both the

churches will also take place during Easter week and there is a guitar concert in Ladbroke on 27<sup>th</sup> April.

This month we carry an article highlighting the dangers of nitrous oxide cylinders (laughing gas). This is a growing concern in the village and we ask everyone to be aware of this worrying illegal substance.

The Harbury & Ladbroke News AGM will be held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30pm at the Village Club; all are welcome.

Don't forget that the District and Parish Council elections will be held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at both Village Halls between 7am and 10pm. We carry profiles for candidates who are known to be standing as we go to press.

Finally, we extend our condolences to the family of Sue Okell.

## Harbury Diary

### APRIL


**Sat 6** Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Guide Dogs

**Sun 7 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT: PASSION SUNDAY**  
 Holy Communion, 9.00am (Said Service)  
 'Little Saints' Service, 10.30am followed by breakfast in the Tom Hauley Room,  
 APCM, 6.00pm, in Church, (No evening service)  
 Youth Group, 7.00 - 8.30pm, Tom Hauley Room  
 Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall  
 Tennis Club AGM and tournament 10.00am  
 Southam French Market, 10.00am to 4.00pm, High Street, Southam

- Mon 8 Martial Arts, 5.30pm, Village Hall
- Tue 9 Pilates, 9.30am, Village Hall  
Inspire Dance, 4.30pm, Village Hall  
Junior Theatre Group, 6.30pm, Village Hall  
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 10 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park -  
Cropredy (4 miles), optional pub lunch  
Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room  
Lenten Course, 'On the Third Day', 7.30pm, Church /  
Tom Hauley Room
- Thurs 11 Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am  
Harbury WI, 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room - Wills and  
Powers of Attorney - Manpreet Kaur Purewal
- Sat 13 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid  
of Ladbroke Church  
Afternoon Tea at Three, 3.00pm, Harbury Village Library  
Easter Family Bingo, 7.00 for 7.30pm, Harbury Village Club
- Sun 14 PALM SUNDAY**  
Holy Communion with distribution of Palms, 8.00am  
Procession from School, 10.15am  
Holy Communion with distribution of Palms and  
Children's Church, 10.30am  
Messy Church, 3.00 - 5.00pm, Tom Hauley Room  
Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall  
**HOLY WEEK**
- Mon 15 Holy Communion with Stations of the Cross, 7.30pm
- Tue 16 Pilates, 9.30am, Village Hall  
Celtic Holy Communion with Stations of the Cross, 7.30pm
- Wed 17 No Walk this week  
Away Day, 10.00am - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room  
Connections (Dementia) Café, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room  
'Service of Light and Shadows', 7.30pm  
Heritage Meeting, 8.00pm, Club
- Thurs 18 Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am  
Service at Ladbroke: Holy Communion with Washing of Feet,  
7.30pm  
The 'Watch', 8.00pm - midnight
- Fri 19 **GOOD FRIDAY**  
Children's Service, 10.30am  
One Hour at The Cross, 2.00pm  
'The Way of the Cross' - Joint Musical Evening at Ladbroke,  
6.30pm  
Harbury Village Library & Biblio's closed
- Sat 20 Harbury Village Library & Biblio's closed  
Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid  
of Save the Children  
Lighting of Easter Candle and Renewal of Baptismal promises,  
8.00pm

- Sat 20 ADVERTS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE TO 36 MANOR ORCHARD,  
HARBURY OR EMAIL ADVERTISING@HLNEWS.CO.UK
- Sun 21 EASTER DAY**  
**NO** Holy Communion at 8.00am  
 Easter Family Communion, 10.30am  
**NO** Evening service this evening  
 Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall
- Mon 22 **EASTER MONDAY**  
 Harbury Village Library & Biblio's closed
- Tue 23 Tickets go on sale for HTG production 'Under Milk Wood'  
 from Pharmacy and Library  
 Pilates, 9.30am, Village Hall  
 Harbury Society, 7.30 for 8.00pm, Tom Hauley Room –  
 Talk on "The Other Brunel"  
**NO** Holy Communion service this evening
- Wed 24 No Walk this week  
 Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
- Thurs 25 **NO** Holy Communion service this morning  
 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 27 Harbury Energy Initiative Event, 'How Low Carbon is your  
 Community', 9.15am - 1.15pm, Village Hall  
 Councillors' Corner Session, 10.00 - 11.00am, Harbury Village  
 Library  
 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid  
 of Harbury Senior Citizens
- Sun 28 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
 Holy Communion, 8.00am  
 Holy Communion and Children's Church, 10.30am  
 Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall
- Mon 29 Martial Arts, 5.30pm, Village Hall  
 Village Hall AGM, 7.30pm, Farley Room, Village Hall
- Tue 30 Pilates, 9.30am, Village Hall  
 Junior Theatre Group, 6.30pm, Village Hall  
 Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- MAY**
- Wed 1 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park -  
 Southam (4 miles)  
 Mothers' Union Communion and meeting, 2.00pm, Tom Hauley  
 Room  
 Ballroom Dancing, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 2 Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am  
 District and Parish Council elections, 7.00am - 10.00pm, Village  
 Hall  
 Folk Club, 8.00pm, Village Club
- Sat 4 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid  
 of Harbury Pre-School

- Sun 5 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
 Holy Communion (Said Service), 9.00am  
 'Little Saints' Service, followed by breakfast in the THR, 10.30am  
 Celtic Service, 6.00pm
- Tue 7** MeetingPoint - tea and coffee, 2.00 - 4.00pm. The Crown Inn  
 Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 8** Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park -  
 Wootton Wawen - bluebells (4 miles)  
 Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
- Thurs 9** Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am  
 Harbury WI, 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room - Resolutions Meeting

<b>Refuse Collection Rota</b>			
	<b>Deppers Bridge</b>	<b>Harbury, Ladbroke &amp; Deppers Bridge outlying properties</b>	<b>Collection Week</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Fri</b>	
	10	12	<b>Grey Bin</b>
	17	19	<b>Green &amp; Blue Lid Bins</b>
	24	26	<b>Grey Bin</b>
<b>May</b>	1	3	<b>Green &amp; Blue Lid Bins</b>
	8	10	<b>Grey Bin</b>
	15	17	<b>Green &amp; Blue Lid Bins</b>

	<b>From the Rector</b>	
	<b>All Saints HARBURY</b> The Rectory, Vicarage Lane, Harbury ☎612377 ✉kankudai43@aol.co.uk	<b>Reverend Craig Grocock</b>

### **Jesus – hope for tomorrow**

You would have all read those words on the front of our Easter card that was put through everyone's door this year. But what does that mean, hope for tomorrow?

In Christian understanding the word hope doesn't mean wishful thinking in the way we use the word – 'I really *hope* Liverpool win the league this year' for example! Hope in the Christian sense means certainty, confidence, and a guarantee. As Christians we don't cross our fingers in some sort of vain wish that it all might be OK in the end. No, as Christians we have the certainty that Jesus' resurrection (that we celebrate at Easter) guarantees new life, a new beginning and a future full of promise and lasting peace. And who if they're honest, doesn't want that? One of the sayings of Jesus, that actually brought

me to faith almost forty years ago, is from John's Gospel; 'I have come that you might have life and have it to the full'. Wow, what a claim that is! When I became a Christian I remember thinking 'I want that for me' and forty years from taking that first step on I have never looked back.

Faith in Jesus is not an academic exercise; it's a life-changing act of the heart that really does change everything. It changes everything because of Easter Day, because of the empty tomb.

May I wish you all a very joyful Easter and may you all find in Jesus hope for today and hope for tomorrow.

God bless.

## From the Registers:

### *Baptism*

24<sup>th</sup> February      Ava Lee

### *Funeral*

28<sup>th</sup> February      Sue Okell (69 years)



## From the Churchwardens

**Liz & Michael**

Reverend Craig's last service at Harbury is now likely to be 9<sup>th</sup> June at the 6pm evening service. At present we have no further information on the process of seeking a new priest but we will be working closely with Ladbroke to discuss arrangements with the Diocese and Archdeacons.

On a more prosaic note the weather vane is still at a jaunty angle. We have just (23<sup>rd</sup> March) received permission from the Diocesan Advisory Committee to go ahead with removing the vane from its central position, repairing the roof of the tower and re-positioning the repainted vane in one of the corners of the tower. Thanks go to Peter Crowley and Trevor Jackson for their work on this application.

A survey of the church and Tom Hauley Room lighting was recently done by Co-operative Energy. The aim is to reduce our carbon footprint by changing to LED lighting. The report is awaited but I hope it will include ideas on not only replacing like for like (THR) but also new ideas for more congenial lighting in church. Thank you to Bob Sherman and the Harbury Energy Initiative (HEI) for this contact.

Stonework repairs, re-pointing and roof repairs are required. One company has provided an estimate and other companies are currently being sought for alternative quotes. This is likely to be a fairly costly project

(£15,000-£20,000). If anyone does have a recommendation for a company carrying out this sort of work please contact Liz (612421).

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

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

	<h2>Mothers' Union</h2>	<p><b>Gillian Hare</b></p>
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Our meeting on Ash Wednesday took a reflective turn, as members had been invited to bring poems or prayers which had a particular meaning to them. The range was wide reaching, from Kipling's "If" to a 17<sup>th</sup> century nun's prayer; from a shepherd's thoughts during WWI to the optimism of "A going-out face". We had much to think about. And Jo, recently returned from a family visit to South Africa, gave us each a beautiful piece of knitting incorporating a cross, a very tactile object to focus on in a quiet space.

Later in the month, five members were made very welcome at Whitnash for the Lady Day service. This commemorates the annunciation when Mary said "Yes" to the Angel; Pam Gould, our Diocesan Chaplain, led with a reflection on Mary's life.

Since then we have prepared and handed out daffodils and bookmarks on Mothering Sunday, and considered Christian meditation in our April meeting.

Our next meeting will be on 1<sup>st</sup> May with a look at the power of advertising. It could lead to a lively discussion, to which visitors are most welcome.

## Ladbroke News & Diary

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

### APRIL

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|------------|-----------|---|
| <b>Sun</b> | <b>7</b>  | <b>LENT V</b><br>Family Communion followed by refreshments, 10.30am   |
| Wed        | 10        | Annual Parochial Church Meeting, 7.00pm, Church<br>Table Tennis, 7.30 - 8.30pm, Village Hall                      |
| Sat        | 13        | Coffee morning in aid of Ladbroke Church, 10.00 - 11.30am,<br>Tom Hauley Room, Harbury                            |
| <b>Sun</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>PALM SUNDAY</b><br>Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am   |
| Wed        | 17        | Annual Village Meeting, 7.30pm, Village Hall  |
| Thurs      | 18        | Maundy Thursday Service with symbolic foot washing<br>and Holy Communion, 7.30pm                                  |
| Fri        | 19        | <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b><br>One Hour at the Cross, 12.00 noon<br>The Cross of Christ, for choir and congregation 6.30pm |

- Sat 20 ADVERTS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE TO 36 MANOR ORCHARD,  
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- Sun 21 EASTER DAY**  
Easter Communion, 10.30am (note later time), followed by Egg  
Hunt
- Wed 20 Table Tennis, 7.30 - 8.30pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 25 ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY PHARMACY,  
HIGH ST OR EMAIL TO ARTICLES@HLNEWS.CO.UK BY  
5.30PM
- Sat 27 Classical Guitar Concert, 7.30pm, Church
- Sun 28 EASTER II**  
Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am

**MAY**

- Wed 1 Table Tennis, 7.30 - 8.30pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 2 Voting for Councillor to SDC, 7.00am - 10.00pm, Village Hall
- Sun 5 EASTER III**  
Family Communion and Baptism followed by  
refreshments, 10.30am
- Tue 7 Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Wed 8 Parish Council, 7.45pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 9 WI, 7.45pm, Village Hall



During April, there will be some extra meetings and services as we approach Easter and our service on Easter Day is later than usual; they are all listed in the Ladbroke Diary above.

We shall shortly be distributing a card with details of all the Easter events to homes in the village, together with an invitation to a Farewell Party we shall be hosting in the Village Hall for Craig and Su on 31<sup>st</sup> May - please put this date in your diaries.

Also, on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April, there will be a Concert in church entitled "Guitar through the Ages" by professional guitarist and composer William Hudd. All welcome, admission free (donations to the All Saints for All Generations appeal).

As part of our preparations to recruit a replacement for Revd. Craig, we shall need to write a new "Parish Profile". To help us do this, we shall be updating the "Eight Essential Qualities" survey that we initially completed 18 months ago. There will be an opportunity to complete this after the Family Service on 7<sup>th</sup> April; if you would like to take part but are unable to be at that service please contact one of the Church Wardens for a copy of the questionnaire.



Finally, who knows whether we shall have Brexited or not by the end of the month? Below is a prayer for our country which you are invited to use at this time.

*God of hope, in these times of change unite our nation and guide our leaders with your wisdom. Give us courage to overcome our fears and help us to build a future in which all may prosper and share; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*



## 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>**

At the meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> March there were just four parish councillors and the clerk, plus me to gather information for this report.

**WCC and SDC:** Although the councillors representing us could not be present, they had sent reports but there was little new information: the Fire Service are looking into a collaboration with West Midlands, WCC has less influence on schools now that only two of the county's 28 secondary schools are not academies or Multi Academy Trusts. WCC are increasing their component of council tax by 5%, of which 2% is for adult social care, and SDC are increasing theirs by 1.5%. Chris Williams, our representative on SDC will **not** be standing for re-election in May.

**Planning:** Councillors would make no representation about the proposed demolition and new house at Rectory Farm Cottage, they considered the self-build home at Brock Farm Stud OK provided there was an agricultural restriction, and had no further comments on the Listed Building Consent amendment/additional information for conversion of The Old Rectory stable block into a home. SDC had approved tree works at Attwood Cottage and Woodcutters Cottage.

**Highways:** The streetlights have been converted to LEDs; the angle of the beam for one light in Bridge Lane which now shines into a home needs to be changed. It is the responsibility of villagers to put out the salt from the yellow bins positioned at the junctions with the bypass. The Parish Council has been asked if it would be willing to pay for gritting within the village, as used to happen in years gone by, and will reply that we are interested in knowing what it would cost.

**Footpaths:** The footpath group continues to be active with another working party imminent. They will be changing the stile at the back of Farmyard Field to a kissing gate.

**Flooding & Drainage:** WCC say the silting up under the bridge in Church Road is not bad enough to warrant action by them.

**Village Hall:** Finally, three quotes have been received for the disabled entrance and toilet. The paperwork is with HS2 for their approval, i.e. permission to start under their grant conditions.

**Broadband:** This month's chasing failed to result in a completion date (there's a surprise!) but we were assured Openreach have been working on the missing link. The suggestion that they move Ladbroke out of Contract 2 so they can say they finished it was met with derision and a counter attack: the Parish council will write to, and a local business man will see, Jeremy Wright later in March about the Ladbroke delays. Jeremy Wright is not only our MP but also Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport.

**HS2:** Cllr Batty attends meetings between HS2, contractors and local councils. In January they heard about the planned heave test near Wormleighton - digging of a cutting to see what movement happens when a significant amount of earth is removed. It's a big job - Wills Pasture Lane will be widened, the equipment will be delivered to site under police escort and there will be up to 100 people on site.

At the end of February the revised costings went to the Government for final approval.

**Neighbourhood Watch:** The co-ordinator is standing down as e-news and other systems have taken away the need. In some places Neighbourhood Watch is evolving into a Good Neighbour scheme, providing assistance etc but as a small village we probably look out for our neighbours informally already.

Over 100 people are on the e-news distribution list held by Cllr Neal, if you are not one of them, and want to be, then contact Martin on [ladbrokeenews@outlook.com](mailto:ladbrokeenews@outlook.com)

**Next meetings:** Annual Village Meeting, with reports from the Parish Council and all the village organisations on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April** at 7.30pm and the Parish Council, **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May** at 7.45pm.

	<p><b>Ladbroke &amp; Deppers Bridge Women's Institute</b></p>	<p><b>Carol Lane</b></p>
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At the meeting on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> March, Peter Warrilow talked to us about the RNLI (Royal National Lifeboat Institution).

Peter's interest began as a young boy when he was taken to the seaside. The highlight of the holiday was a trip on a fishing boat where he observed the ever-changing sea.

Thus, 38 years ago he became treasurer of the Rugby branch of the RNLI and, on retirement, volunteered to spread the message about the RNLI to schools and organisations.

He explained some of the famous life boat experiences including the Union Star, whose engines failed on the night of a ferocious storm off the South coast. The Lifeboat Solomon Browne was launched and managed to get four people off the stricken boat before both the Union Star and the Solomon Browne capsized with the loss of the crew of both ships. The coxswain refused to take two members of the same family as the conditions were so treacherous. The son of one of the men who died, who had not been allowed to join the boat, subsequently became the coxswain of a new lifeboat.

The RNLI was formed 190 years ago by the Society for the Preservation of Life and the motto is 'with courage, nothing is impossible'. It is an independent charity funded entirely by voluntary contributions.

It is a modern efficient and reliable service and the crews are non-judgemental which is just as well as many rescues are needed because of people's ignorance or foolhardiness.

The headquarters are in Poole and there are a few employed people to oversee training, marketing and fundraising and a team to design and build boats. Maintenance of the 350 boats takes place in the 240 stations around the coast and is mainly done in-house. The type of coastline dictates the style of boat and Peter instanced Wells-by-the-sea with its very shallow beach and Whitby with crumbling cliffs.

All the volunteer crew members have pagers and the target time between hearing the pager and boat launch is 10 minutes. This includes the donning of oilskins, yellow wellies and helmets with cameras.

Another element of the work of the RNLI is training lifeguards for 230 beaches around the coast and Peter stressed the need for people to observe and take note of flags and notice boards. He also stressed the importance of children being taught water safety and he is always pleased to go into schools to deliver this message.

The RNLI website is [www.RNLI.co.uk](http://www.RNLI.co.uk)

### **Business meeting**

Hazel informed the members of the following items:

Four of the committee had attended a workshop in Leek Wootton on how to run a WI.

Our twinning WI have invited members to an open evening on 18<sup>th</sup> April.

Sally was thanked for entering the photographic competition representing Ladbroke and Deppers Bridge WI. Sally had sent a set of images which portrayed the life of our WI over the last 12 months.

Dianne then showed us some of the silver clay jewellery she had made at a Denman day course.

**Date of the next meeting** is Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April starting at 7.30pm when Geoff Thorpe will be talking about his experiences as a vet. **Please note the change of date in May from 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 9<sup>th</sup> as the first date clashed with local elections.**



## Ladbroke Matters

David Wright

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



Our showing of *'Bohemian Rhapsody'* last month proved to be a great success. Thanks especially to our catering ladies for producing such delicious curries and desserts. Our next film night will be in May - exact date to be confirmed.



**Date for your diary - Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July** is the date set for our village barbecue with live music. Please put this date in your diary now as it is always a brilliant event. More details will be available soon.



Don't forget that you can hire the Village Hall for your party or celebration at a very reasonable rate (£15 per hour with a 20% discount for Ladbroke residents). We have a kitchen, and room for up to 80 people. To book your special occasion contact Nicky (tel 815196 or email [nicolalewis24@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:nicolalewis24@tiscali.co.uk))

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

### Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Draw for February 2019

£50	Donna Griffith	£50	Cara Jenkins
£25	David Rose	£25	John Bicknell
£25	A and H Dowdeswell	£10	Rob Kendall
£10	Sheena Healey	£10	Colin and Kay Constable
£10	Simon and Jackie West	£10	Jim and Pauline Laidler

**Margaret Bosworth**

#### May Edition - Harbury & Ladbroke News

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## Ladbroke Photography Club

Jackie West

Our March meeting started with the AGM during which we looked back at the previous year and voted in the committee again plus Sally Simmons. The award for Photographer of the Year went to Mike Todman, with Graham Gee second and Kip Warr and Barbara Bicknell joint third. The business of the evening over, we moved onto things photographic, first the competition. There was a wide selection of great photos capturing the subject: silhouettes, shadows and reflections and the usual democratic voting for the ones we liked best. Despite a limit of three entries per person, Barbara Bicknell wiped the board in the small print category and Tim Clayton did nearly as well in the large prints. It was then time to see each other's projected images on the same subject. Sometimes you just have to be in the right place at the right time and the right kit helps too, though I'm not sure the person who photographed the reflections in flooded St Marks Square Venice had actually taken their wellies with them on holiday! Many of us have more time for photography when we are away but a number of the images showed that stunning locations are not essential for good shots, you just need to keep your eyes open and think about different perspectives and light settings as you can see in this month's picture.



In April we have a talk on Greenland by Nicky and Gray Lewis, which will have happened by the time this article is published. The following meeting on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May will be a competition and photo topic on Macro (ie close up). We will also share our best "Painting by Light" images taken at, or inspired by, the workshop in February. Over the last few months it has been good to

welcome visitors and new and returning members. Unlike many photography clubs nowadays we still have room for more so if you are interested do come along. Our 2019 programme is on the website [tinyurl.ladbrokephoto](http://tinyurl.ladbrokephoto) or email [jackieszzone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jackieszzone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk) for more information.



## Ladbroke General Section

### District Council Elections

#### Nigel Rock - Liberal Democrats



Nigel will be contesting this Council Seat which has been the subject of boundary changes over recent years. Nigel was for eight years the Councillor for Stockton and Napton before stepping down. That seat was then won by the Lib Dems before the boundary change to create a council Ward called Napton and Fenny Compton, which includes Priors Hardwick and Marston, Ladbroke, Wormleighton and Shuckburgh.

Nigel is a Chartered Engineer. He retired in 2018 from his job with an environmental consultancy helping people, companies and communities to save energy, so is now able to devote time to local community affairs.

Nigel has lived in Napton for over 30 years, is married and his daughter attended St Lawrence School in Napton. Nigel serves on the Patient Panel of the NHS commissioning group for South Warwickshire and is Chairman of the Patient Participation Group for St Wulfstan Surgery in Southam. He has been a volunteer First Responder in the scheme for cardiac emergencies. He has worked as a Parish Council Clerk. In his spare time Nigel plays tenor saxophone.

*We carry only this profile for the District Council elections covering Ladbroke, although there may well be other candidates standing for the seat.*



### Ladbroke Heritage Group

Thank you to everyone who came and found out about our plans for activities during the Heritage update meeting, the following day at the Parish Council meeting or at Church where you can still see a summary on the boards near the organ. Ever greater thanks to all those who have offered to get involved writing a guide, showing people round, with kids' and/or nature related activities or developing the forthcoming Heritage Open Day. We are not an exclusive club and welcome

each and every one who would like (or can be persuaded) to contribute time, skills and experience, the more of us there are the better. Perhaps you are thinking "I'm not interested in history or haven't got suitable skills". You might be surprised by the breadth of the project. We'll be writing a little about different aspects over the coming months to whet your appetite but please get in touch if you'd like to know more.

We've mentioned before that the scope is the heritage of our church, village and natural environment but did you know we are planning various **STEM activities**? That's Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths - so here is an opportunity, right on your doorstep, to develop and share your inner scientist/engineer. We would love to hear from anyone using STEM at work or as a hobby, especially if they are already a STEM ambassador or involved in architecture and design or in 3-d scanning, CAD or 3-d printing as we are considering these in detail during the next few weeks.

Nature will be a major theme too. Our first study of local wildlife has started thanks to Oscar who as part of his Duke of Edinburgh volunteering is supporting the ecologist studying the church's resident bats. Oscar has made two bat dropping collectors which are positioned at the rear of the nave and is monitoring what they catch.

We are also starting to plan this September's Heritage Open Day event; the theme will be maps and cartographers. So, if you are interested in maps, what they tell us, the people who made them or would like to create a hands-on activity on this theme do let us know.

**Caryl Thompson, Nicky Lewis, Linda Doyle, Jackie West**

## **Guitar Concert on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April**

Professional guitarist and composer William Hudd first picked up the guitar aged eight and was soon delighting his audiences with the popular rock tunes of the 1960's and 70's. On hearing and later meeting the great Andres Segovia, William was inspired to explore the depth and versatility of the classical guitar. As one reviewer said "...rock music's loss was ultimately classical music's gain!"

We are delighted he is giving a concert at Ladbroke Church on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm. It will feature works by legendary composers: Scarlatti, Bach, Weiss, Sor, Tarrega, Albeniz, Granados plus William's own compositions including his deeply atmospheric 'Nocturne'. Having heard a sound check in church, to say we are delighted is something of an understatement, come and hear for yourself - expect to be moved, inspired and entertained in equal measure.

There are no tickets and admission is free but we hope the audience will give generously as every penny, and all the pounds, given will go to *All Saints for All Generations*, the project to repair Ladbroke Church and share our heritage.

**Jackie West**

## Stained Glass Windows in Ladbroke Church

Our occasional series continues, this time with John's Vision, also known as the Errington Memorial Window. Like the Two Marys Windows and The Great East Window (see April and August 2018 back issues, which are available on [hlnews.co.uk](http://hlnews.co.uk)) this was also made by the Birmingham company, Hardman and Co but a decade later than the others. It was given in memory of John Richard Errington, Rector of Ladbroke 1872-1882, and two of his sons Arthur Edmund and Wilfrid John; all three are buried in our churchyard.

Rev Errington had a large impact on our church and village in the 10 years he was here - he had the four old bells recast and a fifth made, he opened the village school - and according to the log book was there in person helping with lessons several times a week. He also not only organised the internal renovations of the church by Sir George Gilbert Scott, but paid a third of the cost out of his own pocket.

This window depicts the start of the Book of Revelations where an angel appears to John on the island of Patmos and tells him to write down what he sees in a vision. The words "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord" come in Chapter 14 v13. In the centre is St John writing down his vision as commanded. The vision itself spreads across the upper part of the window.

The main characters in the lower panels share names with the members of the Errington family to whom the window is dedicated with John in the centre. The scene on the left is the death of St Edmund, the Anglo Saxon king who was murdered in 869 and on the right is St Wilfrid teaching choristers to sing at Ripon.



### *Imagery*

Young John with his scroll, ink and quills is clean shaven. The older, bearded version of himself in the vision is surrounded by angels in white with golden girdles round their breasts, two of whom are playing musical instruments and in the background are the righteous dead clothed in white.

### *Don't miss*

The detail in faces of the assassins, are they having second thoughts about what they have just done?





Jackie West





## Harbury Parish Council

Linda Ridgley  
Harbury News Correspondent

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### February 2019 Meeting Report

#### Planning

The District Housing Enabler who gave a presentation to the meeting, seemed surprised at the Councillors' somewhat negative response to undertaking another Housing Needs Survey. Perhaps she had not looked around the village. As a "Category 1 Settlement" Harbury has taken more than its fair share of housing development. As Chairman Tim Lockley pointed out we have exceeded our target and he did not want to give developers something to support yet more housing the Parish did not need.

However, such a survey sought to reveal how many LOCAL people need housing – there are 49 from Harbury registered on the District Council housing waiting list. Our District Councillor Jacqui Harris is trying to persuade SDC to change, from directing housing to the larger villages, to allowing development in smaller communities to help them retain what services they still have.

Adrian Lewis for the residents of Farm Street reported he had attended the recent SDC Planning Committee and successfully argued that the proposed garden infilling at Farm Close would remove most of the screen of sycamores and it did not meet the District's own Planning Criteria. He further objected to the proposed "backland development at 39 Farm Street".

The Parish Council agreed, condemning these plans as "Garden Grabbing"; contrary to the Neighbourhood Plan; too close to the existing cottage; with the potential to damage the roots of the sycamore which is subject to a Tree Preservation Order. They were concerned about the impact on the Conservation Area, the ultra-modern design; the loss of trees and the access to the highway as the visibility splay did not match the criteria set down.

No Representation was made on the plans to extend 18 Rainbow Crescent. Similarly, there was no objection to the signage and lighting for the Crown Inn, but Cllrs asked that the neighbours be consulted on the potential light pollution.

They also made No Comment on the District Draft Development Requirement Consultation, the Site Allocation Plan, an extension at 27 Deppers Bridge or the internal changes to Western House, Station Road.

#### Playing Fields

Councillors agreed four new pieces of play equipment and four pieces of sensory equipment at the Playing Fields and had £9K for a "Teenagers' Shelter" from the S106 money they expected. Cllr Thornley wanted the Shelter erected on an "easily visible site".

Activity in the Playing Fields car park is being monitored and random closures have helped to deal with the problems there.

The Council still has not completed repairs to the Burial Grounds Chapel which has been damaged by water seepage. They seemed bogged down on a decision to provide a water supply. They had quotes of £1,600 for a soakaway and £1200 for the “groundworks”. Severn Trent had reduced its quote to connect the water supply to £900.

Money was allocated to the repair of the Burial Grounds footpaths.

## **Environment**

Work by HS2 continues. The Chairman wanted the roads left open during the coming cable laying. Cllr Gibb said Long Itchington wanted to work with our Parish Council on mitigating traffic congestion.

Cllr Gibb complained that the buses were not running to time. The 664 and 65 cost the County £1K a day to subsidise, but the reliability was extremely poor. He had complained to Stagecoach about the shambles. On 15<sup>th</sup> January they retimed the early bus and rerouted it. Now it leaves even earlier and the punctuality is appalling. Then on the previous Tuesday, the schedule was further altered to run 11 minutes earlier without telling the passengers. He knew of two school children who had “given up” on the buses and another teenager could have lost her job having missed that bus. The next one was two hours later. These changes have reduced the number of people using the buses.

**Other items of note** - The cost of replacing the retaining edging to the green space at Percival Drive for which the PC is responsible is £845.

Only the Village Club has been declared on the “Assets of Community Value” (which gives facilities a measure of protection if they are under threat of re-development) and the PC has yet to decide whether to add our three remaining pubs to that list.

The Sports Clubs licence problems have still not been resolved.

## **March 2019 Meeting Report**

You can't get away from it at present - Planning Development and its consequences. Several members of the public expressed concern at revelations of yet more houses (120) planned for land West of Oakfields. There were complaints about the impact on the village of large commercial vehicles trying to get through the centre of the village, and how developers were allowed to change plans after developments were built.

Cllr Rutherford was particularly angry about the lack of enforcement by Stratford District Council and cited the Henry's development where additional vehicular and pedestrian accesses had been installed; landscaping has been lost, bin stores moved and hardstanding and roofing materials changed. He wanted the Council to make strong representations about this but the Chairman said the developer would have to change what was done or withdraw the “Variation”. However it was decided they would object.

Then came discussion on the need for a further Housing Needs Survey (HNS) which sought to uncover the need for homes (like those at Hereburgh Way) for people with a “local connection”.

Cllr Ekins thought such a survey would help protect the village from further commercial development, whilst Cllr Summers thought the Neighbourhood Plan would provide protection from that and the Chair argued that revealing the need for more homes would merely invite even more planning applications.

Cllr Gibb said a HNS would show the specific need which was for homes for the village’s young people and OAPs. Cllr Christou agreed a survey would be worthwhile if it pinpointed the need for “affordable” housing. They agreed to commission the report and asked the Planning Group to ensure the survey would tell them what the PC needed to know. The Neighbourhood Plan might need to be revised.

Tim Lockley revealed he and some other councillors had met developers Gladmans who intended to apply for permission for 120 houses west of the present David Wilson Homes and would conduct a Public Participation exercise - by post and online. There are several issues including the number of houses planned but the developer was offering to provide land and build a new cemetery for the village on the roadside field opposite Temple End. Linda Ridgley reminded them that Stratford had recently produced plans showing several village sites for development and this was not one of them.

### **Properties**

Cllrs agreed to pay £450 to have a tap installed at the existing Burial Grounds. As there is no proof of who damaged the lighting column in Neales Close it will cost the Parish £1k for repairs.

### **Bus Service**

Cllrs Gibb and Thompson met Stagecoach to express dissatisfaction with the bus service, the timetable and the fares. Moves were being made to improve the service. Cllr Gibb explained that at present WCC was paying Stagecoach to provide the service from developer’s S106 money which was time limited. Punctuality had improved but the times of the service were not useful. Children got to school before the facility was open!

### **Schools**

Cllr Gibb said funding for Harbury School was “not good” and that the Church would not allow it to join the Southam Multi-Academy Trust. The Chairman feared that such schools would be “pushed out” of Southam but our County Councillor, Bob Stevens, said that children who lived locally came “second, after those with special needs”. Bob also reassured Cllr Thornley that plans for traffic lights at the Bendigo Mitchel crossroads with the Fosse “were progressing”.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30pm in Village Hall.

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

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

## District and Parish Council Elections - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

District and Parish Council elections take place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019. We carry profiles for two candidates for the District Council elections, although there may well be other candidates standing for the seat. There will only be an election for the Parish Council if there are more candidates standing than there are seats available.

**Editors**

### Stratford-on-Avon District Council

#### Sue Bushill - Liberal Democrats



I just wanted to introduce myself as I am standing as district councillor for the Lib Dems in the Harbury ward. I have lived in the centre of the village for twenty plus years and I hope I understand both the positives of living in this lovely village and the issues that it has or could potentially have. We (my husband and three children) have loved living here and are lucky to have fantastic friends and neighbours. When we first moved here my husband commented it was like freshers week at university - so many opportunities to join societies etc and make friends! I myself have been chairman of the nursery committee (Windmills - some years ago!),

served on the GASS committee (how well I remember bonfire night and industrial quantities of sausages!), helped out at Biblio's and also some may remember (or would like to choose to forget) my performances at the library murder mystery fundraisers. I have watched the village grow and develop and feel it vital that we all work to retain the essence of Harbury and keep it feeling and looking like a village, with all the benefits and opportunities that brings. I am aware of the concerns around planning, increased traffic and pressures on our school and surgery and hope if elected that I could help address and manage these issues.

#### Jacqui Harris - Independent



Hello, I'm Jacqui Harris and I'm standing as an Independent candidate in the Stratford District Council elections. I have worked as your Ward Member for the past four years delivering for you across the ward for individuals, groups and parish's alike

I have a reputation of being pragmatic and good at getting things done. Public service matters to me, it runs through me like words through a piece of rock.

I have given service in many ways since my early teenage years, serving as a police officer and now as a nurse with over 40 years public service. I have tons of experience in supporting people from all

walks of life, in many settings especially when they are at their most vulnerable and lowest in life. There is not much that can phase me with the experiences I have had both personally and professionally. I have loved the past four years serving and helping people in my communities and I would like to continue and hope that you will vote for me so I am able to do so

Harbury is a settled community with a strong Parish Council. That said they also have their issues. I have helped and delivered around planning, individual concerns of residents I am also pleased to report that there is steady progress being made on proposals to install traffic lights at the Harbury Lane crossroad on the Fosse. I will ensure that this is delivered. This is much needed particularly at peak times to allow residents to get across this road quickly and safely

I look forward to representing you. You can contact me via 07927 639352. [Jacqui.harris@stratford-dc.gov.uk](mailto:Jacqui.harris@stratford-dc.gov.uk)

## Harbury Parish Council

### Sam Allen



I have lived in the village for over nine years and been a Parish Councillor for the past five of those.

During this time, I have been a member of the Planning and Environmental working parties. This has allowed me to support our community's opinions (the Parish Council is a statutory consultee) for planning applications in the Harbury Parish area. We can't prevent changes, nor do we make those decisions, but I consider we are obliged to try and shape any development to the most suitable fit for our village.

I actively participated in the creation of the Harbury Neighbourhood Plan (that a remarkable 94.05% of Harbury and Deppers Bridge residents voted to implement last November) which has given us another tool to assist with planning applications in our Parish.

My eldest child attends Harbury Primary School and the youngest goes to Banana Moon Nursery. Besides keeping my husband and I busy, they motivate me to try and keep Harbury as the wonderfully community minded and vibrant place to live it has always been.

I am proud to be a Harbury resident and it has been a great pleasure to have contributed on the Parish Council. I ask that you re-elect me on 2<sup>nd</sup> May so I can continue in this position, working to represent the interests of the residents of the parish.





## Julie Balch



Nine years ago, Craig and I moved to Harbury, initially living in Chapel Street, and then later in Hereburgh Way. We love the village and it is a wonderful place to raise our family. Our two boys were christened here, then went on to attend Harbury Pre-School, Banana Moon and now Harbury Primary School.

One of the things I love most about Harbury is its community spirit and the way that people come together to support events and each other. I feel privileged to live in such a beautiful area and am keen to ensure that all members of our community

continue to enjoy it. I am conscientious and sensitive to individuals and like to take time to understand any issues and find constructive resolutions.

My career to date has enabled me to work across all types of business from small start-ups to large corporates such as Capita, Lloyds Pharmacy, National Grid, and Government Departments. I have had many varied roles, adding value to clients and stakeholders and been responsible for managing and generating high revenues. An entrepreneur at heart I started my own business in 2006 creating a community for likeminded people to meet online and at local events. For the last 10 years I have provided complex programme support to a wide range of clients. My background gave me the experience needed to run the Harbury Pre-School Fundraising Committee, and also work with the DKMS charity to run local Stem Cell Donor Awareness Events.

I am particularly interested in supporting our small businesses, our young people and seeing what else can be done for the elderly.

## Steve Ekins



I moved into the village with my family ten years ago from Lillington. Harbury has always been the kind of place that we wanted to live, because of its reputation of community spirit and village life, we very quickly felt part of the village.

I have always felt the importance of community involvement and whilst in Lillington, I was an assistant leader in the 1st Lillington Scouts, Chairman of North Leamington School PTA and a Governor at the School during its change in status to an Academy.

My hobbies/interests include cycling, walking and Hashing. I was involved with Harbury's annual Hash and its fund raising for over twenty years. I have been volunteering for Guide Dogs for six years, looking after a Brood Bitch, Puppy Walking, fund raising and carrying out driving duties. Working with the Pop Up Market team, raising money for local charities.

So, when the opportunity came nine years ago to apply to be a Parish Councillor, I took it and was pleased to be co-opted onto the Parish Council as the representative for the Ward of Deppers Bridge. I am a member of the working parties covering: Properties, Finance and General Purposes.

If you will vote for me, I will be happy to continue to serve the communities of Harbury and Deppers Bridge in any way I can. Thank you!

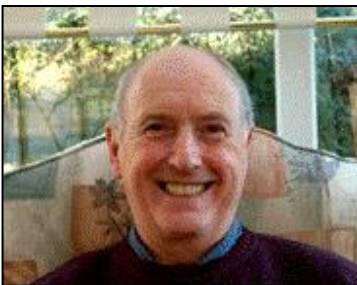
## Chris Gibb



I was born in Cornwall, grew up in Essex and Surrey and have, since the age of 17, worked on the railway in Scotland, England and Wales. I am now 55 and work part time as a Non-Executive Director of Network Rail, as a rail operations advisor to the UK and Welsh governments, and to HS2. My wife Cathy and I have been involved with Harbury since 2004, when our daughter Emily started at Harbury School, followed by Harriet in 2006. We moved to the village in 2012 and they are now

19 and 17, and at Durham University and Arnold Lodge School. We live in High Street at Phoenix House, attend All Saints Church and enjoy a range of village activities from Knit Wits to Sad Dads. My 83-year-old father Allan moved to the village in 2015, and we often visit Charlecote Park together. I have been a parish councillor since 2015, and have been involved in bus service provision, parking issues, WW1 commemoration, litter bins, street lighting, and planning discussions. I am also Chair of Governors at Harbury School. Harbury is a great place to live for all generations, and I would like to continue to play a part in keeping it that way, caring for our heritage whilst embracing the changes that the future inevitably brings.

## Alan G Knowles



My name is Alan. G. Knowles I have lived in Harbury for over fifty years during which time I ran a small Plumbing and Heating Business until I retired in 2006.

I joined the Parish Council in November 2007 and served until April 2017 when I stood down for family reasons. Those reasons no longer prevail and I would like to return to being a Parish Councillor again if elected.

I found being a Parish Councillor very fulfilling and I hope the people of Harbury will elect me so that I can be of service to the local community again.





## Tim Lockley



I have lived in the village for 22 years, been a Parish Councillor for 16 years and chairman for the past 11 years. My children attend Harbury Primary and Southam College, and I try to think of what kind of village their generation would like to live in when I make decisions. Harbury is a great place to bring up children and I see the Parish Council's job, if I was re-elected, as not only preserving what we have but also creating new opportunities. We cannot prevent change, but I think we can help to manage it. For example, I took a leading role in creating Harbury

Village Library and Biblio's Café when the County Council withdrew funding. We now have a wonderful community facility that didn't exist before. I think the Parish Council should continue to support village organisations and improve village facilities.

## Tony Mancell



We moved into Harbury 42 years ago and the strong community spirit was immediately noticeable, and this still exists within our Village, because of the people who live here and the way we work together, making Harbury the Village that it is.

I've been a member of Harbury Parish Council for 18 years, with the role Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes group. Through these years we have managed the Parish budget, setting the Precept so that the Council can carry out its plans and responsibilities in the Parish, as well as supporting Village organisations, such as Harbury Library, Village

Hall and many of the youth groups in the village.

I have felt privileged to be a Parish Councillor for the past 18 years and would like to continue to serve the village in this role, so I am seeking re-election on 2<sup>nd</sup> May, thank you.

## Andy Rutherford



I have lived in Harbury for 12 years, and became a co-opted Parish Councillor two years ago, when I retired from running a local company involved in Technical Sales. I love the sense of the Community around this village, and have been involved with the Village Hall in many ways including fundraising for the development programme, and currently as Vice Chairman of the Management Group. My past involvement with Community Groups included Management of the largest Night Shelter for the Homeless in the UK,

and Chairman of Levenshulme Community Centre, both in Manchester, and then opening Norton House Day Centre for the Homeless in Coventry.

I have a particular interest in planning and feel strongly that development needs to be managed and controlled so that our village infra-structure is not overwhelmed by indiscriminate building. Change is inevitable, but not at the cost of those things we like about the village. I would like to see the Parish Council take greater steps in engaging with the Community on more issues.

## Pat Summers



My name is Pat Summers and I have lived in Harbury all my life, as did my parents, grandparents and great grandparents. Harbury has grown from the small village of my childhood to the vibrant, social and caring community that we have today.

My husband Brian and myself started our married life in Farley Avenue and have moved three times within the village, bringing up our son and daughter here. Our daughter and granddaughters still live in the village.

I have been on the Parish Council for eight years and would like to continue serving the community. I am a member of the Properties Working Group, the Finance & General Purposes Working Group and chair of the Planning Working Group. I helped prepare the Parish Plan Update in 2012 and went on to be chair of the Steering Group when we started the Neighbourhood Development Plan in 2014. The Plan was eventually successful at the referendum in 2018 and as long as the government do not change the rules the parish will be protected from over development until 2031.

I am Group Co-ordinator of The Friends of Harbury Cemetery, a voluntary group who meet on the first Thursday morning of each month to tidy and weed at the cemetery. We have planted snowdrops, daffodils and bluebells which should form a colourful display this Spring and show the benefits of our hard work. Do take a look sometime.

My only interest is the protection and wellbeing of the parish (Harbury and Deppers Bridge) for future generations and I hope to be elected in May so that I can do that.

## Keith Thompson



We have lived in Harbury for 50 years and our two children were born and brought up here. Our daughter has returned and now lives with her family in Deppers Bridge.

I have had the privilege and pleasure to serve on the Parish Council for 38 years. During this time I have been Chair of the PC for three years and Chair of the Properties and Finance Working Parties. I am currently Vice Chair of the Parish

Council and also serve on the Properties and Planning Working Parties. Part of this work involves coordinating the weekly Play Equipment Safety Inspection programme.

Since my retirement from work with WCC in January 2007 I have had more time to dedicate to Village life and other interests. I am a member of the Village Hall Management Committee and enjoy playing Tennis with Harbury Tennis Club. As a National Trust Volunteer Guide I enjoy making a contribution to the running and conservation of Charlecote. I am also an Exam Invigilator with Warwickshire College.

The Neighbourhood Plan has been a feature of the PC's work during recent years and I have participated fully in its development.

I believe that I have the necessary skills, enthusiasm, commitment and time to continue to serve the Parish Council and our Village community which my family and I value so much and so I am seeking your vote on 2<sup>nd</sup> May - Many thanks!

## Janet Thornley



I have lived in Harbury for 55 years and served as a Parish Councillor for 15 years. My children and grandchildren attended local schools. My main personal interests are bowls, theatre and music. I am on several village committees; the Village Hall Management Committee, Village Club, Heritage Group and Theatre Group.

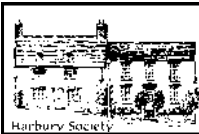
My role as a parish councillor includes environmental issues, support for all fundraising events organised by village groups and advice on applications for local and national grants.

My aims are to promote community engagement with Parish, District and County Councillors and I support and attend the monthly "Councillors' Corner" in the Library so that parishioners can discuss any village problems or issues. I also support the village Group HEI who promote energy saving schemes and help the local community to achieve an energy saving environment.

Harbury community spirit is unique and to maintain this quality, we should encourage young people to participate in all aspects of village life to retain rural lifestyles, village unity but seek changes in future development to benefit the needs of the community.

I consider it a privilege to serve on the Parish Council and I hope I can continue as a Harbury Parish Councillor, if elected, for the ensuing years.





## Harbury Society

Linda Ridgley

We had a most amusing discourse from Mr Howe after our AGM. He took us back to our childhood with his stories and reminiscences starting with a reference to “Much Binding in the Marsh” which of course I don’t remember, but I have always thought that it was the cause of so many people calling the market town - Moreton in *the* Marsh.

The talk was supposed to be about Growing Old Gracefully, or Disgracefully, but it never really became vulgar - just very very funny. He talked about memory loss but assured us that older people just had so much more to remember. But it was when he started recalling all the things you did as a child that we really were taken back to our earlier years. Your Mum wiping your dirty face with the corner of her apron; eating your tea for fear it would be there next day if you didn’t; Saturday Morning Pictures, the time someone released a moth which flew into the projection beam and being huge caused a riot. He recalled this so vividly we did wonder if it was his doing. Then there were the games that children do still play; Conkers, Hide and Seek, handstands, leapfrog, skipping and singing games.

He recalled the old performers like Ken Dodd who could keep telling jokes for hours. He especially liked Victoria Wood for her observational humour. And he reminded us of the bizarre radio programmes where jugglers performed or Educating Archie where Peter Brough was the ventriloquist?!\*

He finished with a story about Winston Churchill in his old age proving his point that the very elderly can still surprise you. Winnie was told that one of his MPs had been found in Hyde Park with a young soldier. After thinking this out his reply was: “Very cold last night. Coldest of the year. Makes you proud to be British!”

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 7.30pm for 8pm, in the Tom Hauley Room when Mr Cragg will give a talk on “The Other Brunel” - that is Isambard’s father. All are welcome.



## Harbury Women’s Institute

Mary Thompson

At our meeting in March, we welcomed Clare Watkins from Five Elements Acupuncture in Southam.

Clare told us about her journey into acupuncture when she was told that she couldn’t have children. Acupuncture was “a last chance saloon” and resulted in her two children. She told us that acupuncture pre-dates history and can be used for things such as migraines, sleep problems, arthritis and depression. She trained through a three year degree course and is a member of the British Acupuncture Council - something very important if you are looking for

an acupuncturist. Treatments always start with a detox and she said that acupuncture can be as effective as drugs.

Members enjoyed her talk and found it very interesting.

On 18<sup>th</sup> March 11 members were among 900+ members of the Warwickshire Federation at their annual meeting which was held for the first time at the 1XL Conference Centre at the Dallas Burston Polo Ground. Some of the meeting was taken up with formal business and presentations - this marked the end of Warwickshire's Centenary year and mention was made that it had been shared with that of Harbury.

We heard from Lynne Stubbings, a Warwickshire member who is also Chair of the National Federation of Women's Institutes.

The final speaker of the morning was an inspiring lady called Kath Ryan, who since 2009, has been making cakes for wounded soldiers at Selly Oak hospital; she was making 500 cakes a week during the Afghan War. She also made wedding cakes for the soldiers and cakes for Prince William and Prince Charles. She was invited to the grounds of Windsor Castle for Prince Harry's wedding.

The speaker during the afternoon was Simon King who is a wildlife journalist and photographer who has worked on programmes such as Spring Watch and Planet Earth. He was a very good speaker and showed us some superb photographs and videos.

We were also entertained during the afternoon by members of Bulkington WI and singer Cathy Morris who took us on a musical journey through the past 100 years.

At our next meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> April we shall welcome Lucy Jones who will talk about Wills and Powers of Attorney. Visitors are always welcome.



**Harbury Theatre Group**

**Ali Hodge**

**Under Milk Wood - 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

To give a flavour of the experience awaiting the audience we have created a trailer. Please visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NgtddYn2EqA> The words are spoken by Andrew Patrick who will be one of the two narrators. Twenty other keen people will be taking part in the reading. There will also be singing! Thanks to our musical director Simon Stenner.

It will be staged as though it is taking place in a BBC radio recording studio, so sound effects are important. The World Wide Web is a great resource these days, so we didn't have to record sound effects on location, as a radio production by George Martin (of The Beatles' fame) did in 1988. Our effects are in the capable hands of Gordon Robbins. In our version, projected scenes will also add to the entertainment.

According to Dylan Thomas' wife Caitlin, "*Dylan often came home from the pub with some shocking tale to tell me, usually stories with a sexual connotation, like all the best stories.*" He made use of this gossip in his choice of words for example:

*"Mae Rose Cottage peels off her pink and white skin in a furnace .....*".

At each performance we will be serving a light, Welsh-themed, cheese and biscuits supper. Supper is included in the ticket price of £8.00 full price, £6.00 concessions. Bar and soft drinks also available. **Tickets will be on sale from Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April** (immediately after Easter) at the Chemist and Harbury Library or ring 613488.

Hope you enjoy it.



Every meeting of Harbury Folk Club is unique, and beforehand, no one can ever predict what it will be like. The only thing we can be pretty sure about is that whatever happens, we will be treated to fine music and entertainment.

The evening of 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019 was no exception.

I must confess to becoming a little concerned when learning that there would be quite a number of regular performers who, for one reason or another, would not be able to attend. However, by 8.00pm, there were enough performers to fill two halves of the evening, and the room was filled to capacity with a warm and responsive audience who were soon found to be in good voice as well.

After Liz and I started with a chorus song we were followed by contributions from Rik Middleton, "Ragged", Bob Clucas, and Don, before Ian and Sue, aka The Harvesters, brought the first half to a close.

The second half included items from Maureen and Janny, Peter Mason, Sue Harris and further contributions from Rik, Ian and Sue, and Liz and me.

Perhaps the most memorable act also came in the second half when two young newcomers, Ben and Stuart, performed some Gypsy Jazz on guitar and fiddle. This was to give us a foretaste of what was in store for the Harbury Jazz Club which was due to have its first meeting the following Thursday. Their amazing musical talent and quality of entertainment electrified the atmosphere and left us all buzzing. We hope they will come again.

For a list of who sang what please visit the Folk Clubs website at: [tinyurl.com/harburyfolkclub](http://tinyurl.com/harburyfolkclub)

With the number of performers being less than usual, the evening drew to a relaxing close at the early time of 10pm, but I don't think any member of the audience or performer would have felt they had been "short changed". It had

been yet another unique meeting, the likes of which could not have been predicted.

Many thanks to those who performed and also those who supported the raffle. It raised £90.00 which has been donated to Harbury Village Club. Once again the staff and committee of the club were welcoming, helpful and friendly and contributed to the success of the evening.

The next meeting of the club will be on 4<sup>th</sup> April and will be hosted by Ian Hartland. The theme is to be "Town and Country".



### **Visages Villages** (vaguely translated Faces Places)

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March the members of the Association met in the Tom Hauley Room for another enjoyable, sub-titled, French film, organised by Richard Marshall-Hardy and his wife Julie.

Faces Places is a 2017, award winning, French documentary film directed by Agnes Varda (A 89-year-old Belgian-born filmmaking legend of the French New Wave) and JR (A 34-year-old French artist most famous for his large photographic murals). The film was improvised out of a chance encounter when they found that they have a common passion for images in general and more particularly for questioning the places where they are displayed. The film follows Varda and JR who travel around rural France visiting small towns in a van which is decorated like an enormous camera. The van contains a photo-booth where they produce large format portraits of the locals they come across, learning their stories and recording the history of the places they visit by pasting epic-size photographs of these people on public walls and appropriate structures.

This film is unlike any other we've seen, even though it was classified as a documentary it was beautiful, charming, with a glimpse into human nature and friendship.

<p><b>HARBURY VILLAGE LIBRARY</b></p> <p><b>Monday to Friday</b> 9.00am - 5.00pm and <b>Saturday</b> 10.00am - 12 noon</p> <p><b>Email: <a href="mailto:library@harburyvillagelibrary.org.uk">library@harburyvillagelibrary.org.uk</a></b></p>	 <p><b>Telephone:</b> <b>01926 258776</b></p>	<p><b>BIBLIO'S CAFÉ OPEN</b></p> <p><b>Wednesday, Thursday &amp; Friday</b> 9.15am - 12 noon and <b>Saturday</b> 10.00am - 12 noon</p> <p><b>Email: <a href="mailto:biblioscfe@gmail.com">biblioscfe@gmail.com</a></b></p>
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# T H E N & N O W

This month's article in the series shows a view looking down Mill Lane from High Street.



Harbury Windmill rises some 60 feet high and is located in the centre of the village. It was constructed in the first decade of the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

The lower courses are built from stone said to have come from Chesterton House when it was demolished in 1802. The remainder of the six floor tower mill is brick.

In 1883, the miller, Mr G F Varney was tragically killed when he became entangled in the mill's gearing. At that time the mill was in a poor state of repair which may have contributed to the accident.

The mill was wind driven until early into the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the sails were then removed. In 1930 electricity was used to drive the mill stones around. More details of the mill, its workings and the millers who worked it can be seen in The Heritage Room. Come and have a look.



The granary, shown on the left in the foreground was demolished and replaced by a new cottage style house which is attached to the mill. In the distance part of 'Montgomery House' can be seen. In 1848 records show that it was the home of Dr Montgomery, a doctor practising in Southam. During World War Two some of the rooms were rented out to evacuees from Coventry. Today it remains one of Harbury's finest houses.

For more details and information do visit **The Heritage Room based in the Primary School. Open first Tuesday in the month from 6.30pm.**

You are welcome to visit at a more convenient time by emailing 'harburyheritage@gmail.com' and letting us know your preferred date/time.

### Harbury Heritage Kids' Corner

You really enjoyed last month's 'Spot the Difference' and we had several entries. Sorry if you did not win but have another go at the one below.



This time it is a painting of The Dog Inn which is now Banana Moon Nursery. Did you go there? It was a public house for a very long time and only recently changed over to the nursery. On the previous page are two versions of **the same painting; once again the second one has five things** different to the one below.



All you need to do is to look at the two pictures and tell me the **FIVE** differences on the second one. Write them down and send them via email with your name and age to: [harburyheritage@gmail.com](mailto:harburyheritage@gmail.com) by 30<sup>th</sup> April.

Age limit is 11 years old and under. Make sure you have permission from a parent / carer to do this.

**GOOD LUCK! There will be a prize for the winner!**

	<h2>Harbury Energy Initiative</h2>	<p><b>Bob Sherman</b></p>
<p>☎612277 ✉<a href="mailto:info@harburyenergy.co.uk">info@harburyenergy.co.uk</a></p>		

### 'How Low Carbon is your Community? Sharing Solutions'

On **27<sup>th</sup> April from 9.15am to 1.15pm** Harbury Energy Initiative will be hosting our most ambitious event yet at the Village Hall. We would love to see plenty of Harbury people there. The event is free to attend but you need to register at <https://www.thersa.org/events/fellowship-events/2019/04/rsa-warwickshire-how-low-carbon-is-your-community---27042019/>.

You will find details of the event, which we are co-hosting with the RSA, via this link too.

The event aims to bring together people in local communities working on the low carbon and climate change solutions to share ideas. It will be of interest to you if you:

- are involved in managing a community building here in Harbury or locally
- are a local councillor
- run or have ambitions to run a local community energy group to address climate change and energy saving in your community
- are working on low carbon solutions personally
- are just interested in meeting like-minded individuals

Speakers include:

Stephen Nicholas - Sure Power (energy storage)

Josh Brown - Co-operative Energy (LEDs etc)

Angus Rose - INECO energy (school solar)

There will also be representatives from Harbury Energy Initiative, Snitterfield Actioning Climate Change, Community Energy Warwickshire and Oxford Low Carbon Hub.

If you have any questions about the event, do contact me on 612277.

### **The school has got its solar hat on**

The sun is out - well, it was today - and the school has its solar panels installed in time to capture lots of this free energy. It isn't quite free, as the school has taken out a no-interest loan from the SALIX fund to cover most of the cost. Small grants from Carbon Trust and Heart of England Community Fund have reduced the loan and mean that it will be paid off a little more quickly. Energy savings from not using electricity from the grid should amply cover the repayments with a little to spare.



### **More en-lightenment**

Next project on our agenda is LEDs for the Scout Hut, Wight School Pre-School room, church and Tom Hauley Room working with the relevant leaders. For this we have the support of Martin Kirkham of Co-operative Energy, a company that strongly supports community energy.

We are also waiting see how we can help to progress the PTA's plans for solar panels and battery on the old school swimming pool site.

### **HEI is not an exclusive club**

We would be very happy to welcome new people to our very informal group. As you can see, we get things done. Call me or chat to any of the other members if you would like to join in. Our meetings are not that frequent and when they happen we benefit from the hospitality (and keenly priced beverages) of the Village Club.

	<h2>Harbury e-Wheels</h2>	<p><b>Bob Sherman</b></p>
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### Race Night is coming!!

**11<sup>th</sup> May 2019. Doors (and bar) open at 7pm. First race under starters orders at 7.30pm.**

Not long to wait now for the Great e-Wheels Race Night, an event of such importance in the calendar that you can't afford to miss it. The horses are wooden but you don't have to be.



Come because you love the thrill of the turf.



Come because you are fun-loving and love a party with a difference.



Come because you want to support Harbury's very own free social transport scheme.



Come because the food bank matters to you.



Come to alleviate the plight of so many who are isolated for physical or financial reasons and cannot get to their appointments or social events without Harbury e-Wheels.

All you need now is some tickets. **Tickets are £10 to include a fish and chip supper.**

Available from the Library, Peter Walshe (07446 779879), Doug Freeman (612002) and Bob Sherman (612277). From 15<sup>th</sup> April they will also be available from the Pharmacy.

	<h2>Harbury Tennis Club</h2>	<p><b>Colin Mercer</b></p>
<p><a href="https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/HarburyTC">https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/HarburyTC</a></p>		

Harbury's four Banbury Winter League Teams have completed their fixtures without too many weather issues, and no repeat of last year's "Beast from the East"! At the time of writing there are still some outstanding fixtures for other clubs but they won't make any difference to the floodlit teams' final positions.

Pride of place goes to Floodlit "B", captained by Nigel Eaton. After being relegated from Division 3 last season the team found life in Division 4 much

easier, and have finished the season as Division 4 champions. Although at the time of writing there are still two matches to be played, Harbury's points score from 10 wins and 2 losses cannot be beaten. All the home matches were won, and the only two away defeats were on a frosty AstroTurf court at Hook Norton, and a damp AstroTurf court at Banbury West End. The second loss was in the final match when Harbury already knew that they had topped their division. 10 players were used during the season with the main contributors being Nigel Eaton, Josh Marshall, and Helen Cooper who played 11,9 and 8 matches respectively.

Coincidentally, Floodlit "A" also used 10 players during the season, three of whom each played in over half of the matches, but alas the similarity ends there! Their final match of the season was a resounding 8-0 defeat away at Byfield "B", which guaranteed that they would finish bottom of Division 2. Next winter should see a couple of interesting and no doubt very competitive Harbury A vs. Harbury B head-to-head matches, as it is almost certain that both our floodlit teams will be in Division 3.

In the Weekend format the "A" Team's final fixture in Division 2 was also away at Byfield "B". Eira Owen, Sue Panton, Ben Fish and Colin Mercer put up stiff resistance before going down to a narrow 3-5 defeat. This gives Harbury a fighting chance of avoiding the wooden spoon position as it gives us a four point cushion over Priors Marston "A" who have one match to play.

The "B" team's final match was played at Harbury in extremely windy conditions against Priors Marston "B". Steve Stark, Joe Robson, Jane Minchin and Clare Callaghan secured the team's first win of the season by 6-2. The league awards points for the number of sets won (not just matches), so this win lifted them to 3<sup>rd</sup> place in division 4. They are waiting on the results of two other matches before they know if they will hold on to this.

A big thank you to our Fixtures Secretary Caroline Morland, and everyone who played in the 38 winter fixtures!

We rapidly move on to the summer leagues and the first Banbury League match is scheduled for 10<sup>th</sup> April. This will see our two floodlit teams combining into a single team (as the format changes from a four person to a six person team). We also have a team in the Banbury League weekend mixed format and one in the Rugby and District League.

Our Winter/Spring 2019 coaching programme, delivered by coolsportz coaches is going well and, for Juniors, caters for ages 4 to 16 years. Rob West runs sessions on Thursdays and Elizabeth Holding on Mondays. There are also sessions for adults on Monday and Thursday evenings and a Ladies' group on Friday mornings. All sessions are open to members and non-members (small surcharge applies) and coolsportz offer a free introductory session. For more details please contact Lianne Candappa, [lianne@coolsportz.co.uk](mailto:lianne@coolsportz.co.uk) or phone/text her on 07919 104093.





## Harbury Toddler Group

Lynne Barton

**Thank you so much for reading about our Toddler Group - we love sharing our news!**

### Coffee Morning

On Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March we were responsible for running the coffee morning at All Saints Church in the Tom Hauley Room, 10 to 12 noon. We were blessed with lots of raffle prizes, 50 items in all, so it took some time to complete the draw! We also had a great array of cakes and bric-a-brac. It started out as a quiet affair but then we were joined by some of our Toddler families with their children and grandchildren who are always wonderfully lively and enjoy the space and the attention, so there was a real buzz about the place and we do love hosting it. We made a staggering £244.42 all for Toddler Group. It will be used to buy art and craft materials, refreshments and contribute towards our summer trip. It costs us over £1,600 per year to run the Group each Monday and, as the subs have remained the same for years, we do rely on fundraising and donations to keep going. Thank you so much to all those who came, contributed and supported us, it is really appreciated.



### Community Involvement

We are delighted to welcome **Judi Piper** as our new additional volunteer, I think many of you will know her from Biblios. We are very pleased to have her valuable experience, great to have a new team member.

**Alison Hunt**, another well known person in Harbury, came to read a story and sing songs with the children recently, it is fabulous to have such a diverse range of helpers and supporters - here she is captivating her audience.





Here is a shout out, in the past **Barbara** has kindly collected large shells for us at least 10 cm across, from Mark's & Spencer's I believe. We use them to plant mustard and cress which was so easy for little fingers, so if any one has any shells we would love to hear from you - we need about 20 for everyone to have a turn.

## Other Activities

We held our AGM in February during drink and biscuit time, this gives everyone time to have a say. We are pleased to report that we offered 38 sessions during 2018 and 73 individual children came to the Group. We had some star attenders including Monty, George, Ila, Lucy and Olivia. Selina, our Treasurer and Lynne as the Chair agreed to retain these offices for a further year and this was unanimously applauded. Thanks guys.

Our activity calendar for 2019 is in full swing with thanks to Janice from Pu Tai Health & Wellbeing offering massage and other treatments to parents, Miss Laura from Love Ballet dancing the morning away which the children adore. Liz from The Cookery Kitchen will be joining us soon with lots of other visitors planned.

We've also made animal masks and sprinkled glitter on pine cones, decorated photo frames, made colourful printing, moulded our dough, made Valentine cards, Mother's Day keys to your heart gifts, made clay pigs, bird feeders, played with trains, lego, cars, shops, and dinosaurs - phew how busy are we!!!!



## Come and join us



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

We are based at the Scout Hut, High Street, Harbury, CV33 9HW and meet every Monday during term time 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

**Pigs!** 2019 is the Year of the Pig and we were delighted and surprised when one of our parents responded to our somewhat tongue in cheek request for a piglet to visit the Pre-School.

We were all very excited to meet Chee Chee who was only four weeks old. We learnt all about what piglets eat and how we can help to look after them.

The majority of the children took up the opportunity to have a cuddle with Chee Chee or give her a stroke. Thank you to Patrick's mum and Chee Chee, the piglet for coming to visit us, not once, but twice!



**Three Little Pigs:** In the spirit of it being the Year of the Pig, we have been looking at the story of the Three Little Pigs. The children have been thoroughly enjoying listening to the story both during circle time and also on CD whilst sat at our 'listening centre'.

Such has been their interest and enthusiasm in the story, that we have decided to extend their learning by providing straw, 'sticks' and 'bricks' so

that they can create their own 2D houses for the pigs. The children have done a fabulous job and their houses look amazing.

**Shrove Tuesday:** There was lots of pancake-making fun to be had on Pancake Day. The day started with the children making a pancake batter together at circle time; taking it in turns to weigh the ingredients, adding the ingredients to the bowl and giving it a good stir!

Mid-morning, they enjoyed a pancake snack, choosing sugar, jam, honey or lemon juice for their toppings. The pancakes went down a treat!





During the rest of the week, the children thoroughly enjoyed making 'pancakes' out of playdough. They used a variety of bowls, spoons, whisks, pans and the play oven to make, mix, flatten and cook.

**World Book Day:** Children (and staff!) were invited to dress up as their favourite book characters during the week and Pre-School became home to a wonderful mix, including Elmer, a ladybird, a Hungry Caterpillar, Stick Man, a selection of Princesses, a Highway Rat, A Wolf and Flopsy Bunny!



Children were invited to bring in their favourite story books to share in the session and we were delighted to find that some children had brought in three or four favourite books from home which ensured we were never short of a story to share at circle time. Thank you to our parents and carers for their support.



**Holiday Away Day:** Following on from the success of last year, we were delighted to once again be invited to join some members of the community at their 'Holiday Away Day' this month at the Tom Hauley Room. This is a wonderful group run by volunteers on a monthly basis to offer people in the village a day of company, entertainment and refreshments.

It was especially lovely to watch the children's confidence grow as they began to chat to the members, draw some beautiful pictures and join in with board games. We ended the visit with a lovely sing song. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Gill Guilford who helped to facilitate this visit and to the members who welcomed us. We all very much enjoyed ourselves and hope to repeat the visit in the future.

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

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TO: LINDA RIDGLEY - TEL. 612792**



## Harbury School PTA

PTA Committee

We did it! we raised the cash with your help to order the INFANT PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT. The playground will be installed over the summer, so all the Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children can enjoy their playtimes even more!

Our job is not done though! The school have asked for our support in raising funds for class readers (where every child reads the same book), scooter and bike storage, computer equipment..... so we will continue to raise funds.

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April, we will have completed a big textile/shoe drive. We get 50p per kilo and every penny goes to the school (there are no admin fees) and so we hope to have picked up a tonne of bags from round the village by that date.

We hope to organise a big community summer event, more news in the next Harbury & Ladbroke News.

Again, thanks for your help, £15,000 is a lot of raffle tickets, sponsor money, bags of crisps.....



## Village Hall Update

Geoff Thorpe

A wet and windy March exposed problems with the older part of the roof to the rear of the hall resulting in several leaks! The Farley Room and kitchen extension, added after the Hall was built, were originally flat roofed, in the 1980s problems with this roof led to a decision to construct a pitched roof from the apex of the main hall roof over the extension. Unfortunately, the timber used was not up to the job and 10 years ago one or two rafters began to split under the strain and after taking a structural engineer's advice, the roof was strengthened in 2011. The committee realised at the time that there were problems with the roof tiles caused by movement and this has now come home to roost! It is likely that major remedial work will be required.

On a happier note, the WI Cinema's showing of "The King of Thieves" was another successful evening and by the time you read this "Bohemian Rhapsody" will have been shown on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March. Tickets for this film sold out in a few days so when the cinema starts again in September, if you wish to see a film, do not leave it till the last minute to get your tickets.

March also saw the launch of **The Harbury Village Hall Jazz Club**.

The village Facebook page reported:

*"A brilliant launch night was had on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March at Harbury Village Hall Jazz Club with **The Ben Holder Swing Quartet!**"*

*Thank you to the audience for the amazing support on this first night and to the Leamington Courier for the brilliant write up!*

**Our next show is on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May with The Holder & Smith Hot Club Quartet, honouring the legendary Django Reinhardt & Stéphane Grappelli. Just get in touch if you'd like to come along! - at Harbury Village Hall** 🎷

This was a very successful evening with some very talented musicians which hopefully will become another Harbury regular and popular event.



## Harbury Village Library & Biblio's Café

Janice Montague

Our hard working volunteers in the café and on the library desk are looking forward to a break at Easter, when we will be closed for the whole of the time from Good Friday to Easter Monday, so do remember to stock up on books for the long weekend beforehand. For the rest of the year, except for Christmas and Bank Holidays, the Library is open from 9am-5pm every weekday and 10am -12 noon on Saturdays, and Biblio's café is open from 9.15am – 12 noon Wednesdays - Fridays, (except for a later opening in the school summer holidays) and 10am -12 noon Saturdays. These are longer opening hours than many urban libraries. Thanks to willing helpers and efficient rota 'monitors', we have never had to close the Library for lack of volunteers to cover a shift, and this is a magnificent record for an organisation that is entirely volunteer run.

Please support our efforts to keep this all going into our eighth year of operation by borrowing our books or making use of other facilities such as computers and printing; eating home baked cakes and drinking freshly brewed coffee or tea (what's not to like?); or maybe considering volunteering yourself. You will be very welcome.

Use the email addresses or phone number below to contact us, or visit our website for details of our stock of books and how to reserve or renew them online. You can also follow our FaceBook page.

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## Harbury Village Club & Institute

Judy Morrall

We have been enjoying a busier than usual time for the first part of the year and all of the various teams and regular users have again expressed their thanks for our hospitality. Our hard working bar staff should be very proud.

The Folk Club have given us a further donation, this time an amount of £90. A thank you letter has been hand delivered, such a generous gesture. The diary is filling up nicely and now that the lighter nights are almost with us, our

visitors will be able to sit outside on the benches and enjoy watching all the bees and insects feeding on the herbs and plants in the pots along the wall. Our younger visitors and families can play any of the various games we have provided. Who would have thought that snakes and ladders could be so competitive?!

I have now finished processing the membership subscriptions and 16 of our members have not renewed. I appreciate that personal circumstances do change and thank them for their vital support over the years. I have noticed that after we have approved new members and I have hand delivered the acceptance letter sometimes we do not get a response after this. Once the letter is received, please just pop along to the club and leave your subscription money with our bar staff. I will then process this and let you know that your card and fob are available for you to collect from behind the bar. Don't be shy as we look forward to welcoming our new members.

At our last committee meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> March many things were discussed. We are still awaiting the completed financial accounts for 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018 and once we have those and have examined them we will be able to confirm the date for the AGM, which will be in April. I will then let members for whom I have an email address know and we will put up posters in the club and around the village.

After a plea for more members on the committee I have confirmed three which is brilliant. We do not want to stop there so now is your chance to join us as it is so good to get new ideas and innovations. I promise that I did not have to resort to arm twisting!! The posters for the March promotion are displayed behind the bar and this will actually cover some of April. This is because I had to display a poster inviting tenders for ground maintenance until 11<sup>th</sup> March. One of the tenders has been accepted and confirmation duly sent. We have more ideas for the next promotion.

We approved three more new members and another booking - letters to confirm have been hand delivered and it is so nice to meet new faces. After a big discussion last month on the merits of wine and prosecco you will be pleased to know that prosecco has been duly purchased and a selection of wines not sold before so no excuse not to come along and sample these.

We have had enquiries from Leamington Spa snooker league as to the possibility of holding the grand final which is over two days later in the year at the club. What an honour, I will update you on any progress next month. We discussed holding a quiz night and it was then suggested that we make it a charity quiz night to support a local organisation. I have contacted the Harbury Pre School who will join with us on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May for a fun night. I have a wicked quiz about desserts and treats and a selection of general knowledge quizzes too so it promises to be a win-win situation. I will remind you nearer to the date and there will be posters throughout the village. If it is a success, which I'm sure it will be, we can hold another one later in the year.

We will shortly be purchasing baby changing facilities as discussed last year and this will be supported by the donations that we receive. Again, we are

listening to members' concerns, requests etc as we do want to be family friendly which includes the very youngest children.

Don't forget the Easter Family Bingo which will be held on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April. Doors open at 7.00pm and eyes down at 7.30pm. There will be another bumper raffle and you will not be disappointed with the prizes; lots of chocolate ...yummy! All who came last year had a great time and we look forward to welcoming both regular and new visitors. You do not need to be a member. So there is a lot to look forward to.

As ever thank you so much for your support and lovely to meet so many of you around the village. The club has welcomed members and visitors for almost a hundred years - long may we continue to do so.



At last the level of the pond is almost up to the over-flow pipe and the borders in the garden have their usual 'moat like' feature. I was beginning to think we might have hose pipe bans due to the lack of rainfall this winter.

We will have had our first two seed sowing workshops by the time you read this. If they go well we will hold some more in April, so look out for news of this on your local Facebook page.

New planters are being delivered this week which will include some shallow bowls suitable for planting alpines in and some ribbed metal containers which are apparently the latest trendy thing!

Things to do this month.....

- Prune forsythia after it has flowered
- Trim back heathers and lavenders, using shears
- Cut back the old stems of hardy fuchsias and penstemons
- Plant potatoes
- Sow lettuce, peas, cabbages, carrots, spinach and radish
- Start runner beans and French beans in cell trays to plant out next month

May we please have a proper spring season this year?

**Bridge Nursery, Tomlow Road, Napton**  
**[www.bridge-nursery.co.uk](http://www.bridge-nursery.co.uk)**





## Nature Notes

John Hancock

March is going out like a lamb with blue skies and a south-westerly breeze. High pressure is anchored over the western approaches. Temperatures at midday yesterday (Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March) were hovering at 13°C. This meant that early butterflies such as Brimstone were much in evidence. Cycling for a couple of miles along the Rugby Road out of Southam, I counted eight males patrolling the hedge line. They were sheltered from the wind and, low down in the sunshine, the temperature would have cooked up to 16°C. The male is butter yellow whilst the females are white and can easily be mistaken for a Large White when in flight. They hibernate beneath holly and ivy leaves and are well camouflaged. Later that day whilst walking through the Thwaites Estate, Sharon and I saw more male Brimstones and I had a quick sighting of a dark coloured butterfly which was probably a Small Tortoiseshell. This is another butterfly that comes out of hibernation on warmer winter and early spring days.

The largest block of woodland in Warwickshire is that area in the middle of the country situated on the sand and gravel left by the so called Bytham River. This watercourse carved through the Midlands half a million years ago to join the proto Rhine out in Doggerland. Near Paget's Pool at the margin of Ryton Woods, Warwickshire Wildlife Trust has a display board with an artist's impression of a temporary Stone Age hunting camp. At that time, with Britain linked to the continent, early man would track animals seasonally over a wide area. An axe head and animal bones were found whilst sand was being extracted in recent times and can be seen in Warwick Museum.

The Bytham River was named after Castle Bytham in Lincolnshire. Its catchment area included Warwickshire and Worcestershire. The flow was diverted south by encroaching ice as we entered the Anglian glaciation about 450,000 years ago.

At this time of year, a walk through Ryton Woods is well worthwhile. It is possible to leave the main paths and cut through to the central clearing. Last year's dead bracken stems had been flattened by months of winter weather so progress was slow. Soon, this year's fresh growth will surge through and take centre stage. The main ride has been sensitively managed and it is here that in high summer you can see our largest Fritillary, the Silver-Washed, often feeding at the flowers of bramble.

Now patches of Colt's foot (*Tussilago forfara*), one of the earliest spring flowers, bedeck roadside verges. The yellow bloom of this Compositae (member of the Daisy family) precedes the leaf which is shaped like a hoof. *Tussilago* is a name derived from *tussis* meaning a cough due to the leaves being used as a cough remedy. Bizarrely, more recently, it has also been used as herbal tobacco.

Along many of our main roads, at present, a small white 'line' of flowers mimics a frost. This is due to Danish scurvy grass which thrives in saline conditions – pebble beaches in its natural environment. The de-icing salt grit spread, in winter, along our thoroughfares provides a perfect habitat. If you do step close to the highway to examine the flowers, please take care.

Soon migrating birds, such as Sand Martins, will be returning to our shores. I should have reports to give you in next month's Harbury & Ladbroke News. Meanwhile enjoy unfolding spring.



## General Section

### Harbury Senior Citizens Committee Update

#### Summer Outing

This year we are heading in a south westerly direction for our trip to the seaside. One of the closest points to the sea from Harbury is Weston Super Mare, a destination that we have not been to for many years. The trip will be on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June** and we will be leaving the Village Hall at **8.30am**.

Weston, as it is locally known, is steeped in Victorian history and has a fabulous beach. Hopefully you will be able to find other things of interest.

We will be sending out invitations early in May. So we can get a good idea of the numbers of people who will be coming we would like you to return them to Harbury Village Library by **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May**.

More details will follow in the coming months but if you want to know anything about the outing please contact Julie Clarke on 612066 or me on 612421.

Just a reminder that only those people who said that they wanted to remain on our distribution list will receive invitations. If you had an invitation to the Christmas party, you will get one.

Finally, our next coffee morning in the Tom Hauley Room is on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April**. We hope to see many of you there.

**Mike McBride**

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



### Harbury Village Show

Many thanks to all of you who are donating your tokens for us at Tesco's in Southam. Please keep going, as we have until the end of April to get as many as we can.

The weather is certainly starting to warm up and it's time to begin preparing the ground and planting. We finalised the 2019 schedule recently and hope to have it in the library for collection by Easter. We've introduced butternut squash in our vegetable section and a "wonky" veg class for when things

don't go quite to plan. In the baking section, try out our recipes for banana fruit loaf and cherry scones. While in preserves, Lemon Curd makes a welcome return. In the craft section, we have introduced a handmade birthday card class. Lastly don't forget the photography section (which was hugely popular last year) and the carry over class which was "Rainy Day."

The children's schedule is also being finalised with new exciting categories. Children's entries were up last year and we'd love to see another increase this year. Remember it's free for children to enter!

## Village Show Committee



### Afternoon Tea at Three

You are invited to enjoy a scrumptious afternoon tea in Harbury Library cafe space on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 3.00pm.

There will be finger sandwiches, savouries, cakes, scones, jam and clotted cream with a pot of tea. Tickets are £10 per person from Lesley (613207) or Liz (718013) available now. Please get your tickets soon so we have an idea of numbers.

This event is to help raise funds for four large colourful needlework panels, designed by Ros Baldwin and being made by her and her multi-skilled band of needleworkers. She will briefly say what she's doing and show some examples of the work so far.

**Lesley Jones**

### Nitrous Oxide N2O Canisters (may be known as Whippets)

There seems to be an increasing use of these mini cylinders in the village. They have been seen in gutters and bushes especially in the Village Hall car park, benches and around The Spinney by The Pound. I recently found 60 mini cylinders in a rubbish bag in the Spinney with some drink cans and bottles, so presumably just from one session.



Nitrous oxide is inhaled. People open the canister, transfer the gas into a container (usually a balloon), then inhale from the balloon. Inhaling nitrous oxide directly from the canister is very dangerous because the gas is under such high pressure that it can cause a spasm of the throat muscle and stop a person breathing.

The canisters are sold on the internet to froth cream for cappuccinos etc. It is not an illegal substance for personal use. However, buying and selling it on to others for inhalation is illegal. I heard of someone being excluded from his university course for selling it. Buying one box and sharing them with friends



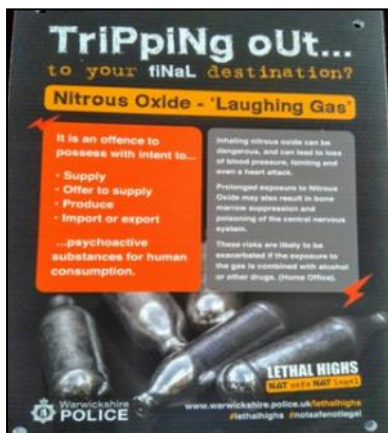
is technically supplying. Driving under the influence of N2O is illegal and can result in a heavy fine, driving ban, or a prison sentence.

### Nitrous oxide can cause

- severe headaches
- dizziness
- confused thoughts
- short-lived but intense feelings of paranoia
- sound distortions and hallucinations – seeing or hearing things that aren't there

### Dangers associated with inhalation of nitrous oxide

- fainting due to reduced oxygen
- loss of motor control
- nausea
- vitamin B12 deficiency causing numbness of fingers and toes long term use increases the risk of major damage to the blood and brain.



Mixing nitrous oxide with alcohol and other drugs or substances is especially dangerous as it can increase the risks associated with both substances and can lead to an increased risk of accidents. Nitrous oxide is a drug and can be emotionally habit forming. There are records of people using over 72 cylinders every day for over 6 months.

I hope that this information is helpful. The Police have supplied some posters which are being put up around the village. They said that they would increase patrols in the evening.

Sue Harris



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



## LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

### **Dear Editors**

*This letter should really have been written two months ago but my heartfelt gratitude is still as strong. I just want to say a very big thank you to all the people who sent messages of sympathy to the family and me when Charles died. He would have been surprised and touched to know how many people thought of him.*

*I also want to thank all the people who came to his Thanksgiving Service. As Charles wished, he had a woodland burial at Oakley Wood which was just as he would have wanted it.*

*My personal thanks to all the people who have been so kind in offering me lifts and helping in other ways too.*

*As has been said so many times, Harbury people are really special.*

**Mary Catt**

### **Dear Editors**

THANK YOU

*I would like to say a big thank you to all the kind people who stopped and helped me on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Whilst delivering the Harbury & Ladbroke News on the Oakfields estate I slipped on the muddy pavement at the junction of Bird Walk and Bush Heath Lane. I fell on my head in the road in front of the parked white van which is regularly there.*

*Before I knew it two kind gentlemen cyclists stopped and gave me lots of tissues to mop up the profuse bleeding. A lady named Karen who was walking by phoned my husband and said she'd stay with me until he arrived. A gentleman in an IPS vehicle passed by and returned with a towel. And I believe another couple came to help too. People are so thoughtful in Harbury, it confirms we moved to the right village.*

*I so appreciated their help and I can't thank them enough.*

**Pam Furnivall**

### **Dear Editors**

*In 1974, I was one of the founding editors of the (then) Harbury News, along with Marian Millington, Alan Lord and John Moore. We moved away from Harbury in 1985, and John and his wife Anne have kept us informed over the years of key happenings in the village. They have sent us the March issue,*

*from which we learn of the splendid work to archive all the back issues, so they can be preserved as part of the history of Harbury.*

*Thank you all so much. Harbury still holds a special place in our hearts - over the 16 years we lived there, we were involved in the life of the Church and the Harbury Theatre Group - in fact, my claim to fame is that I wrote and directed the very first village pantomime in 1980! It is such a wonderful, friendly and lively community, and its activities certainly deserve to be retained for future generations.*

*Keep up the good work!*

**Diana Holt**

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## Regular Diary Dates

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

**BELLRINGERS:** Friday, 7.30pm, Alison Abbott, Tel: 612939, Email: alison@abt1.net

**BIBLE STUDY:** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of month, 1.45 - 3.15pm, Gillian Hare, Tel: 614809  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of month, 10.30am - 12 noon, Mary Catt, Tel: 612864

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

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

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

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

**CUBS:** Wednesday, 6.45 - 8.15pm, Scout Hut, first contact via AGSL, Tel: 614494,  
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**HARBURY FOLK CLUB:** 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of month, 8.00pm, Harbury Club, Tel: 613730

**HARBURY FRIENDS:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of month, 8.00pm, Tom Hauley Room, Tel: 612534

**HARBURY JUNIORS FOOTBALL CLUB:**

**Under 6s – Year 1**

Coach: Craig Balch, Tel: 07948 253010

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**Under 7s – Year 2**

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**Under 8s – Year 3**

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**Under 9s – Year 4**

Coach: Marcus Birch, Tel: 07904 670055

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**Under 10s – Year 5**

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**Under 11s – Year 6**

Coach: Eugene Murphy, Tel: 07506 518687

Training: Monday 7.00pm. Southam College

**HARBURY PRE-SCHOOL:** The Wight School, High Street, Harbury, Monday - Friday, 8.30am - 3.30pm (term time only), Text: 07907 598461, enquiries@harburypre-school.org.uk

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

**HARBURY TODDLER GROUP:** The Scout Hut (behind Wight School), Harbury.

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

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

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

**HARBURY VILLAGE LIBRARY:** Wight School, High Street, Harbury. Tel: 258776,

Monday to Friday, 9.00am - 5.00pm and Saturday, 10.00am - 12 noon

**HEREBURGH MORRIS DANCERS:** Wednesday, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall, Tel: 614217

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

**KICK START APPALACHIAN STEP DANCERS:** Saturday, 10.00am - 12 noon, Scout Hut Sue Hartland, Tel: 612734

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

**MOTHERS' UNION:** 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of month, 2.30pm, Tel: 613757

**RAINBOWS:** Tuesday, 5.30 - 6.30pm, Scout Hut, Tel: 612036, Email:

Debbie@dimmock.org.uk

**SCOUTS:** Thursday, 7.00 - 9.00pm, Scout Hut, Tel: 612897, harburyscouts@hotmail.co.uk

**SLIMMING WORLD:** Primary School, Ladbroke Road, Bishops Itchington, Wednesdays

5.30 and 7.30pm sessions, Jodie Tel: 07771 930568

**TABLE TENNIS:** Thursday, 9.30 - 10.30am, Village Hall, Gillian Hare, Tel: 614809

**TAI CHI (Nei Chia Association),** Monday, 7.30pm, Ufton Village Hall, Tel: 612277

**TENNIS CLUB:** Harbury Tennis Courts, South Parade. CV33 9HZ

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**TOM HAULEY ROOM COFFEE MORNING:** Saturday, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tel: 883651

**W.I.:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of month, 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room, Tel: 614896

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

**YOGA:** Tuesday, 1.30 - 3.00pm, Tom Hauley Room, Tel: 817904

**YOGA (Gentle Hatha):** Tuesday, 6.00 - 7.15pm, Tom Hauley Room, Tel: 07765 003877 / [tjyoga@killban.plus.com](mailto:tjyoga@killban.plus.com)

**YOUTH GROUP – ICON:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday monthly, 7.00 - 8.30pm, Tom Hauley Room, Tel: 07833 702835

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