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Editorial

Like many villagers in Harbury and Ladbroke, we were saddened to hear that, in June, Reverend Craig and his family will be moving on to pastures new. Our loss will certainly be a gain for St Andrew's in Shotton. We thank Craig and Su for all that they have done for both villages.

The Girlguiding groups (Brownies and Guides) in Harbury have unfortunately had to close and new leaders are desperately needed. If you think that you can help please see the article for contact details.

In Ladbroke, good progress is being made developing activities to share our heritage which you can find out about at an update meeting on 12th March.

For avid readers of this publication there is now the opportunity to purchase the complete set of magazines published in electronic format. See the article for details.

The magazine subscriptions are due next month and your distributor will be calling to collect the £6 due for the year. We have been able to hold the subscription rate at this level for the last six years, despite a rise in printing costs. This is mainly due to the number of businesses that regularly advertise in the magazine.

There is also the opportunity to pay your subscription by electronic transfer. If you have not already done so and you would like to pay this way, please email articles@hlnews.co.uk to register no later than Saturday 16th March.

Finally, we extend our sympathy to the families of Sylvia Clews and Martin Ellis.

Harbury Diary

MARCH

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|-----|---|--|
| Sat | 2 | Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of GASS |
| Sun | 3 | SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT
Holy Communion, 9.00am (Said Service)
'Little Saints' Service, 10.30am, followed by breakfast in the Tom Hauley Room
Laying on of Hands Service, 6.00pm
Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall |
| Mon | 4 | Upholstery Class, 9.15am, Village Hall
Martial Arts, 5.30pm, Village Hall
Harbury Village Library AGM, 7.30pm, The Library |

- Tue 5 Pilates, 9.30am, Village Hall
MeetingPoint, 2.00 - 4.00pm, tea and coffee at The Crown Inn
Junior Theatre Group, 6.30pm, Village Hall
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 6 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park -
Bretford (4½ miles)
Mothers' Union Communion and meeting, 2.00pm, Tom Hauley
Room
Inspire Dance, 4.30pm, Village Hall
Ballroom Dancing, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Ash Wednesday Communion Service, 7.30pm, All Saints',
Ladbroke
- Thurs 7 Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am
Harbury Folk Club, 8.0pm, Village Club
- Sat 9 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid
of Parkinsons UK Leamington Spa Branch
- Sun 10 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**
Holy Communion, 8.00am
Holy Communion and Children's Church, 10.30am
Messy Church, 3.00 - 5.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
Youth Group, 7.00 - 8.30pm, Tom Hauley Room
Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall
- Mon 11 Upholstery Class, 9.15am, Village Hall
Martial Arts, 5.30pm, Village Hall
- Tue 12 Pilates, 9.30am, Village Hall
Junior Theatre Group, 6.30pm, Village Hall
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 13 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park -
Snitterfield (4½ miles) optional pub lunch
Away Day, 10.00am - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
Inspire Dance, 4.30pm, Village Hall
Ballroom Dancing, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Lenten course, 'On the Third Day', 7.30pm, Church/Tom Hauley
Room
- Thurs 14 Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am
Harbury WI, 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room -
Acupuncture for well-being and pain relief - Clare Watkins
Harbury Village Hall Jazz Club, The Ben Holder Swing Quartet,
doors and bar open 7.30pm for 8.00pm start, Village Hall
- Sat 16 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid
of Harbury WI
- Sun 17 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**
Holy Communion, 8.00am
'Saints' Alive' Informal All Age Service, 10.30am
Evensong, 6.00pm
Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall
- Mon 18 Upholstery Class, 9.15am, Village Hall
Martial Arts, 5.30pm, Village Hall
- Tue 19 Pilates, 9.30am, Village Hall

- Tues 19 Junior Theatre Group, 6.30pm, Village Hall
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 20 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park -
Shotteswell (4 miles) - hilly, maybe muddy, several stiles
Connections (Dementia) Café, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
Inspire Dance, 4.30pm, Village Hall
Ballroom Dancing, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Lenten course 'On the Third Day', 7.30pm, Church/Tom Hauley
Room
ADVERTS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE TO 36 MANOR ORCHARD,
HARBURY OR EMAIL ADVERTISING@HLNEWS.CO.UK
- Thurs 21 Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am
- Sat 23 Hereburgh Morris Workshop, 10.00am, Village Hall
Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid
of Harbury Toddler Group
- Sun 24 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**
Holy Communion, 8.00am
Holy Communion and Children's Church, 10.30am
Informal Service, 6.00pm.
Youth Group, 7.00 - 8.30pm, Tom Hauley Room
Hereburgh Morris Workshop, 4.30pm, Village Hall
- Mon 25 Martial Arts, 5.30pm, Village Hall
- Tue 26 Pilates, 9.30am, Village Hall
Junior Theatre Group, 6.30pm, Village Hall
Harbury Society AGM and talk by Mr Howe, 7.30 for 8.00pm,
Tom Hauley Room
Holy Communion 7.30pm
Julian Meeting, 8.00pm
- Wed 27 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park -
Hellidon - Catesby (4 miles)
Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
Inspire Dance, 4.30pm, Village Hall
Ballroom Dancing, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Lenten course, 'On the Third Day', 7.30pm, Church/Tom Hauley
Room
- Thurs 28 Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am
ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY PHARMACY,
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5.30PM
Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, Farley Room, Village Hall
- Sat 30 Councillors' Corner Session, 10.00 - 11.00am, Harbury Village
Library
Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid
of RNLI - Leamington & Southam Branch
Harbury Village Cinema Presents, 'Bohemian Rhapsody',
doors open 6.15pm, film starts 7.00pm, The Village Hall
- Sun 31 MOTHERING SUNDAY: FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**
Holy Communion, 8.00am
Family Holy Communion service, 10.30am

Sun 31 Youth Group, 7.00 - 8.30pm, Tom Hauley Room
Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall

APRIL

Tue 2 MeetingPoint - Lunch, 2.00 - 4.00pm, The Crown Inn,
(Booking required)
Holy Communion, 7.30pm

Wed 3 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park -
Priors Marston - Priors Hardwick (4¼ miles)
Mothers' Union Communion and meeting, 2.00pm, Tom Hauley
Room
Lenten course, 'On the Third Day', 7.30pm, Church/Tom Hauley
Room


Thurs 4 Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am
Harbury Folk Club, 8.00pm, Village Club

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

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
Taize Service, 6.00pm
Southam French Market, 10.00am - 4.00pm, High Street,
Southam

Wed 10 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park -
Croprey with optional pub lunch (4 miles)

Refuse Collection Rota			
	Deppers Bridge	Harbury, Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge outlying properties	Collection Week
March	Wed	Fri	
	6	8	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	13	15	Grey Bin
	20	22	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	27	29	Grey Bin
April	3	5	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	10	12	Grey Bin
	17	19	Green & Blue Lid Bins





From the Rector

Reverend Craig Grocock

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Challenge – the stuff life is made of!

By the time you read this many of you will be aware that I will be leaving Harbury and Ladbroke at the beginning of June. The following announcement was made in both churches last week:

'We are to announce that, subject to completion of the usual formalities, Reverend Craig, currently Priest-in-Charge of Harbury and Ladbroke, is to be the new Vicar of St. Andrew's, Shotton, Stratford-upon-Avon. It is anticipated that Craig's last service will be at the beginning of June. A licensing date has not yet been arranged. Please pray for Craig and Su as they prepare to leave us and pray also for St. Andrew's Shotton in the next stage of their journey'.

A number of you have already asked why I am going. There are two reasons in answer to this. Firstly, I strongly believe it is what God is asking of me. I have spiritually laboured with this decision for the best part of a year. I have served as Priest-in-Charge for 11 wonderful years and in this time the churches have seen significant growth not only in numbers, particularly among children and families, but also in our worship which has become far more inclusive, creative and inspirational. I believe it is now right, under God, that someone fresh is appointed as the next priest-in-charge who can take both churches forward to the next place.

Secondly, I need to keep fresh myself and another challenge is good for me. Leaving Ladbroke and Harbury is going to be very hard. The easiest thing for me would be to sit comfortably on the job and remain in the Rectory until I retire but that wouldn't be fair on you and it wouldn't be right for me.

My Karate teacher used to say; 'challenge is the stuff life is made of. He is right. There are going to be challenges ahead for the churches as they go into vacancy, challenges for Su and I as we move on in the Summer and challenges for all of us as we respond to God's call on our lives. But remember that God promises he will never leave us or forsake us. As we look forward with God we will find the strength and grace we need to do all he asks.

With my prayers and blessings.



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.



From the Churchwardens

Liz & Michael

On Sunday 17th February a rather large (but peaceful) bombshell went off at both Harbury and Ladbroke churches when the following announcement was made:-

“.. subject to the usual formalities, Reverend Craig, currently Priest-in Charge of Harbury & Ladbroke, is to be the new Vicar of St Andrew’s, Shotton, Stratford-upon-Avon. “

He’s off!

Craig has been our parish priest for almost 11 years and we are going to miss him terribly when he goes. We have been privileged to hear wonderful heartfelt preaching and seen his faith shining through. Craig’s last service will be at the beginning of June. We will also miss Su as she has both supported Craig and spearheaded new church ventures – notably the youth and Supporting Communities groups. She has done this on top of a difficult role with the charity Embrace. For all that you have both done - thank you.

So, we will make the most of the next three months under Craig’s guidance and love and please pray for him and all those who will support the two parishes once we enter the period of vacancy. Or “interregnum” as the church so grandly calls a period we hope will be as short as possible.

Every six years we have to start afresh with the Electoral Roll. If you want to vote at the annual meeting you need to complete a new form which can be found in a blue folder in the info. corner in church. You need to be 16 years or over, a baptised member of the Anglican Communion, live in the parish (or regularly worship here for the last six months) and lastly, not be ordained. These need to be completed by 16th March and given to Vikki Hall or Liz McBride. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will be at 6pm on 7th April.

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)

From the Registers:

Memorial Service

14th February

Martin Ellis





Mothers' Union

Gillian Hare

At our February meeting, Rev Craig led the communion service.

Chris showed us one of the new cushions, with a tag to commemorate Alice Wilkins – a past MU member whose legacy has paid for the first four pews. The hope now is that other people would feel that they would like to buy or share one to remember a loved one or to celebrate a special event – a tribute that will be greatly appreciated by all who sit on them.

Our speaker, past diocesan president Felicity Hawke, gave an interesting look at the life of Mary Sumner, who founded MU way back in the 19th century. She was keenly aware of the lack of training for the responsibilities of motherhood and started a small mothers' meeting in her husband's rectory in Old Alresford, Hampshire. Gradually this spread across Britain to become a worldwide movement, currently in 80 countries, still based on her belief in a stable home life modelled on Christian principles.

Our coffee morning raised £169 for MU projects.

Our next meeting will be on 6th March. Following communion at 2pm, we are sharing a poem or prayer of special significance. This will be quite informal so an ideal opportunity for anyone to come and meet us – you will be most welcome.

The April meeting, on 3rd March, will be introducing the concept of meditation in Christian life.

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

MARCH

Sun 3 SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

Baptism and Family Communion followed by refreshments, 10.30am

Mon 4 Pause and Pray, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Church

Tue 5 Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Wed 6 Lent Lunch, from 12.30pm, 3 Hedges Close

Ash Wednesday Service, 7.30pm

Table Tennis, 7.30 - 8.30pm, Village Hall

Thurs 7 WI, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Sun 10 LENT I

Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am

Tue 12 Heritage Activities Meeting, 7.00 - 9.00pm, Village Hall

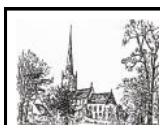
Wed 13 Parish Council, 7.45pm, Village Hall

Fri 15 Lent Lunch, from 12.30pm, The Old School

- Sun 17 LENT II**
Holy Communion (BCP), 9.00am
- Mon 18 Homegroup, 8.00pm, 2 Hedges Close
- Wed 20 Table Tennis, 7.30 - 8.30pm, Village Hall
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HARBURY OR EMAIL ADVERTISING@HLNEWS.CO.UK
- Fri 22 Film Night, doors open 7.00pm, Village Hall
- Sun 24 LENT III**
Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am
- Wed 27 Table Tennis, 7.30 - 8.30pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 28 Lent Lunch, from 12.30pm, Hallsfield
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5.30PM
- Sun 31 MOTHERING SUNDAY**
Family Communion 10.30am (note later time)

APRIL

- Mon 1 Pause and Pray, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Church
- Tue 2 Lent Lunch from 12.30pm, Chapel Ascot Farm
Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Wed 3 Table Tennis, 7.30 - 8.30pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 4 WI, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Sun 7 LENT V**
Family Communion followed by refreshments, 10.30am
- Wed 10 Table Tennis, 7.30 - 8.30pm, Village Hall



Ladbroke Church News

Peter Rigby

There was surprise and a few moist eyes on Sunday 17th February when it was announced at the end of the service that Rev Craig will be taking up a new position as vicar of St Andrew's, Shotton in Stratford-on-Avon later this year. One of the strengths of our Church is that it welcomes all, whatever their tradition or stage on the Christian journey, and Craig has epitomised this over the eleven years of his ministry here. We are glad that he will still be with us for the next three months or so, and we shall not be letting him and Su go without a fitting farewell - details to be announced in due course.

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (6th March) and there are a number of extra events before Easter, including some Lent lunches and some special Lent/Easter services. These can all be found on the calendar page of our church website, which is now at <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/13118>. The services and events planned for March and April up until Easter are listed in the Ladbroke Diary on the previous page and include Lent Lunches on Wednesday 6th, Friday 15th, Thursday 28th March and Tuesday 2nd April, a joint service with Harbury on Ash Wednesday here at Ladbroke Church at 7.30pm and our Annual Parochial Church Meetings on Wednesday 10th April.

Finally, a reminder that in order to have the right to vote at the APCM, you will need to join the new Electoral Roll. Forms will be available in Church up until the APCM, so please take and complete one and return it to our PCC Secretary (Joan Perry) or one of the Church Wardens so that you are able to fully participate.

From the Registers

Funeral

31st January Sylvia Norma Clews

Baptism

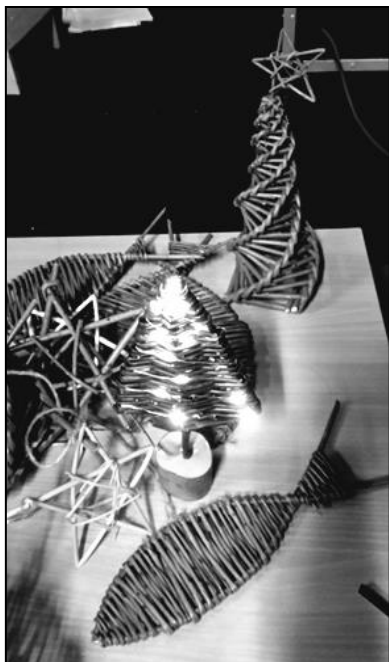
3rd February Edward Cyril Teverson



**Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge Women's
Institute**

Carol Lane

Our last meeting was held on Thursday, 7th February and as we went into the Village Hall there was an interesting display of hand woven willow work ranging from a tall 'wigwam' plant support to stars and miniature Christmas trees with tiny lights.



Penny Vigers explained how, as a teenager living near the Somerset Levels, she was always fascinated by willow weaving and would cycle to watch the people in their family businesses, being given bits of willow to try for herself. However when she was old enough to become an apprentice she was told she 'wasn't strong enough and she was a girl!'

Thus she moved to Wales where she learned the art of willow weaving from old traditional willow weavers.

Moving back to Warwickshire she qualified and worked as an Arts teacher but eight years ago her love of the willow brought her back to the craft which is now the sole one which can only be done by hand.

She told us much about different types of reeds, when it is harvested and how it is treated to render it suitable for weaving.

Following her demonstration, with her help, various members made hearts (did their loved ones receive these on Valentine's Day?) and the more adventurous, like Heather, made lovely bird feeders.

When I showed interest in acquiring a slightly shorter wigwam, Penny offered to make one specially for me - and in time for Geoff's birthday!

Penny can be contacted at pennyvigers@gmail.com or on 01926 641422.

In the **business meeting** which followed Hazel explained that the WI have issued an Equality and Diversity Policy which had to be signed by all members.

The Bowls Association are running an eight week course to encourage more women to take up bowls.

Dates for your diary


The Group meeting this year is to be held on 10th June in Priors Marston.

The outing in August will be to Broughton Castle and gardens which is just outside Banbury. The detail for both these events will be given later.

Date of next meeting

At the meeting on 7th March in Ladbroke Village Hall starting at 7.30pm we have a representative of the Royal National Lifeboats and on 4th April, local vet, Geoff Thorpe, is entertaining us!

All are welcome.

	<h2 style="margin: 0;">Ladbroke Matters</h2>	<p style="text-align: right; margin: 0;">David Wright</p>
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The Ladbroke Matters team is responsible for the upkeep of the Village Hall and Millennium Green. To help with this we organise regular fundraising events so that we can continue to offer both of these resources for the benefit of our community.



Our next film night is scheduled for **Friday 22nd March**. More details will be available soon. Contact Nicky (nicolalewis24@tiscali.co.uk) if you want to be added to the film night email circulation list.



We have a great programme lined up for later this year including more **film nights**, our popular **summer barbeque** with a live band, and a **quiz night**. We'll let you have further details and dates soon.

Don't forget that you can hire the Village Hall for your party or celebration at a very reasonable rate (£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).



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 January 2019

£50	Jim and Pauline Laidler	£50	Pam Collins
£25	Bill Bosworth	£25	Trevor and Jan Jay
£25	John Lowman	£10	G and T Varriale
£10	Alan Lord	£10	Helen Ballard
£10	Clive Coleman	£10	Joan Perry

Margaret Bosworth



Ladbroke Photography Club

Jackie West

We wish Kip and Mike speedy recoveries from their operations and hope they are soon back with us. Due to an absence of the majority of the committee, our AGM was postponed a month and our February meeting focussed on 'Painting with Light'. This involved cameras on tripods, infrequently used settings and a willing volunteer (thanks John) waving an assortment of light sources on stage. It was obviously enjoyable as members were reluctant to finish and glancing at the results on each other's camera screens there were some interesting abstract images obtained. No doubt we will be seeing the best on the large screen at a future meeting.

Our March meeting will start with the AGM and then we have a competition and photopic on Reflections, Shadows and Silhouettes and in April we will be hearing about Gray and Nicky's trip to Greenland. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month, new members and visitors are welcome. For more information see our website tinyurl.com/LadbrokePhoto or contact jackieszone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk





Ladbroke General Section



**BURNS
NIGHT**



Guitar Concert - Saturday 27th April

That's a long way ahead, just after Easter in fact, but it's an event worth putting in your diaries and inviting friends and family along too.

Classical guitarist, Bill Hudd will be giving an evening concert of "Guitar music through the ages" on Saturday 27th April in Ladbroke Church.

Bill was a school music teacher in Solihull for many years but has escaped the system and now just plays for pleasure, both solo and with friends.

We are very lucky he has offered to give us this preview of his solo gig at the Fowey Festival in May. More details will be in next month's magazine or look out for posters nearer the date. Tickets are not required but donations in aid of our All Saints for All Generations project to repair Ladbroke Church and share our heritage will be most welcome.

Jackie West



Heritage Matters

A significant amount of the funds to repair Ladbroke Church and share our heritage will, second stage grant permitting, come from the Heritage Lottery Fund. They have recently announced a rebranding. They are now called The National Lottery Heritage Fund with the strap line *"Inspiring, leading and resourcing the UK's heritage to create positive lasting change for people and communities now and in the future."*

So, while the architect and various specialist surveyors define the repairs on the church in detail, a small group of us has been developing plans for the parallel arm of the project to share our heritage in ways that meet people's needs and interests. Young people are a key audience and we know they like to **do** things, so that's what we are planning. There are many different activities linked with our church, village and natural heritage that Ladbroke can offer and a questionnaire has been sent to 30 local schools for feedback. We plan to hold similar activities for families, so if you have kids yourself or visiting grandchildren, nephews, nieces, etc we would value your opinions too.

To find out, not just about activities for youngsters, but opportunities for Duke of Edinburgh participants and our plans for adults of all ages and interests, come along to our update evening on **Tuesday 12th March 7-9pm at Ladbroke Village Hall**. If you do, you'll also be among the first to hear about "Lady Alice and the Adventurer",



two very interesting characters who owned much of Ladbroke four centuries ago. Drop in anytime between 7- 9pm; there will be drinks and nibbles to lubricate the evening and a short presentation at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Jackie West, Nicky Lewis, Linda Doyle & Caryl Thompson



Sheila Woolf, our speaker for February, was excellent. But first she had to navigate her way round the road closures in Church Street, Vicarage Lane and Crown Street.

Her talk was a fascinating account of the heiresses, mainly American, who married into the English aristocracy. She did include an English heiress who married an American and only discovered later that he had a plantation in the deep South worked by his slaves!

Several of the English heiresses were from the Leigh family of Stoneleigh and Sheila herself works there as a Guide.

Our members were so impressed by her talk that they insisted that we organise a trip to Stoneleigh Abbey where they hope to learn more from her about the house and the Leighs.

Our next meeting is our AGM on Tuesday 26th March, 7.30pm for 8pm in the Tom Hauley Room. The speaker at this event will be Mr Howe who is always entertaining. His talk is "How to Grow Old Gracefully and Disgracefully". I fear I already know how to manage the latter!



Our February meeting marked the end of our centenary year and we celebrated with Prosecco and delicious puddings made by some of our members. Peggy provided us with two quizzes which made for a very enjoyable Members' Evening.

Peggy reported that our darts team had done very well in the WI darts competition but were narrowly defeated by Bishops Itchington WI in the semi-final.

At our next meeting on 14th March, Clare Watkins from Southam will be talking about 'Acupuncture for Well Being and Pain Relief'. New members and visitors are always very welcome.

The final rural cinema of the winter will be held on 30th March when the film will be "Bohemian Rhapsody". Tickets should be purchased from the chemist shop by 27th March at the latest.



Harbury Theatre Group

Ali Hodge

Under Milk Wood - 17th and 18th May 2019

It's wonderful that twenty-one people have come forward to take part. They will bring to life the inhabitants of the make-believe town of LLareggub (read it backwards!), which Dylan Thomas beautifully describes in **Under Milk Wood**.

When I put forward this play as a possibility for Harbury Theatre Group to present, I had no idea of the complexity of the task, but also how enjoyable and interesting it would be. Bob and I took the opportunity of sunny weather in West Wales and spent a couple of days photographing, and filming chapels, grave yards, harbours, streets and Welsh sheep. Over 200 pictures and film clips now have to be sorted and the best ones matched to the text for projection onto a screen. With the help of several other people, sound effects, music and the recording of children's voices will, we hope, entice the audience to "*Come closer now*" and enjoy the characters' "... *big seas of their dreams.*"

Every year International Dylan Thomas Day is held on 14th May to celebrate his life and work. It's 14th May as this is the date when **Under Milk Wood** was first read on stage at The Poetry Centre, New York in 1953. So Harbury will be contributing to an international celebration of Dylan Thomas' work by staging its own reading of **Under Milk Wood**, on Friday 17th and Saturday 18th May. An experience not to be missed. Tickets on sale in April.



Folk Club

Sue Crum

February 2019

The theme for the February Folk Club was "Cheery Songs for Dreary Days" so on a fairly dreary evening, the performers set out to cheer a willing audience. Sue started off the evening with a song about proving love by performing various tasks, including killing dragons! Pete and Liz Bones followed with a beautiful song "Over the Lancashire Hills" written by Simon Nicol. Pete performed a glorious version of "Albert and the Lion" written about Cleethorpes by John Conolly. It was Rik's turn next and he sang "Cock of the North" and a song about Adam and Eve which showed his amazing ability to remember very complicated words. The next group of musicians (Robin, Sue and Sally) caused your compere a great deal of trouble by changing their name yet again. This month they called themselves "Ragged". The name established, they sang two very cheery songs including "Jambalaya on the Bayou" featuring Sue playing lager-phone. Bob then made a lovely first visit to the club by singing Paul Simon's "Red Rubber Ball" and a self-penned song "Georgie". We hope he will become a regular visitor and we await the next verses of Georgie with impatience. Peter McDonald sang

two Tom Paxton songs, "I thought you were an A-Rab" and an impassioned plea against veganism, "Don't Slay that Potato". Each was sung with tongue firmly in cheek. The first half was brought to a close by the Choir performing two songs they sang at the Folk Club Concert, "Hand Me Down" written by Nancy Kerr and Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah". Both are firm favourites of the Choir, featuring Lynne on accordion, Ruth on cello and the Peters playing guitar and piano.

The second half started in rather alarming fashion with an invasion of WW2 pilots. No wait! It was The Daft Dames performing a poem by Les Barker in their own inimitable fashion. The performance would cheer even the most miserable onlooker! The only way to follow such craziness was to introduce Keith Donnelly who got the audience moving left, right, up and down to accompany his first song. Keith then sang a version of "Scarborough Fair" which started off in a very gentle traditional fashion and changed as it went along.... By way of a complete contrast Laura came on to sing two lovely songs accompanied by guitar and ukulele, "Life is a Long Song" by Jethro Tull and a 1950's song "Tonight, You Belong to Me". Rumble-o came on to perform a super version of the song from the series "The Detectorists" and a song about Cornwall "Cousin Jack". It was such a treat to hear these lovely songs again for those of us who had been at the Village Concert last month. Sue and Ian performed their songs with their customary skill and dexterity with Sue playing banjo (a much maligned instrument). "Keep on the Sunny Side" and "The Cuckoo" had the audience joining in the choruses with enthusiasm. Morris Oxford performed the oldest known drinking song "Bring us in Good Ale" and "The Phantom Flasher" which gave us all another chance to join in with excellent choruses (when we weren't laughing too much). To finish the evening, The Somerville Gentlemen came on to sing two songs. This was a very special performance as it was the first appearance as a "Gent" for Peter McD, but they were a depleted band as Ted was not able to join them. Notwithstanding, they sang the beautiful song "Speed the Sound of Loneliness" followed by a Cosmetheka music hall favourite "Love, Love, Love".

What a lovely evening! We all went on our ways cheered and having had a really good sing. We had raised a marvellous £100 for Cancer Research. Peter and Liz Bones are running the Folk Club next month and the theme will be "Springing into Life".

The Elements Concert

The Village Hall was filled to capacity on Saturday 26th January for the Harbury Folk Club "The Elements" concert. This, our 8th annual concert, was again a sell-out.

Well, what a night! The evening featured 23 local artistes and an energetic support crew of six. Debbie Ellis, our MC, introduced the splendid variety of acts: Folk Club Orchestra, Pete and Liz Bones, Maureen Darby, The Harvesters, Rumble-o, Daft Dames, Debbie Ellis, Morris Oxford, Peter McDonald, and the Folk Club Choir. The concert finished with a rousing

finale by all the artists. The performers, support team, and the audience were all in their element.



I would like to thank the many people who so freely gave their time to make the evening such a success. The performers would like to say a big thank you to our very appreciative audience.

We made a profit of £1,008 which has been donated to the Harbury Village Hall. The eight concerts have raised a total of £6,259 for the Village Hall.

We have started planning for our next concert on the 1st February 2020. If you would like to be added to our distribution list, to receive details when the tickets go on sale later in the year, please contact me (01926 612002 or douglasfreeman@gmail.com).

Doug Freeman



Harbury Twinning Association

Tony Thomas

Our planned activities for the next five months are:

Friday 22nd February – Members' Social at the home of Sally and John Stringer.

Friday 15th March - French Film Night in the Tom Hauley Room.

April - Supper & Skittles at the Navigation Inn in Wootton Wawen – date to be arranged.

Saturday 11th May - Hosting the coffee morning in the Tom Hauley Rooms.

Friday 7th June to Monday 10th June - Entertaining 39 Twinning Partners from Samois-sur-Seine.

See future editions of The Harbury & Ladbroke News for details of the above.

Why not join our Association? New members are welcome.



Harbury Heritage Room

Bill Timson

T H E N & N O W

This month's article in the series shows a view of Church Street looking from the corner of All Saints churchyard towards High Street in the early 1900's. The photograph below is taken from our extensive collection in the Heritage Room. If you haven't been yet, please come along and have a look.



In the foreground on the left is 'Leamington House'. At one time this was owned by Mrs Winch who ran a market garden and kept chickens on the land behind it. Beyond that, the double shop front, as many residents will know is the 'Top Shop'. The shop was purchased in 1947 by 'Archie' Taylor and his wife Madge from Mr Farman. At that time it was known as 'Harbury General and Wine Stores.' There had been a fire there in 1888 when it was owned by the Knight Family. Archie and Madge lived above the shop. In 1969 Archie's son Brian was made a partner and it became 'A.W. Taylor and Son'. Brian and his wife Josie offered the village a wide variety of goods including a delicatessen, household goods, sweets in jars and of course, the all-important, Post Office. The shop closed in April 2003 but Brian kept the

Post Office open until September 2003 until arrangements were made for it to be moved into the Harbury Supermarket. At the end of the street the stone cottage dated 1577 is visible and to the left the small retail premise which has been a bank, haberdashery, estate agents, wine shop and now a nail bar. On the right, beyond the brick wall is the paddock which still remains the same today. It is thought that the postman in the photograph might be Burtie Hillyard.

At the end of Church Street, on the left, is part of the Dog Inn. This too suffered from a fire when the thatched roof caught light. Today it is a children's nursery. The same view as it appears today is shown below.



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.

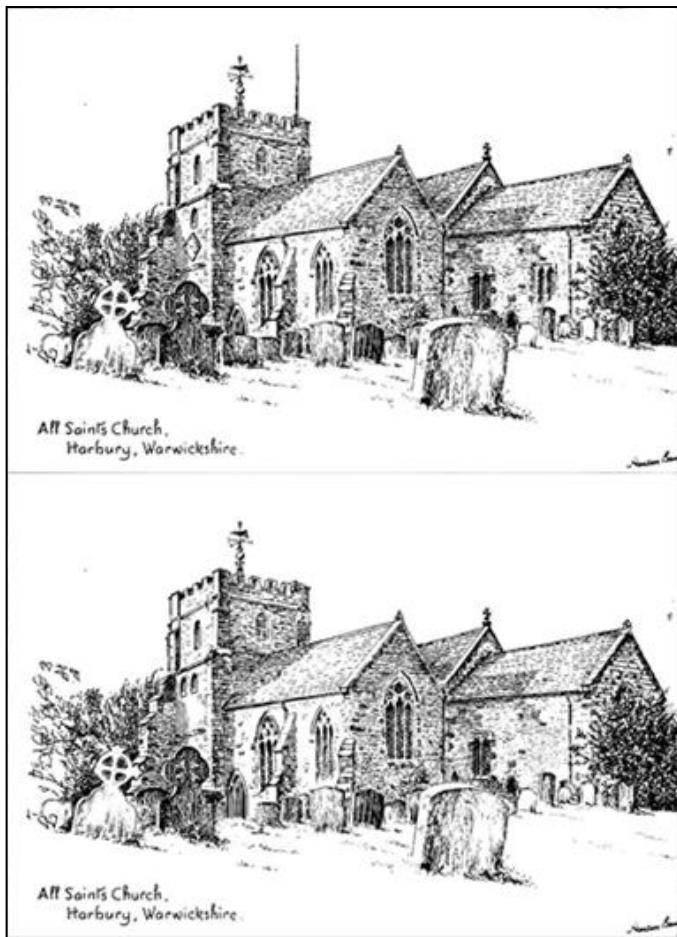


Harbury Heritage KIDS' CORNER

This month's competition is a Spot the Difference based on All Saints Church.

All Saints Church is the oldest building in the Village and is in Church Street. It dates way back to the 13th Century!

Shown on the next page are two similar drawings of the Church.



Anyway, all you need to do is to look at the two drawings and tell me the **FIVE** differences on the bottom one. Write them down and send them via email with your name and age to:

harburyheritage@gmail.com by 31st March.

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!

April Edition - Harbury & Ladbroke News

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

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

	<h2>Harbury Energy Initiative</h2>	Bob Sherman
		☎612277 ✉info@harburyenergy.co.uk

THE event - 27th April

The world is coming to Harbury. Not quite the world, actually, but we can dream. On Saturday morning of 27th April, in association with the RSA, an international organisation whose beginnings were in the coffee houses of London in the mid-18th century, HEI is holding a very special event at the Village Hall.

'How low carbon is your community? Sharing solutions' (see: <https://www.thersa.org/events/fellowship-events/2019/04/rsa-warwickshire-how-low-carbon-is-your-community---27042019/>) aims to bring together communities, mainly rural, across Warwickshire to see what we can learn from each other in the urgent quest to cut carbon and mitigate global warming. Rather than dwell on the problem and the dire predictions, we will be looking to share solutions that individuals and communities can act on.

As you will know HEI has quite a good record of supporting its community's buildings with technology that has cut costs and reduced carbon emissions at the same time. We are still at it! Nevertheless we feel sure that there are other community initiatives out there from which we can learn. We hope this will be the first of many such events held annually around the region. Which community will host it next year?

The event will be open to everyone and free. And there is a good chance that there will be cake. We will need people to register, however, via Eventbrite. Look out for more details next month. We will also share the link on Facebook as soon as we have it.

Bright light on the horizon

In the process of lining up speakers for THE event (see above) I re-established contact with Martin Kirkham of Co-operative Energy. Martin has always been keen to support us in Harbury. With his colleague Rob Gilbert he gave us lots of good advice some years ago. When I looked to him to find me a speaker from Co-operative Energy, he responded immediately with a name and an offer to help Harbury with LED lighting. One post on Facebook and a few minutes later two projects were in embryo! Nice bit of serendipity. I will let you know what happens.

If you come on 27th April I might be able to tell you then, maybe even before then.

School solar

The school is now capturing energy from the sun

On Friday 22nd February INECO's engineers arrived to install panels on the roof of the school. The scheme had to be adjusted to half the size of the original plan as the flat roof proved insufficiently stout to take any panels.

It is now a 12kW array instead of 25kW. This is a shame but it has a benefit in that it cuts the loan in half. The Carbon Trust is also helping to reduce the cost further with a small grant of £1,300 and we have another bid in which may reduce the loan further.

We are delighted that we have been able to get the panels installed before the Feed in Tariff ends on 31st March. Some concerted hard negotiation by Chair of Governors Chris Gibb finally drew the long awaited sign-off by the Council, without which we could not go ahead. What a great start to the year.

Meanwhile we are helping the PTA look at bringing renewable generation into their project. This scheme is at a very early stage of development and I shall leave it to the PTA to tell you more.



Harbury e-Wheels

Bob Sherman

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Harbury's hot horses are coming back!

The trainers are once more preparing their horses for this famous fixture in the calendar. Yes, there is to be another Harbury Race Night but...hold your horses, we aren't quite ready for the deluge of requests for tickets yet. Open up your diaries/calendars and mark down 11th May at 7pm. You might as well add yourself a little reminder to buy tickets. More news next month.

What we need is the kind of massive, voluble, excited and energised Harbury crowd that we had last year. Remember it? If you missed it last time, don't miss out twice. We may not have another one for some years.

Meanwhile here are some boring statistics.....

On second thoughts, let me just thank you for all the support (financial and other) for Harbury e-Wheels that we have received. It has enabled us to do great things for local communities, responding to need. If you feel you can help us with a small monthly donation, please contact me or Liz McBride (612421) or have a look at our page on the HEI website (www.harburyenergy.co.uk/harbury-e-wheels). Our admin costs are minuscule, so virtually all the money we raise goes to helping people directly. Demand recently has been much higher than ever. The more transport we provide the more money we need to raise. To give you an idea of what our

service means to people, please read this extract from a letter from one of the agencies we serve:

"I just wanted to thank everyone at e-Wheels for their continued efforts in supporting our clients. The service that your charity offers is second to none!"

We just have to keep our wheels rolling.

	<h2>Harbury Girlguiding Groups</h2> <h1>Brownies</h1>	<p>Isobel Clarke</p>
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1st Harbury Girlguiding groups are desperately looking for people to come forward as leaders to run both Brownies and Guides.

Brownies meet on Mondays 5.45pm - 7.00pm

Guides meet on Mondays 7.15pm - 8.45pm

At the moment both units have closed down due to a lack of leaders. The groups can be easily started up again if new leaders come forward. If you would like to become a leader please contact Louise Beale at louisebeale80@gmail.com. Alternatively you may contact Kayleigh Barrett 07730 470641 or myself Isobel Clarke on 01926 613600.

	<h2>Harbury Toddler Group</h2>	<p>Lynne Barton</p>
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Hello Harbury,

We were graced by the presence of a princess recently, **a real Disney Princess**, that is, Elsa came to visit us and decorated our hands with sparkly tattoos that didn't wash off for over a week. What fun!!



Chinese New Year Toddler Style

We never miss an opportunity to party and have fun so the Chinese festival celebrating the beginning of the traditional Chinese Calendar was perfect for us. We loved the feel of the noodles, made lanterns to take home and bounced the morning away on our Bouncy Castle. Learning new things is such fun especially when you're sharing it with friends.

Happy Half Term

We decided we would open in half term to 'test the take up' and oh my goodness parents, grandparents and children supported the idea so a great success all round. Reg, Lynne and Simon just about managed thanks to a wonderful line up of support with our very own Emily on Clay Models, Clare on Singing, Dancing and Story, Deb on large Easel Art, kept going by free cakes at break time courtesy of Fiona. A real community affair. Thanks to all!!



Plea for donations

On Saturday 23rd March we will be hosting the coffee morning at All Saints Church in the Tom Hauley Room, 10am -12 noon. This is something we all love to do but rely on donations of homemade cakes and raffle prizes, so please help if you can. Why not join us and help raise much needed funds for Toddlers? We need to buy a toddler sized table which folds down so it can be stored in the shed, we would like some new toys and are always in need of art and craft, so all funds raised will be well spent and directly benefit the children. Many, many thanks.

Come and join us

If you want to join us at the Toddler Group then Lynne, Selina, Suzi 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



A big thank you to the 14 teams who took part in our annual PTA quiz. T.J. and Wendy Crowther put together a superb quiz (with support from Nigel Chapman for the Harbury round) and led the 10 rounds of questions ranging from:

What year was Gareth Southgate's famous missed penalty against Germany?

How did Prince Philip get into the news just recently?

The four main characters of *The Young Ones* were Neil, Rick, Mike, and who?



My personal favourite was the music round, where you had to write down the next line, the whole hall was humming along with this one!

Queen (1975)

*Too late, my time has come,
Sends shivers down my spine,
Body's aching all the time.*



Well done to the winners, 'Just one more Brandy' with a very respectable 203 points, followed by a close battle for second place, with 'Rubbish at Sport' just pipping 'Low Expectations' to the post with 183.5 points vs 182.

We raised enough to purchase two more iPads for the school which is great. You may wonder why we are buying iPads and not

other tablets which are much cheaper. On discussion with the school, the iPads are far superior regarding the apps they support and most importantly the ability for pupils and teachers to interact together, and so we will continue with our mission to purchase 32, so every child can have access to digital technology, so much part of our world today, to ensure they learn how to be safe online.

Lindsey is currently running a Mother's Day shop - it's going to be a surprise for all of us regarding what we are going to receive! and Lenna is getting ready for a clothing drive at the end of March. We get 50p for every kilo of textiles/shoes (there is no admin fee, every penny goes to the school) and we hope to gather up one tonne of used items from the village - another two iPads!

We will be delivering bags to houses for a kerbside pickup, please also feel free to bring bags of textiles/shoes to our clothes bin just by reception in the school, and watch out for posters around the village.

Clare is keen to organise a Harbury Fun Run - if you would like to help, please contact us on harburypta@gmail.com

Thanks again for all your support.



Village Hall Update

Geoff Thorpe

As I promised last month, the committee are moving on with further improvements to the hall. Plans are being submitted and hopefully we will be able to move on with building work later in the year. The existing disabled ramp does not comply with modern rules and regulations, the drive in front of the hall was designed for 1960's motor cars not today's wider vehicles and the lighting in front of the hall is less than adequate!! We hope this will all be remedied along with new front doors and an enlarged porch.

Last month also saw **the Southam Rotary Burns' Night**. A great night: haggis, a piper and of course "the Water of Life! This was well attended with nearly as many Harbury residents as there were Southam Rotarians. The raffle generously supporting the Village Hall. In addition, the **8th Annual Folk Club Concert**, another wonderful night was a sell out as usual. The musical talent in the village is fantastic, who could not be impressed by the **Daft Dames?!** These concerts have now raised around £6,000 in aid of the Village Hall. We thank them very much.

By the time you read this, the WI cinema will have shown "The King of Thieves," sure to be a packed house, and in March we have "Bohemian Rhapsody". Did you know that the cinema proceeds are used to support village amenities? Have you seen the new bench on the green at the top of Farm Street or the new tree to the rear of the club, on approximately the site of the original village hall. More of a tin hut than a hall apparently! All thanks to the WI Cinema.

On Saturday 27th April we have an interesting event in the hall. The Harbury Energy Initiative in conjunction with the RSA have booked the hall for community groups to share ideas and solutions for local actions to limit climate change. This is a free event and there will be displays and presentations from groups and firms involved in this field.



Harbury Village Library & Biblio's Café

Janice Montague

As well as providing a well-stocked library and a thriving café, we have also developed into a community hub and resource for the village. For example, our local parish councillors hold a surgery from 10-11am on the last Saturday each month where villagers can raise any concerns with them over a cup of coffee in Biblio's - a lot more comfortable for all concerned than standing on the corner outside the Post Office as previously! HS2 are making use of our facility to host two drop-in sessions where anyone can come to discuss issues about the local ramifications of this undertaking: the first was held on 28th February, but if you missed that one, the second will be held on **Thursday 25th April between 2pm and 4pm**. We have also hosted a book launch, antiques' valuations and regular writers' and reading groups, among other things.

If you would like to book the café area for a meeting or other suitable activity - maybe a language class or similar? - please contact events@harburyvillagelibrary.org.uk for further details.

A reminder that **this year's AGM** will be held on **Monday 4th March from 7.30pm** in the Library. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

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Harbury Village Club & Institute

Judy Morrall

We thought that it would be a quiet first two months in 2019 but far from it. All of the teams who play their various games plus the regular users have ensured that we are kept on our toes. A huge thank you to all of you and since the flyers have been distributed in the Harbury and Ladbroke News we have had visitors to see what facilities we have to offer. As they say "it pays to advertise".

The lovely WI Ladies who play darts every Wednesday have given us another donation of £100. A thank you letter has been sent but words cannot always express our appreciation. We are so glad that you enjoy your Wednesday evenings.

Since my last article concerning outstanding memberships I have processed a further 60 and I have been emailing and phoning those outstanding to avoid having to cancel membership after 28th February. Thank you for responding

to my phone calls. As at 19th February there are still 28 non-payers but I am hoping that this figure will reduce by the 25th of the month.

We are looking forward to the imminent events which are being held in the concert room and staff are ready and waiting to look after our guests. We have received some great comments about how organised we are and welcoming, so we are doing everything right. The next important event for families will be on Saturday 13th April when we will be holding the Easter Family Bingo. All who came last year had a fantastic time with some chocolate eggs, of course, included in the prizes for the bingo. Plus there will be a bumper raffle, which again went down very well last year. It really is only seven weeks away so make a note not to miss it.

The flowers at the entrance to the drive and in the pots are looking so colourful at the moment and the pots which have the heucheras and herbs in are thriving. I even saw some ladybirds on the herbs last weekend. My plans for the replacement plants which will not be until June time are starting to take shape. With the onset of lighter nights and warmer days the plants are just lapping it all up - another pun and do I hear you groan?!

At our recent committee meeting, Andy explained that at the next meeting he will be able to give us exact monthly figures for income and expenditure as he is compiling new methods of recording these amounts and the cash reconciliation will now finish on the last day of each month. Unfortunately, the various documents for the financial year ended 31st December have not yet been collated and Andy expects these to be with our new accountants in the next seven to ten days, not his fault at all. Once we have the accounts we can then arrange for the AGM which we want to be held in March.

We approved...wait for it ...drum roll... nine yes nine new members, a record. Included in this number there were some younger members which is so encouraging. Wouldn't it be great if we could achieve numbers like this every month. We were all thrilled. We are introducing a new monthly promotion which rewards our members, intrigued? Please read on. For March we will offer our members a free drink for introducing a new member to the club. April will be another good one too but more of that next month. I will type up posters which will be displayed on both bars.

The merits of prosecco and red and white wine were discussed at length with the result that we will be introducing a wider variety of these in the future. So, as well as mundane matters we do lighten the proceedings with other relevant topics. Which brings me nicely to increasing our numbers on the committee. One or two members have expressed an interest in joining so do not take too long to decide. We would welcome any new ideas, thoughts etc for bringing in more members. Out of a population in the village of at least 2000 we currently have 305 members. We have something very unique to offer our residents and are proud to continue building on the last 100 years of our existence as a club.

Thank you for taking the trouble to wade through this and again for talking to me and being so supportive. Look forward to seeing everyone at the Club.



Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery
Christine Dakin

More good news. There is a company called Higgledy Garden which sells flower seeds online. The man who runs it wants some space to grow some flowers to promote his business. We have plenty of spare ground. He is excellent at marketing on social media so we might just get some spin-off from this joint venture. It will certainly look colourful, there will be cut flowers for sale and the bees and butterflies will love it.

March can be a busy time if we have some decent weather.

- Sow annual flower seeds (buy from Higgledy Garden) in cell trays.
- Prune roses.
- Sow sweet peas if you didn't last autumn.
- Plant onion sets.
- Sow spring onions, peas, parsnips.
- Continue to plant perennials and shrubs if it's not too wet.
- Divide some of the larger clumps of perennials and replant.
- If you forgot to cut back your late summer flowering clematis in February you can still do it this month. The same is true of most of the ornamental grasses.
- Check larger trees and shrubs in case there was any wind damage and cut out any damaged branches.

Hopefully you will get much satisfaction from ticking things off the list!

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



Nature Notes
John Hancock

On 8th February Sharon and I travelled to Cambridge. After the rigors of the A14 it was good to relax and wander through the grounds of Anglesey Abbey, a National Trust property a few miles east of the city. We were particularly struck by the working water mill straddling one of the streams or 'lodes' which, when they join, form the River Cam. The lake known as Quy Water sits behind a dam and provides the headwater to drive a water wheel. We climbed wooden ladders to the top floor studying the inner workings of the mill and peering out over the flat, watery, fenland, landscape.

The gardens of Anglesey Abbey are a delight in any season. The, as yet leafless, Himalayan Birch with their brilliant white trunks stood out in the

angled sunlight, snowdrops and winter aconites were plentiful. We met people living fairly close who visit frequently throughout the year for the unfolding of the seasons and the changing flora.

Today, 18th February, has been mild (10°C) and generally dry. There was a flurry of showers in the middle part of the day blown in on a south-westerly breeze. Frosts have abated. Daylight is drawing out with darkness not creeping over the land until about 5.30pm. The sun had set as I cycled through Thwaites close to the dark bulk of Itchington Holt. I sensed hidden eyes were looking out but nothing seemed to stir. The drone from the M40 was somewhat baffled by the vegetation. Then, two Muntjac deer trotted across the farm road and headed towards the sheltering wood stopping occasionally to check on my position. The adult deer have no natural predators and most deaths are on the road.

Earlier in the day, the U3A Natural History Group met in the Tom Hauley Room and had a most informative presentation by Nick Martin who is a photographer. He spoke on the Forest of Dean and its wildlife. For southern Britain it is a sizeable chunk of forest. Once it supplied Oak to build our fleet in Napoleonic times. Nelson is said to have toured the country searching for suitable timber and promoting new planting. However, those trees were not required in numbers as the iron hulled vessels of the 19th century began to take centre stage.

Now, industry has largely given way to amenity and the Forestry Commission is gradually replacing some of the serried ranks of Pine with broad-leaved planting of Oak and Beech. These trees take years to mature but, with their understorey, provide a habitat for small animals and birds. There are rare birds such as Marsh and Willow Tits. They are quite difficult to tell apart and were viewed as the same species until 1900. Nick had good photographs of both and we realised how patient he must be to wait in a suitable hide for hours on end. Haw Finches have powerful bills and use them to crack open resistant fruit stones such as cherry. The bird can produce an enormous force for its size. If you find a stand of Hornbeam, invariably Haw Finches will eventually arrive to feed.

We were advised to make for New Fancy View in the heart of the forest north east of Parkend. (OS sheet 162/ Gloucester and the Forest of Dean grid ref SO 629095). Here, an old spoil heap from the New Fancy Mine has been landscaped to provide a platform with a 360 degree panorama over the tops of the forest. Visit on a mild March morning to see goshawks displaying. Commonly you will also see Buzzard, Raven, Crossbill, Siskin and lots more. Wild boar and fallow deer are often seen as are adders basking at the side of the path flattening their bodies to gain more heat. Nick's photographs showed us all this and the notable difference between male and female adders. The males are smaller and more brightly coloured whilst the females are heavier with a drabber appearance.

Every week now more and more wildflowers will be coming into bloom. Lots to enjoy and nurture. If you can, do get out into the woods and fields. Please report any unusual natural history sightings to j.hancock43@btinternet.com / Tel: 612860.



General Section

Harbury Church Charities

Wagstaffe Educational, John Jorges and the Poores Allotment

The above charities have been in operation for at least the last hundred years. A committee of trustees has overseen the allocation of the funds. From the Wagstaffe fund, monies have been given to the School, the Playgroups, Scouts and Guides, D of E and occasionally to individuals who were aiming to do some charitable work, often overseas. The John Jorges money has been used for the fabric of the church and the Poores has been used to give help to individual people in need.

The income received has been getting significantly less each year and therefore, before Christmas, the trustees agreed to close all these charities. We sold our shares and gave the money as follows:

From the Poores we gave to the Foodbank and to e-Wheels both of which help local people. From the John Jorge we gave the balance to the church and from the Wagstaffe we gave to the Primary School to help them with a quiet area for children with special needs, to the Pre-School, to Harbury GASS and a small amount to the church to help with the children's groups that are run from there. There is therefore no money left in any of the accounts.

Carol Jackson
Hon Secretary and Hon Treasurer, Harbury Church Charities

Village with a Vision

Having been very quiet for quite a while, we had a committee meeting on Monday 22nd January, when we discussed the situation as we now see it. We no longer have the chance of building in Bull Ring Farm Road. We have spent time and much energy in trying to find an alternative site, with no luck. So it is with regret that we have decided to call a halt to our desire to build a facility in the village.

We have therefore been forced to end the committee and, in line with our constitution, Village with a Vision ends now. Monies we had collected will be passed on to the Parish Council to be shared equally between e-Wheels and Senior Citizens.

Finally, the committee and I would like to thank everyone in the village to giving us so much support and encouragement in our search.

All our records will be passed on the Heritage Room where they will be kept with all other village things, and for anyone to see as you wish.

Thank you once again.

Tony Stubbs
Chairman



Harbury Footpaths Group

The footpath from near the cattle grid at the entrance to Thwaites Estate near Chesterton Church, and the macadam farm road just a little North of Kingston Barns is not within the Parish of Harbury. However, it does form a pleasing leg of a circular walk which in the past has been enjoyed by many walkers from Harbury and surrounding area.

A length of this footpath passes through a copse which is very rich in wild life, including a number of badger sets. However, for many years this length has been virtually impassable owing to a number of dead elm trees having fallen across the path, and becoming overgrown with ivy and other vegetation.



Martin Randall, Terry Timms and Steve Darby having a brief rest during the clearing of Footpath SM198

The Footpath Group was asked if they could clear this; so, on a breezy February morning, four intrepid members of the group descended on the area armed with saws, axes, strimmer and other weapons of destruction. Once assembled and clad in appropriate clothing, it did not seem to take long to remove the offending sections of trees and associated vegetation, and trim and tidy the rest of the path. This has resulted in the path now being free of obstacles and easy to traverse by ramblers.

As spring is approaching, why not try walking this length? If you enter the Thwaites Estate using the gated access near Chesterton Church, in about 30m there is a footpath sign to the left which will direct you along field

boundaries and the bank of a watercourse until the copse is entered. It is a pleasant alternative to walking along paved farm roads.

If you find any footpath in the area which requires any form of maintenance, would you please send us an email to harburyfootpaths@gmail.com

Peter Bones



Needlework Wall Panels

Plans are underway to create four needlework wall panels for the children's area at All Saints Church. The hope is that as many needlework skills as possible (eg hand and machine appliqué, patchwork, hand and machine embroidery, knitting, crochet, stumpwork, needlepoint etc.) are incorporated in the designs which are on display in the information area at the rear of the Church.

If you are interested in joining a team to make the panels, please contact me for further information.

Ros Baldwin - 01926 613565
rosb227@gmail.com



Afternoon Tea at Three

What better way to spend an hour or so in the company of friends, than partaking of a proper afternoon tea!

To help raise funds for the needlework panels (see above) there will be such a tea on Saturday 13th April at 3pm, in Biblio's café space in Harbury Library.

See next month's magazine for details of tickets and prices, but book the date in your diary and invite a friend or two. You'll enjoy a pot of tea, sandwiches, scones, all beautifully presented.

Ros will briefly outline her plans and show progress so far. We hope to see you there.

Lesley Jones (613207)



Harbury Village Show

We recently applied to the Tesco Bags for Help scheme to replace our display boards and are pleased to say we have been accepted. Currently we borrow display boards from Kineton to show the art and photography entries at the show. However, they are heavy and awkward to transport and therefore we applied to the scheme to raise funds to replace them with modern, easier to use boards. So, if you are shopping in Southam Tesco's between the 1st March and 31st April, please consider using the tokens, that you are given at the till, to support us. We will be happy to make the boards available to other groups in the village who may wish to use them.

Spring flowers are making appearances in gardens and verges and we will soon be planting seeds, chitting potatoes and getting ready for the growing year. At our next meeting, we will be finalising the schedule for this year's show so look out for further info next month.

From the archives -

Village Produce Associations

Village Produce Associations (VPA) originated in the Second World War. They were introduced to boost food production as part of the Dig for Victory Campaign. Associations were set up countrywide and were cooperatives for gardening and livestock keeping, enabling members to take advantage of bulk buying through the Association.

Harbury set up a VPA in May 1943 and the Heritage rooms holds the minutes book (all beautifully hand written) which showed that they held monthly meetings in the Dog Inn clubroom and, as in 1910, there were familiar village names on the committee. A Mr Smith promptly offered a £1 prize for the best outdoor tomatoes. Much of the business involved buying soot from chimney sweeps in the area and how to get it transported to Harbury, ordering and supplying 3 tons of lime and bulk buying of seed potatoes.

Later on, the committee had to intervene in disputes, as when Mr Tudor's sheep got onto Mr Line's Chilydye allotment and damaged the winter produce. Mr Lines agreed to accept £2-0-8 in compensation from Mr Tudor. Other problems arose with fowl damage to produce and later damage by cows to the Pineham allotments.

Happy planting!

Village Show Committee



The Mission to Seafarers

For many years Bill Davies has co-ordinated the donations of knitted items, such as hats and scarves, produced by volunteers in Harbury and sent them to The Mission. Bill is now stepping down from this role and I have agreed to take it on.

Any items for this very good cause should be either left in the box in Church or dropped off at our house on Butt Lane. The majority of items are produced by The Harbury Knitwits, which is based at our address, and so this is a logical progression.

Many thanks.

David Thistlethwaite
01926 613555





RNLI Coffee Morning

Leamington (& Southam) RNLI Branch invite you to a coffee morning in the Tom Hauley Room on 30th March. Raffle, cakes and RNLI merchandise/souvenirs on sale.

Tina Gilbert



Two Choirs Spring Concert

The Two Choirs Spring Concert is on Saturday 6th April at 7.30pm - Dale Street Methodist Church, Dale Street, Leamington, CV32 5HL. Coventry Male Voice Choir and Village Voices will be singing a wide variety of songs. Tickets are £8 to include hot/cordial drinks and biscuits. A raffle and RNLI merchandise/souvenirs will be available. Tickets in advance or on the door. Please contact John Redshaw 07764 252716 or johnredshaw@talktalk.net for further details.

Tina Gilbert



Harbury and Ladbrooke News Archive 1974 to 2019

Since the very first edition, copies of the Harbury News (as it was then), have been available to view in Harbury Library, with archived editions being bound into various year volumes. Not surprisingly over the 45 years that the magazine has been in existence these volumes began to take up quite a

bit of library shelf-space, so with a balance being sought between books and coffee, it was decided that the Harbury and Ladbrooke News archived copies had to go!

Fortunately, the Heritage Room in Harbury School and several individuals also have bound volumes of the 'News', but removal from the Library brought into focus the vulnerability and the potential loss of what has become an important historical reference for both Harbury and Ladbrooke.

Back in 1974 when the Harbury News was first produced, there were only ever 'hardcopies'. The process of getting the 'News' out every month was very labour intensive, the copy was typed using a manual typewriter, pictures were stuck into place and the resulting pages were copied, collated and hand stapled together. Over the years, technology gradually brought us electric typewriters and then the ubiquitous word processor, which eventually not only enabled 'copy' to be sent to the Printer's via a computer file, but also allowed copies to be made available on the internet. It became obvious that the best way to preserve the archive was in some kind of electronic format, the problem being that we only had electronic copies of the magazine going back to 2010, which still left about 400 editions in hardcopy – this worked out to about 16,000 pages that needed converting.

Investigations into commercial scanning, suggested that the cost would be about £2,500, also the process was destructive, i.e. the pages would have to be cut out of each volume before they could be scanned. An alternative was sought which after some searching found the CZUR book scanner, which although still a little labour intensive – in so much as you still have to turn the pages, scans, crops and straightens the images with one click of a foot-switch.

The result is that after about four months of intermittent work, we now have all the past copies of the Harbury and Ladbroke News available in a format that allows them to be read electronically, but more importantly, to be searched for key words or phrases. To search the whole archive, all the monthly editions must be stored in one place and to facilitate this, the Harbury and Ladbroke News Committee has made available for anyone who is interested, the whole archive to be purchased on a USB flash drive for the sum of £15.00. Instructions on how to search the archive will be included in a text file on each flash drive purchased.

All the back archive is available on the internet at hlnews.co.uk. but unfortunately, the web site system doesn't currently allow the whole archive to be searched, however individual copies can be read online, or can be downloaded. As future copies are made available on the website, they can be downloaded individually and added to the flash drive.

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Similarly, if anyone is interested in hiring a CZUR 1600 book scanner (Windows/MAC compatible), complete with conversion software and individual instructions, this can be done for the sum of £15.00 per week, also available at the contact above.

Gordon Robbins

SOUTHAMFIRST  **Southam's French Street Market - Sunday 7th April**

Southam will once again be hosting the ever-popular authentic French Street Market on **Sunday 7th April between 10am and 4pm**.

Working in partnership with 'France At Home' and with generous sponsorship from Hayfield Homes, volunteers from Southam First will be transforming Southam's High Street into a French-style market featuring a fantastic range of tempting French food and produce.

Freshly baked bread, croissants, cakes, biscuits and crêpes are things that the French do really well, and there will be a wonderful variety and style of baking to tempt you. Savoury street food, tartiflette, delicious cheeses, olives from Provence, cooked meats, paté and saucisson from Normandy, will all be there to persuade you to try something a little different from your traditional Sunday lunch. Beautiful French patisserie, tarts, cakes and pastries will make

your teatime special too! Hand-made crafts, toys, games, leather bags and purses, fashions and accessories, vintage music and many more French-themed products that are not normally available on the British High Street.

Southam First will be running a chocolate tombola at the event - just in time for Easter.

Southam's main High Street will be closed to all vehicles, so everyone can enjoy the market in a safe, traffic-free environment.

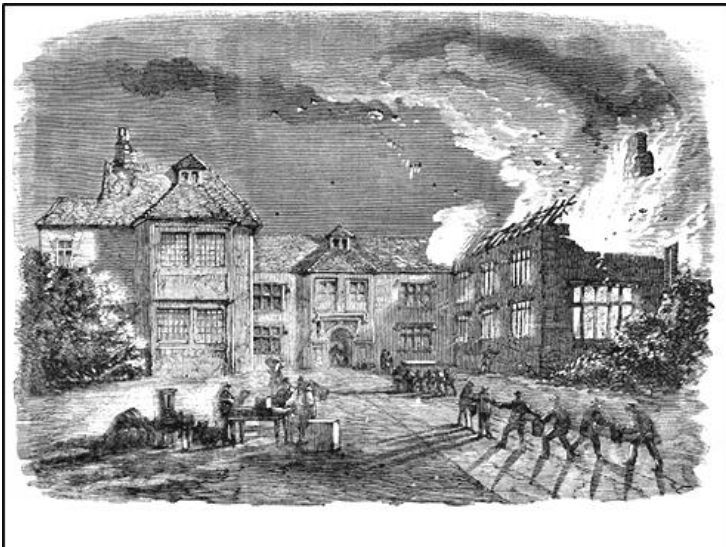
With plenty of free parking, this is a family-friendly event and the organisers are hoping to attract both residents and visitors from around the district to enjoy a very special market day in Southam.

Katherine Geddes, Chair - Southam First
www.southam.co.uk/event/french-street-market-2-2-2/

Southam Heritage Collection

“Fetch the Engine” Exhibition

Southam Heritage Collection has settled well into its new home in Tithe Place in Southam. You will find us opposite the Library for exhibitions, with a Project Room in the corridor behind where there is a post-box and we can do research and documenting.



The latest exhibition is “Fetch the Engine” and the story of Southam Fire Brigade from the early 1800s until the new Fire Station was opened in 1951 in Coventry Street. It is open on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday mornings between 10am and 12pm until 21st May, when it will be changed for a “Toy” exhibition.

With free access, it features photographs, stories, video and artefacts, with children's activities, all about the fire brigade.

If you are unable to visit during our opening times, please give us a call/email and we can arrange access at other times.

When we are not open, we have mini displays in both of our windows, where we recently featured Harbury Station and trains with thanks to Harbury Heritage.

Don't forget, you can also read an historical article in the Southam Advertiser each month.

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Napton Art Group - Easter Exhibition 2019

Napton Art Group are holding their ever-popular Easter Exhibition on Saturday 20th April and Sunday 21st April at Napton Village Hall (CV47 8LS) from 10am until 5pm. On display and for sale will be over 150 paintings and also cards and craft exhibits. There will also be our usual range of delicious refreshments, a raffle and tombola. The entry charge is £1 for adults and there is no charge for children.

Howard Collerson
hjc05@hotmail.co.uk



Warwickshire Trading Standards

Warwickshire Trading Standards advises holidaymakers to check where their cars are stored!

Warwickshire County Council Trading Standards are warning holidaymakers to be on their guard when booking airport parking following a number of recent high profile cases involving 'scam' airport parking businesses.

The innocent victims in these cases had paid for a 'meet and greet' service with the promise of parking at a 'secure' facility, however, the truth of the matter was very different.

Customers returning from holiday found their cars covered in mud after they had been parked in fields, on residential streets or even incurred parking tickets after the cars had been abandoned in pub car parks.

Warwickshire County Councillor Andy Crump, Portfolio Holder for Community Safety said:

"When you book car parking ahead of your summer holiday your thoughts are often on the beach or the bars. Parking at airports can look expensive and there may be the temptation to look for a bargain to ensure a bit of extra spending money. In these circumstances it is easy to let your guard down and

fail to make proper checks to confirm that your car will be safe and secure when you are away.”

Using secure airport parking will mean that your car is being looked-after, even when you are thousands of miles away and will give you peace of mind to enjoy your holiday.

When booking a holiday, including airport parking, Warwickshire Trading Standards are advising consumers to follow their top tips:

- Pay for your holiday with a credit card. For purchases over £100 and under £30,000 your credit card company is equally liable with the seller if for example the holiday company collapses or your hotel is not up to standard.
- When booking airport parking, use a reputable company. Start your search on the official airport website and use a company that is a car parking trade association member. Pre-book your space and don't leave valuables in your vehicle.
- Will your passport be valid? If the UK leaves the EU with no deal, then after 29th March 2019 you will need at least 6 months left on your passport from your date of arrival for travel to most European countries.
- If there is no deal with the EU, you may also need to obtain an International Driving Permit (IDP) to drive in the EU, in addition to your UK driving licence. These can be obtained from some Post Offices.
- Renting a car? If the insurance has high excess charges, it may be cheaper to take out your own separate policy to cover the excess, rather than paying the trader's own 'top-up' insurance. Always photograph any vehicle damage before you take the car out and look out for hidden charges (fuel, tolls, valeting etc.)

There is more holiday advice available from:

1. www.which.co.uk
2. www.gov.uk
3. www.moneysavingexpert.com

If you think you may have fallen victim to an airport parking scam or you require consumer advice about a holiday that has gone wrong, contact the Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 03454 040506.

Simon Cripwell
Trading Standards Officer

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LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors

Martin Ellis 'Mellis'

Dear friends in Harbury and beyond - thank you from the bottom of my heart for your kindness, friendship, support and love in the tragic and traumatic loss of my husband Martin. He was a very special and talented man and is very much missed by all who knew him, and especially by me and Nora. Martin was best friend to so many people in the farming community and beyond. Respect for Martin was evident in the tributes in cards and at his funeral and memorial service. He was held in the highest regard by his work colleagues and by everyone who knew him.

Thank you to all who sent cards and messages after Martin died so suddenly on 13th October; to everyone who came to his funeral on 7th November and to all who helped make his memorial service on 14th February at All Saints' so special: Anne Mayer and the flower ladies; Dorothy Groves and Harbury WI for the lovely cakes; Gill and John Guilford for their love, friendship and support; Gill and Liz for doing the refreshments; Reverend Craig as always for a lovely service and support to me; William and Alison for helping to gather bell ringers; John, Teresa, Aimee and Danny Luke for their help, love and support and special thanks to John Luke, Mellis's bestest ever friend, for a moving tribute.

£418 will go to Air Ambulance to be added to £1355 sent from Martin's funeral, plus £150 for a tree to be planted in Martin's honour through Air Ambulance and a further £250 in donations sent to me at Christmas. Martin would be humbled. I am humbled.

I am struggling with my grief and my loss but am proud to have been Martin's wife and proud of the things he and I did in our life together.

God Bless

**Karen Ellis
and on behalf of Nora Ellis**

Dear Editors

Slow Down!

ND8 or ND something.

I have been unable to see any more than that of your registration. I think your car is probably black but watching you is like being at Silverstone; move your head too slowly and you've missed it.

You speed along Temple End around 6.30am. If you kept to our village speed limit would you really arrive at work much later? Could you not get up five minutes earlier?

How on earth will you stop?

How on earth will you stop as the little girl crosses the road with the family dog?

How on earth will you stop as the endangered hedgehog crosses the road?

How on earth will you stop as the elderly gentleman crosses the road walking his little dog?

Did you see him this morning (Friday 8th February 2019)? I doubt it as you did not slow down.

No accident this time but...

PLEASE SLOW DOWN

Linda Nykamp

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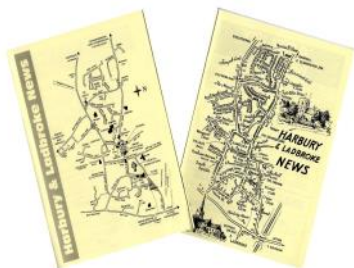
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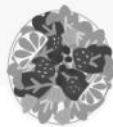


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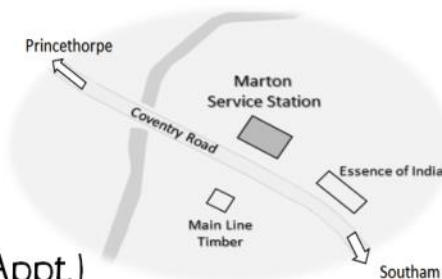
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