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Editorial

With the children broken up from school for the holidays, don't forget the Summer Reading Challenge for youngsters ages 4 to 12 years at Harbury Village Library. On Saturday 19th August, the Village Club will be running Summer Bingo - families and non-members are welcome.

Looking forward to events in early September, Harbury Beer Festival will be held on Friday 1st and Saturday 2nd September at the Village Hall. See diary for timings.

The Tennis Club Junior programme starts in the week commencing 4th September with sessions on Mondays and Thursdays. See article for more details.

Harbury Village Show will be held on Saturday 9th September at 2.00pm. Please think about entering this year, registering your entry not later than 6pm on Wednesday 6th September. Show schedules are available from the Library or you can download from <http://www.harburyvillageshow.uk/>

On Thursday 7th – Sunday 10th September, Heritage Open Days will take place at Ladbroke Church and many other venues across the country, see the article for more details.

Volunteering opportunities - the Harbury & Ladbroke News is looking for additional editors, see the advert later in the magazine for more details. The Village Hall Committee is looking for helpers to serve food at the Beer Festival. Harbury Village Library is looking for help on the issue desk or baking for or serving in the café and the Friends of Harbury Cemetery also welcomes new members to help with their monthly clearing sessions. See relevant articles later in this issue for details.

Harbury Diary

AUGUST

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|------|---|---|
| Sat | 5 | Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Shoebox Appeal |
| Sun | 6 | TRINITY VIII
Holy Communion, 9.00am
NB No Little Saints' Service |
| Tues | 8 | Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall
Meeting Point 2.00 - 4.00pm at the Crown Inn
Tennis Club BBQ Tournament, 6.00pm
Holy Communion, 7.30pm |
| Wed | 9 | Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am Village Hall Car Park - Lowsonford - Yarningale Common (4 miles) with optional pub lunch - note change of plan |

- Thurs 10 Holy Communion, 9.45am followed by coffee
WI Garden Party
- Sat 12 Classic Car Night, 6.30pm, Harbury Rugby Club - all welcome
Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid
of Church Flowers
- Sun 13 TRINITY IX**
Holy Communion, 8.00am
Sung Eucharist & Children's Church, 10.30am
NB No Messy Church
- Tues 15 Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
Theatre Group meet 8.00pm in Village Club
- Wed 16 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am Village Hall Car Park -
Offchurch (5 miles), with optional pub lunch
Connections (Dementia) Café, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
- Thurs 17 Holy Communion, 9.45am followed by coffee
- Sat 19 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid
of All Saints PCC
Summer Bingo, 7.30 for 8.00pm, Harbury Village Club
- Sun 20 TRINITY X**
Holy Communion, 8.00am
Saints Alive! All Age Informal Communion Service, 10.30am
Evensong, 6.00pm
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- Tues 22 Holy Communion, 7.30pm
Julian Meeting, 8.00pm
- Wed 23 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park -
Shuckburgh (3 miles) hilly
- Thurs 24 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee
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5.30PM
- Sat 26 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid
of Southam Bowling Club
- Sun 27 TRINITY XI**
Holy Communion, 8.00am
Sung Eucharist & Children's Church, 10.30am
- Tues 29 Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 30 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park -
Hellidon (4½ miles)
- Thurs 31 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee
- SEPTEMBER**
- Fri 1 Harbury Beer Festival, 5.30 - 11.30pm, Village Hall
- Sat 2 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid
of British Heart Foundation
Harbury Beer Festival, 11.30am - 11.30pm, Village Hall

- Sun 3 TRINITY XII**
 Holy Communion, 9.00am
 Little Saints' Service, 10.30am, followed by breakfast
 Taizé Service, 6.00pm
- Mon 4** Start of new school term
- Tues 5** Meeting Point, 2.00 - 4.00pm, The Crown Inn
 Heritage Room open, 6.30 - 8.30pm at School
 Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 6** Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park -
 Braunston (4½ miles) optional pub lunch
 Mothers' Union Annual Service in Church followed by
 tea and cakes in the Tom Hauley Room
 Entries for Village Show should be in by 6.00pm today
- Thurs 7** Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee
 Friends of Harbury Cemetery clearing session -
 10.00am - 12 noon at the Cemetery
 Folk Club, 8.00pm in Village Club
- Sat 9** Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid
 of Embrace
 Harbury Village Show, 2.00 - 4.15pm, Village Hall

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

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From the Rector

Reverend Craig Grocock

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I am wonderfully made!

It was wonderful last week to welcome the children and staff of our school into church for the year 6's leavers' service. It was moving hearing the children share their memories of their time at school and the advice each of them gave to 'their younger self'. It was interesting to hear too of their hopes and dreams for the future and what they wanted to be when they grew up - car designer, actor, footballer.....to name but a few - and the differences they wanted to make in the world in the years ahead.

Each child spoke honestly of some of the fears and apprehensions they have about moving from Harbury School to secondary school, fears and apprehensions I could relate to as I remember those feelings when I was that age – fears of getting lost, of not making friends and even missing the bus!

What made the service so good for me was its honesty. The children rightly celebrated their time at Harbury School but didn't hide from the emotions that are around for them either, emotions that are evoked through change.

I spoke briefly about fears and apprehensions towards the end of the service quoting Psalm 139; 'where can I go from your presence?' reminding the children that wherever we go and whatever we do God is always with us and that when we feel scared or anxious then we can trust Him with our lives and our futures.

Psalm 139 also says; 'I thank you that I am wonderfully made'. It's been a great joy and privilege for me to share in year 6's journey through Harbury School. Each one of these children is truly 'wonderfully made' as indeed all of us are. Being wonderfully made by God means we are special and of deep significance to Him and because He treasures us so much He will never let us go.

May each of our children find this to be true in the next stage of life and may all of us discover this too.

God bless.

From the Registers

Baptism

24th July Albie Jack Scott



From the Churchwardens

Liz & Michael

A pretty grey rabbit, a beautiful black cat and a rolling hamster had a splendid time exploring the Tom Hauley Room on 2nd July whilst their owners enjoyed breakfast. All were perfectly well behaved. There were no chickens, horses or dogs this year at the Pet Service lead by Gemma Took who reminded us all of the importance of our pets, past and present, in our lives. No elephants took part either – well, I didn't notice one.

Little Saints and Messy Church will be back in September following a break in August. However Children's Church will run through August during the 10.30am services.

There is no further news to report on the Memorial Garden as planting will take place in a month or so once the shrubs and plants are all sourced.

The PCC was fully engaged discussing safeguarding and the changes in policy taking place this year. Thanks are due to Victoria Lee, our Safeguarding Officer, for presenting these changes and for the work she is doing in ensuring that all, within our church, receive the correct training and guidance. As stated at the meeting – safeguarding is the responsibility of all of us.

Should you wish to receive information from church by email, eg the weekly pewsheet as a file attachment, please contact Elaine on communication@allsaintsharbury.org

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



Mothers' Union

Gillian Hare

Last month's meeting was replaced by a visit to St Gregory's Church, Tredington. We were made so welcome by the ladies there and by John who took us on a tour of this splendid building. Begun in the 10th century by the Anglo Saxons, the earliest architecture showed the typical narrow nave with high windows. As the sturdiest building in the area, churches then were defensive shelters for the population which then numbered four times that of the current parish. As the centuries passed, the building grew. At one time there were three chantry chapels, each with its own priest who may have all been preaching at the same time but not necessarily with the same words! We were shown a rare example of a "houceling bench" – a 700 year old communion rail – civil war bullets and a Mediaeval crypt.

The church is kept open and is well worth a visit, although the splendid tea we enjoyed may not always be there!

We ran a Saturday coffee morning – thank you to all who helped to raise £142 for various MU projects.

Our next get together will be to visit St James, Southam on Mary Sumner Day, 9th August at 2pm. Anyone who hasn't yet arranged a lift please contact Chris Rutherford ASAP for what promises to be a pleasant afternoon.

We start the autumn on 6th September with a communion service with hymns and an address, followed by a social time. Everyone welcome, in church at 2pm.

Ladbroke News & Diary

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

AUGUST

- Tues 1 Photography Club, 7.30pm, Ladbroke Church
 Wed 2 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall
Sun 6 Trinity VIII
 Family Communion, 10.30am followed by refreshments
 Wed 9 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall
Sun 13 Trinity IX
 Holy Communion (sung) and baptism, 9.00am
 Wed 16 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall
 Fri 18 Film Night, doors open 7.00pm, Village Hall
Sun 20 Trinity X
 Holy Communion (BCP), 9.00am
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 Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am
 Wed 30 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall

SEPTEMBER

- Sun 3 Trinity XII**
 Family Communion, 10.30am followed by refreshments
 Tues 5 Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall
 Wed 6 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall
 Thurs 7 Heritage Open Day, 2.00 - 4.30pm, Ladbroke Church
 WI, 7.30pm, Village Hall
 Fri 8 Heritage Open Day, 2.00 - 4.30pm, Ladbroke Church
 Sat 9 Heritage Open Day, 10.00am - 4.30pm, Ladbroke Church
Sun 10 Trinity XIII
 Family Communion, 10.30am followed by refreshments
 Heritage Open Day, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Ladbroke Church



Ladbroke Church News

Jackie West

On Saturday 14th July, seven people came along to the churchyard and removed weeds, ivy, elder, straggly holly and a couple of stumps making a big improvement, especially at the back of the church. Thank you all for your efforts, and especially Simon who spent several mornings the following week feeding a shredder to reduce the offcuts. Several people offered to help but couldn't make that particular morning and we look forward to you and others joining us at future working parties - the next will be in late September or early October, see next month's report for details.

One of the conflicting events that Saturday was the trip to Salisbury organised by Su McClellan of which I have heard great reports - "It was a lovely day, the Blue Badge guide excellent and Choral Evensong wonderful". I understand the guide is qualified for a number of locations so maybe there will be an opportunity to go on another trip with him next year.

From Thursday 7th to Sunday 10th September Ladbroke Church is taking part in Heritage Open Days. Our special displays this year will be on glass, textiles and thatch. The church will be open all day as usual on these dates but if you want to see the full exhibition, or have a cuppa and cake, come along at the following times:

- Thursday 7th Sept and Friday 8th Sept: 2.00 - 4.30pm (including pre-booked guided tours for groups)
- Saturday 9th Sept: 10.00am - 4.30pm (guided tours at 11.00am and 3.00pm, no booking required)
- Sunday 10th Sept: 2.00 - 4.00pm

There is more information in the article on page 12 and you can find out more about other Heritage Open Day events locally or indeed anywhere in England on www.heritageopendays.org.uk/visiting



Ladbroke Parish Council

Simon West

This is a summary of key information from the meeting on 12th July. The formal minutes taken by the clerk will be put on the noticeboard by the pub and on the village website in due course.

Highways & footpaths: Highways will be asked to check visibility down the bypass from the Radbourne Lane junction and also if they would maintain that part of Radbourne Lane on the village side of the bypass. Visibility on the Southam/Banbury Road roundabout will also be raised. There appears to have been no progress with the drains near the church and Councillor Neal

will take photos if there are problems with the next rains. The quote for a kissing gate at the end of Windmill Lane is awaited.

John Bicknell attended the police forum and raised the issue of motorbike noise; the response was there is a lack of resources at the key times - Wednesday evening and Sunday mornings. It will be raised again at the next forum with a specific request for action.

Flooding: There is likely to be an open forum once the contractor is chosen for individual property protection, which should be by the end of September. There is also a possibility of a bund protecting the Village Hall, Attwood Cottage and Bridge Cottage.

Planning: The Brock Farm Stud application was withdrawn. There were no representations for the amendment to plans for Sarah's cottage as this has reduced the scope of the changes. The SDC built up boundary for the village is unchanged apart from the new house at the back of Old Rectory House.

HS2: The enabling works contractor has agreed to attend the September Parish Council meeting.

Broadband: Some enabling works have been done but there are still some duct blockages to be cleared.

SDC: Since the Core Strategy was approved SDC moved from being second busiest planning department in the country to the 25th. The Wellesbourne airfield development is not progressing now. There is still pressure from central government for more houses.

WCC: £20M needs to be saved from the budget, Children's services for 0-5 year olds are being rationalised. The move of business rates to local government was not mentioned in the Queen's Speech so the budget for next year is unclear. The earliest start for the main works on HS2 is now December 2018 as the main contractor is still being appointed. *Post meeting note: contractors were announced on 17th July - we are in the Brackley to Long Itchington Wood green tunnel portal section which will be a joint venture by Carillion Construction Ltd (UK), Eiffage Genie Civil SA (France), Kier Infrastructure and Overseas (UK).*

The WCC County Council Councillors' Grant Fund is aimed at community and voluntary organisations with each councillor having £5000 to support small-scale projects within their area. This year's application process starts later in July. Full details are on the WCC website.

There is a new police sergeant for the area - Sergeant Ryan.

Next meeting: Wednesday 13th September at 7.45pm.





Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge Women's Institute

Carol Lane & Dianne Surgey

On 24th June the Village Hall was crowded with people (mostly ladies!) for our excellent Strawberry Tea. There was a great atmosphere in the hall, despite the queues for refreshments and steam coming out of the ears of the helpers and bargains were to be had on the book and plant stalls.

Then on Thursday, 6th July we had a most interesting evening when Louise Grey came to tell us all about her jewellery and how she got started in the business. When her daughter wanted to do charity work abroad she had to raise £3,000 and Louise felt that it would take an awful lot of car washes and grocery packing to raise that sum. So she bought some jewellery and sold it at profit to help her daughter. As she became more interested in the jewellery she felt that it was not all to her taste and the friend from whom she had bought the items invited her to go out to India with her to choose some of the stones. From this point onwards there was no looking back and she learned to only buy the best available. Another contact invited her to go to Bali where she also sources some of her raw materials and she has since started going to China.

Her main focus now is to buy the best raw materials that she can source and to design the individual pieces which are then made up by a silversmith in one of the poorer countries where he has to support his disabled son. She has recruited her husband to join her in the business since his retirement three months ago. Louise went on to describe some of the more unusual items on display and explain the origins of the various stones before we were all able to have a closer look.

In the business meeting which followed, Dianne told us about some of the outings she had taken part in or represented us at. At Blenheim on 23rd June, the flower show was just glorious and there were lots of stalls, including Louise's jewellery with an interesting visit to the house and a good value lunch.

The Annual Meeting in Liverpool had been a wonderful experience sharing the Echo arena with 5000 WI members. There were some very passionate speakers and although both Resolutions - 'Microplastic fibres' and 'Loneliness' - were carried by a very clear majority, this did not necessarily reflect the views on the day. Dianne felt that it threw into question the whole process of Resolutions and she, personally, would like to see voting at local level taking place AFTER the Annual Meeting when delegates could help to inform members BEFORE they vote.

Dates for your diary

- How safe are you online?: 24th August or 19th October Federation House, 1.30-3.30pm, £25.

- Ludlow Food & Drink Festival: 8th September, Warwick, 8.30am, £22
- Southwell Workhouse & Market Town: 15th September, Tesco, 9.00am, £20 and £8.65 (non NT members)
- Find your voice: 23rd September, Stoneleigh Village Hall, 10.00am-3.00pm £18, bring lunch
- Tewkesbury & Gloucestershire & Warwickshire Steam Railway: 4th October, Tesco 9.00am, £40 steam train trip and cream tea.
- National Heritage Weekend at Saltisford Canal Centre: Sat 9th and Sun 10th September, 9am-5pm. All donations of cakes, biscuits, preserves and garden produce very welcome!
- Historic Bath and Christmas Market: Thursday 7th December (our meeting night!). Tesco, 9.30am, depart Bath 7.00pm, £25 for members and guests.

Our next meeting: Thursday 7th September with Viv Morgan telling us about the School for Bullied Children.

	<h2>Ladbroke Matters</h2>	<p>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 **Supper and Film Night** is planned for **Friday 18th August** when we will be screening 'Sully: Miracle on the Hudson'. Directed by Clint Eastwood and starring Tom Hanks, it is the true story of Chesley Sullenberger, an American pilot who became a hero after landing his damaged aircraft on the Hudson river, saving all those on board. But then he had to face an investigation.....

Doors open and food served at 7pm. Film starts at 8pm. Please bring your own drinks. Ice creams will be available to purchase during the interval.

Tickets are £12 to include a two course summer meal. To book, please telephone Nicky on 815196 by **Wednesday 16th August**. These events are always very popular and sell out very quickly, so don't delay, book now!

Email Nicky (nicolalewis24@tiscali.co.uk) if you would like to be added to the film night email list.

Millennium Green - Now that the schools have broken up, it's a great opportunity to bring the kids or grandkids down to the Green for some fun. We have a super play area and picnic tables too!





Other events planned for later this year are a quiz night on **Saturday 7th October**, and a drama evening for **Saturday 11th November**. Both in the Village Hall.

Next year, we are hoping to have one of our popular safari suppers on **Saturday 27th January**.

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

Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club

June 2017

£50	Brian and Margaret Whitehouse	£50	Susan Moore
£25	Carole and Peter Loftus	£25	Martin & Debra Neal
£25	Margaret Bosworth	£10	Mary Coley
£10	Pauline Long	£10	Joan Perry
£10	Jill Norgate	£10	Lorna Carleton

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who continues to support our Millennium Draw. We have members who have participated since the start of the Draw together with new residents who have recently come to live in Ladbroke. Every month we realise a profit of around £210 and give away £225 in prizes. Since the Draw's inception some £35,000 has been raised to support the ongoing maintenance and improvements to the Village Hall. Thank you all, and if you are not already a member and would like to be, please give me a call.

Margaret Bosworth
01926 817312



Ladbroke General Section

Heritage Open Days 7th - 10th September

Once again this FREE national event will be happening during the second weekend in September. It runs from the Thursday to Sunday; some places take part just for one day, for example the National Trust's Upton House and Charlecote Park have no admission charge on Saturday 9th September. You can visit places that are not normally open to the public such as Princethorpe College chapel (Sunday 10th, 2-4pm) and others organise special tours - Southam Heritage Collection will be running guided walks around Southam town centre with stories about the old buildings that were once public houses and their landlords during the mornings of Friday 8th and Saturday

9th September, in conjunction with their ongoing exhibition "A Pint of Ale - Southam's Public Houses" in the basement of Vivian House.

Ladbroke Church is taking part once again: each year there is a special theme and this time it is glass, textiles and thatch. So come along with your neighbours, friends and relatives and find out more about our stained glass windows, admire the amazingly intricate needlework by the Stratford NADFAS volunteers and others on our banners, stoles etc and learn how Ladbroke's master thatcher created the roof on Church Cottage next door. We will be serving refreshments too for those that would like tea or coffee or a cold drink and a piece of cake. Group guided tours can be arranged on Thursday and Friday but must be pre-booked on 01926 810331. There will be guided tours for all (no booking required) on the Saturday at 11am and 3pm. Ladbroke Church will be open all day as usual but if you want to see the full exhibition, or have that cuppa and cake, come along at the following times:

- Thursday 7th and Friday 8th Sept: 2.00 - 4.30pm
- Saturday 9th Sept: 10.00am - 4.30pm
- Sunday 10th Sept: 2.00 - 4.00pm

Full details of all the Heritage Open Day events are on the website www.heritageopendays.org.uk/visiting, you can search by postcode which makes it very easy to find what's on offer close to home or if you are away that weekend, places near to where you will be.

Jackie West



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

June 2017

The audience was given an opportunity to comment on the reviewed Neighbourhood Plan. Mr Brough explained he wanted his land on Bush Heath Lane to be put in the plan for self-build Eco-Homes. He said there was a need for them. Jenny Patrick wondered if such plans could be changed at a later date but Mr Brough said there would be a binding agreement. Linda Ridgley criticised the appearance of the only two such homes built locally and the architect said his profession endorsed self-build and "contemporary" design". There then followed discussion on proposed changes to the NDP with the PC's consultant advising on detail, especially the designation of community assets and local green spaces.

The Councillors considered various suggestions from developers for their land to be included in the village boundary. This would give them a better chance to get planning permission. The land below Treens Hill was not

contiguous with the developed area and the Chair emphasised the Parish Plan and Design Statement protected that slope.

Similarly, the Price Family Trust had wanted their holdings, especially off Bull Ring Lane, to be included. The Parish was clear this area was and always had been outside the boundary and that the Housing Need Survey (done to determine the need for the Hereburgh Way Estate) was now outdated. In both these cases the PC decided the plan would not be amended, but they would consider any plans for such development in the usual way.

We then moved to the Ordinary Meeting where District Cllr Jacqui Harris encouraged the PC to apply for funding from the Gaydon Lighthorne Heath (GLH) development (a total of £3m Community Mitigation) which in our case could pay for traffic lights at the Bendigo-Mitchell Crossroads.

County Cllr Bob Stevens said our area would need another secondary school because of the GLH development but warned £20m of savings on secondary schools had to be made by 2020. Parish Cllr Gibb asked that the parish be consulted on plans for an express bus service from the GLH development as he felt it ought to benefit Harbury as well as Gaydon and Lighthorne Heath.

Parish Cllr Ekins again pressed for better signage in Southam about the weight limit on the Railway Bridge at Deppers. The present signs were inadequate and there was no way that, having passed the signs, 38 ton lorries could turn back.

Various planning applications were discussed. The PC registered no comment on inside works on Wissett Lodge or the reduction of affordable homes at the Quarries, but the Chairman was concerned that the promised surgery seemed unlikely to materialise. Cllrs had met Spitfire Homes who intend to build on Pam's Paddock off Vicarage Lane and as a result Spitfire were to hold a Consultation on 30th June but only for the immediate neighbours.

Properties

Cllr Gibb offered to consult the village young people on the options for a climbing wall and let them decide what was best. Most of the repairs and painting of equipment had been finished.

There were long discussions on which of two contractors should install the extension to the walking path and erect the third bench and whether the path should be extended. They agreed to put the bench further from the boundary of the home owners who had complained about it.

Similarly replacing the wooden bollards and chain at Deppers playing field and what to do with the crocodile teeth and plates at the entrance to Harbury Field took a while to resolve.

Environment

Cllr Gibb asked his colleagues to "peer into a bin near you" as he is campaigning to have litter bins emptied more frequently. He had spoken to

the Co-op manager about the bin outside the store and their recycling which he said “blows down Mill Street.” The clothes bins at the Shakespeare and Old New Inn and the dog waste bins would be part of his survey.

Chris Gibb had been disappointed with the lack of take-up of bus vouchers by village teenagers but the vouchers were valid for a year and would be available in the Library. He would hand them out at the school bus stops too.

The Clerk had received a complaint about developer’s vehicles carving up the Pound. The substantial oak bollards have now disappeared. Cllr Thornley pointed out that vehicles were parked on the Green where children would be playing in the holidays. The Police would be asked to deal with the problem and the Clerk would source new bollards for there and Deppers.

Finance

Cllr Mancell’s monthly financial report was in order but he said the Council had overspent on “Village Assets”. The Councillors agreed the Village Club’s application for a £910 Grant to refurbish their snooker tables.

Next Meeting: 28th September, 7.30pm Village Hall



Harbury Cemetery Update

Last month’s unofficial Parish Council report by the Harbury News reporter stated that the Rugby Club had offered to install railing to retain the present hedge at the front of the Cemetery. That is wrong. The players at the Rugby Club have offered to take down the rotten fencing (covered in ivy) so that it can be burnt on the annual bonfire. This will save us money and will take place at the end of October/beginning of November.

The usual contractor will be erecting railing to retain the existing hedge and installing new round-top paling fencing which is to go from the end of the existing front hedge, around the corner and up to the boundary with Hessele Cottage.

We are trying our best to keep the cemetery weed free. The next monthly clearing session by The Friends of Harbury Cemetery will be on Thursday 7th September 10am until 12noon. Please put the date in your diary and join us if you can. You will be made very welcome.

Councillor Pat Summers



HARBURY SURGERY MILL STREET, HARBURY

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Harbury Society

Linda Ridgley

Southam Walk - John F. Smith

A walk around historic Southam was led by John Smith for a group from the Society on 24th June; fortunately, a fine day. Commencing from the Wood Street car park John gave a brief history of the prosperous and little-changed market town from Doomsday through mediaeval times, its coaching period prosperity and on to the present day.

The walk first visited the site of the Catholic School on Daventry Street opened in 1876 by a sect of German Sisters. The next buildings of interest were the Crown Inn/Market Tavern recently refurbished and re-opened as the Brook, followed by the Bull which held a pig market and had a cider press set up in the yard every Autumn. It was famous for its cider which was sold as far afield as London. It also had a flax business and a rope walk for the manufacture of rope and was associated with no less than suicide, murder and a shooting. These were only two of the fifteen or so pubs in Southam at any given time in the past.

The present coffee shop, Jackie's Pantry and Teashop, occupies part of what was Southam's Department Store for some years. Nearby, the Manor House is now occupied by the pharmacy and was recently restored to its original external appearance and its fine half-timbering. One of the first skirmishes of the Civil War took place just outside Southam and King Charles I stayed at the Manor House and he is thought to have demanded that the people gave their plate for melting down to pay his army. This was the first year of the Civil War and prior to the battle of Edge Hill after which Cromwell stayed in the town with 7000 troops. It seems he was much more popular in the town than the King.

In Market Street, Chickabiddy Lane was pointed out, where there was a chicken market at one time, and then on to the Craven Arms hotel, formerly the site of the Griffin Inn which was burned down in 1742. The hotel was the main posting house for coaches on the main route from London and Banbury to Coventry and cities in the North. Its stables could house 50 horses and it was the centre for travelling theatres in the 1820s. All the buildings have been converted to residences.

The alley between the shops and the old supermarket leads to the Old Court House, now disused. This was a magistrates' court, a billet for soldiers in World War I, a cinema in the 1820s, and a venue for concerts and a revival of the cinema in the 1950s.

Across from the supermarket car park is a row of cottages which were lodgings for the grooms, drivers and postillions from the Craven Arms and further down the Banbury Road is the 17th Century Brown's bridge over the River Stowe.

Back towards Market Hill, on the left of Oxford Street are some 19th Century houses including the Old Bakery, where townspeople's Sunday dinners were cooked for them whilst they were in church; the church bell known as the Pudding Bell was rung when they were cooked and ready for collection. The alley between the bakery and Vernon House provides a good view of the rear of the property and leads to Warwick Street and its junction with Abbey Lane. Here lie several 16th century cottages and the house restored as the winner of the competitive TV programme, 'Restoration'

Following Warwick Road up the hill, past several fine houses, the Stoneythorpe Hotel is reached, now a wedding venue. It started life as the home of Henry Lilley Smith who opened a hospital for ear and eye diseases in 1818. His history is given on the nearby Memorial, the site of his dispensary, which was demolished in 1858.

Turning right, a footpath descends to the River Stowe and by walking across the Recreation Ground the cemetery behind the 14th Century Parish Church was reached. Near the top of the steps on the right is a memorial gravestone to Seth Bond, a survivor of the Charge of the Light Brigade who lived in Southam for the latter part of his life. Leaving the churchyard, opposite is the new library, café and apartment building, certainly an attractive asset to the town. In front of the building is a modern sculpture depicting local stories and myths, some carved by local schoolchildren.

Across the road is the Old Mint public house where local trading tokens were produced years ago. The final place of interest was the Bowling Green Inn. It was at the centre of the cattle market and a haven for the auctioneers at the end of the day. Joseph Arch, the founder of the Agriculture Labourers Union, held meetings here at the Red Lion which was on the site of the present fire station. The Bowling Green is still a successful hostelry serving good food and drink to this day.

This was an interesting visual history of the main part of our local traditional market town and enjoyed by all who attended.



You really could have heard a pin drop while Georgie Hale was telling us about her experience of being shipwrecked in Antarctica in 2007. Her husband, Clive, had a terminal illness and wanted to do all the adventure holidays he could, so they booked a cruise to Antarctica. Although on a much smaller icebreaker ship than the Titanic, they too were holed below the waterline by an iceberg. They were rescued after waiting over four hours in lifeboats in -5C and in freezing water. Georgia's main regret was that they didn't get to see the Emperor Penguins. She took video and still photos while it was happening so we could see for ourselves the saddest sight of the ship sinking. Everyone was rescued without much harm as they were properly

prepared with Arctic kit, but, nonetheless, it was a traumatic event for all concerned.

Some of our members oversaw biscuit decorating at the Harbury PTA Fayre which was most enjoyably messy! We visited Waterperry Gardens in Oxfordshire when it was meant to rain all day, but we stayed dry and loved the quirky museum, the wonderful gardens with a huge variety of flowers, just designed for wandering in, and very good food in the café.

Harbury is a busy WI and is set to be even busier next year, our centenary year. We have no official meeting in August, but we do have our Garden Party on 10th August before it is back to normal on the 2nd Thursday of the month in the Tom Hauley Rooms at 7.30pm for a 7.45pm start. Visitors are always welcome.



On a warm July night sprinkled lightly with much-needed rain, we kept our monthly date at the Village Club. We were aware that several of our usual suspects were absent on other duties, and your scribe had been resurrecting a multitude of songs and tunes in anticipation of having to fill out a depleted list of singers. How wrong can you be? We ended up with twelve acts who produced an evening of excellent musicianship, even prompting a legendary third half because nobody wanted to go home!

The theme was Songs Beginning with S. Sue and I began proceedings with a harmonica-backed version of Sovay, telling of a female highway-person. Pete Mason gave us Streets of London and a Sean Lakeman/Katherine Roberts song, Wisdom of Standing Still. Norman Wheatley pushed the boundaries of the theme (an old Harbury tradition) by singing I'm Into Something Good, with the justification that it was "a Summery Song". He redeemed himself totally with his second song, written especially for the occasion. Entitled Sing Something Sibilant, to the tune of Buffalo Girls, every word began with an S. A real tour de force, it was cheered to the rafters. John Hill, a relative and much welcome newcomer to the club, sang Senor by Bob Dylan, and Seven by David Bowie. Campbell and Jan came up with The Snow Falls from the singing of John Tams, followed by a self-penned song called Escape to the Country. Richard gave us Across the Sea by Stan Graham, and The Seashore, one of his own compositions. Martin Day finished the first spasm with Sandiogo Serenade from Tom Waite, and St. James Infirmary on ukelele and harmonica.

Our beloved Harbury has been much dug up by contractors in the past few weeks, laying brand new yellow gas mains, so it was inevitable that your scribe should begin the second spasm with The Gasman Cometh, on the (I thought very sound) basis that gas makes a sound like sssss when you turn it on. Rik Middleton sang Spurn Point and South Coast, rapidly followed by Pete and Liz Bones with Settle to Carlisle Railway and The Skin Song. Janny and Maureen sang Sweet Nightingale and Silly Old Fool, emphasising that

the second song did not refer to anyone in the audience. Their respective husbands did not look entirely convinced, it should be added. Des Patalong fired up the Harbury Chorus Engine with South Australia and Shallow Brown, followed by Sue and Ian Hartland who ended the second half with Spencer the Rover and Sail Away Ladies.

To complete the evening, we asked Pete Mason, Campbell and Jan, and Des to give us one more song each. Pete sang the evocative Slip Jigs and Reels, Campbell and Jan gave us Singing through the Hard Times, and Des finished the evening in a positive storm of harmony with The Innocent Hare. Our raffle raised an astonishingly generous £100 which has made its way to the MND Association. Next month's club will be on 3rd August. Our hosts will be Doug and Janny, and the theme will be Manual Work.



Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th June

Around forty members and supporters of the club turned out in support of the Natwest Rugby Taskforce week-end. The Clubroom was decorated throughout and is now awaiting new carpet tiles to be fitted later on in August. Changing rooms and showers were painted whilst the car park's pot holes were filled in, weed-killer applied and grass strimmed. Ditches were cleared of rubbish and nettles cut down in and around the copse. A magnificent effort by all who took part, reflecting the pride and commitment in which they regard the Clubhouse and grounds.

Saturday 8th July

A big turn-out at the Club early in the morning (well it was around 8am on a Saturday morning!) saw bacon butties, tea and coffee being served before sitting down to watch the third and final Lions Test. This was played out to a dramatic draw thereby drawing the test series. Following the match, new Head Coach (Ben) introduced himself and set out his training regime for the coming season and then exchanged ideas with both players and members as to what they wanted to achieve this season.

Thursday 13th July

A large number of classic cars, motor cycles and ex-army recovery trucks turned into the Club on a warm sunny evening. A wide range of vehicles were on show creating interest from both spectators and participants alike. The bar was open and a BBQ provided refreshment.

Forthcoming events:

Seniors' Training Nights. Tuesday and Thursday nights from now throughout the season starting at 7pm, headed up by Ben and supported by specialist backs coach, Russ.

Thursday 10th August. Classic Car night at the Clubhouse starting at 6:30pm – everyone welcome.

Saturday 19th August. Pre-season warm-up friendly game (is there such a thing as a “friendly” game?) at home against Syston. The game will be played in four 20 minute sessions allowing plenty of recovery time for those not quite up to full fitness! All players and supporters welcome. Syston are travelling over from Leicester by coach so as not to interfere with the after-match entertainment!

Sunday 3rd September, 10.00am. Training starts for the Mini and Juniors.



We are a well-supported, friendly Club and welcome new boys and girls from 5 years old (school year 1) up through the age groups to 16 years. Come along for free taster sessions during September after which the annual subscription becomes payable. Join us for training and regular fixtures against local clubs on Sundays throughout the season.

All our coaches are DBS checked and have attended RFU coaching courses.

First aiders are present at all sessions. Each individual age group has a dedicated team manager.

For Mum and Dad - an hour or two of relative peace and quiet. Relax in the warm with a bacon roll, cup of coffee and the Sunday papers. Alternatively, wrap up warm and offer some friendly encouragement from the touch line.

Go on – give us a try!



Harbury Tennis Club

Colin and Sue Mercer

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

The club got into the mood for Wimbledon with our Strawberry Tournament, “co-produced” by Olly Wiltshire and Peter Walshe, with lashings of strawberries and cream kindly donated by Eira Owen. The weather wasn’t too great and we started off with a shower but that didn’t bother the 20 players involved who had a very busy evening. There were some very close matches in the group stages with four pairs qualifying for the knock-out stages - Eira Owen/Peter Walshe, Debi Morisot/Olly Wiltshire, Caroline Morland/Callum Panton, and “deadly duo” David Bristow/Chris Cousins (not sure who was the honorary lady!). Unfortunately, Caroline had to drop out due to injury and



Jane Minchin stepped up to the plate to partner Callum in the first semi-final. This was against Olly and Debi whose greater experience of playing together all evening saw them through to the final where they met David and Chris who had beaten them in the group stage. It was a monumental battle but the “deadly duo” were the eventual winners.



We hosted our third Primary Schools Festival with Harbury, Moreton Morrell, Bishops Itchington and Southam St. James taking part. Earlier in the term our *coolsportz* coaches Lianne Candappa and Rob West had delivered free taster sessions in the schools and invited each one to send a team of three girls and three boys to Harbury for a fun festival. Rob organised a great mix of inter-school matches and the children really enjoyed the afternoon. It was all very close but Harbury were the overall winners.

The Junior programme has had a very successful year with numbers increasing and as previously reported we've had teams in the Warwickshire LTA Mini Red leagues, which is great for a small club. The next programme starts week commencing 4th September with sessions on Mondays between 4.30pm and 7.30pm, and Thursdays between 3.45pm and 5.45pm. For more details email Lianne Candappa at lianne@coolsportz.co.uk

In the Banbury Summer Leagues Harbury suffered a defeat at Kings Sutton in Division 4 of the midweek format. Unfortunately we were only able to field two ladies due to holiday and other commitments, which meant we had to concede three rubbers so were losing 0-3 before we set off! However, Caroline Morland, Helen Cooper, Steve Stark, Nigel Eaton and Colin Mercer very nearly pulled off a surprise win by winning four of the six rubbers played to make it a “respectable” 4-5 defeat. The next match was at home against Brackley “B” with Debs Brookes, Lizzie Morton and Ben Fish joining Caroline, Steve and Colin. On a very windy evening the visitors were clearly unsettled playing on our hard courts and Harbury took full advantage with an excellent 8-1 win. This saw us leapfrog Brackley into second place in the league, just

one point behind the leaders with a game in hand – August will be very interesting!

In the weekend format Harbury entertained league leaders Warwick Tennis Club with regulars Caroline Morland and Nigel Eaton being joined by Tamsin Frost and Mathieu Savin who were making their debuts. The match couldn't have been any closer, ending in a 2-2 draw, and the games score 36-36, which put Harbury into second place behind Warwick. In the return match a week later on Warwick's fast astroturf courts, made even faster by a heavy shower during the warm-up, the home side were too strong for Katy and Olly Wiltshire, Eira Owen and Colin Mercer and wrapped up a 4-0 win which virtually guarantees Warwick the league title.

Finally, a reminder that the Harbury Courts are open to the public when not being used by the tennis club for coaching (term time only), matches (Wednesday evenings, NOT every week) or club sessions on Tuesdays, 6.30pm, Thursdays 6.45pm, and Sundays (10.00am-12.00 noon). Details of these sessions can be found on our website, clubspark.lta.org.uk/HarburyTC Paul and Mary Muggleston at Country Fayre have taken court bookings and fees for us at their shop for many years. They recently announced their retirement and we wish them well for a long and happy one. As a result of this we are changing the booking arrangements and have been in discussions with another great community organisation, Harbury Village Library! Members of the public can now book a court at Harbury Village Library. Children and young people aged 18 and under may use the tennis courts free of charge unless the courts are in use by the club (see above) or by a fee-paying adult.



Another term has whizzed by and I think we're all looking forward to a rest over the summer break! Harbury Scouts continues to flourish with 23 ten to fourteen year old boys and girls from Harbury and the surrounding villages. We've had another packed programme and continue to try to offer a balanced set of activities to promote the Scouting ethos *that "we exist to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society"*. Our mission statement (yes we have one!) reminds us of these values: *"Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal. Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others. Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live. Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes. Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends"*.

Our aim is to promote these values by making sure that our Scouts; *"enjoy what they are doing and have fun, take part in activities indoors and outdoors, learn by doing, share in spiritual reflection, take responsibility and make*

choices, undertake new and challenging activities, make and live by their Promise”.

So, with all that in mind we've been up to all sorts, including an evening discussing and discovering the Harbury blue plaque WW1 memorial trail, a 'mad-science' evening, hiking, pen-knife skills, disc-golf, kayaking, an evening helping in the school grounds and an orienteering session with local group Octavian Droobers to name but a few.

Earlier in the year we had our annual Summer Camp at Studland in Dorset and the rest of this article is a quick round-up of what we got up to.

Early one Saturday morning 1st Harbury Scouts met at the Scout Hut bright and breezy, excited to be heading off on our annual camp. This year we were heading to Dorset, to a site tucked away on the shores of Poole Harbour on the unspoilt Studland side. We loaded up the Minibus, waved our goodbyes and were soon on the road. En-route we decided on a quick diversion in to the New Forest to eat our pack-lunches and generally let off steam. Refreshed we were back on the road and arrived at our site an hour or two later.



Camp Pitched and Fires Lit

With high spirits we set about pitching camp and in no time had our traditional 'big green' Icelandic Patrol tents up, followed quickly with the two mess tents. The Scouts set off to explore the site (which is simply a clearing in wooded country in the middle of nowhere – fantastic). With a mission to attempt to wear the

Scouts out (you know what first nights can be like!) us leaders decided to take the troop on an evening stroll to Studland beach, some three miles away. We arrived to witness a fantastic sun-set, with the sun dipping behind Old-Harry Rocks and a calm sea. It was around 9.00pm but that didn't stop half the troop piling in to the sea in their underwear! We got back to the site late and after a snack and hot chocolate the Scouts headed for bed, miraculously some of them even got some sleep.

The sun was shining the next morning and after a cooked breakfast we jumped back in to the minibus and headed for our first 'organised activity' which was to be kayaking, again from the Studland shore. Our instructor Dan was fantastic and soon had us all exploring the sea caves and stacks of Old Harry Rocks. After a good round trip we finished up with the obligatory messing about, splashing each other and capsizing at least half of us. Back on dry land we pootled back to site for some free time.

**All kitted up
and ready
to kayak**



A bunch of us put our pioneering skills to the test and erected our aerial-runway. With pulleys pulled tight and rope-ladder strung up we were away, and an hour or two disappeared whizzing down the runway. That evening we split in to patrols and got our alter fires going. Culinary expertise was tested and spaghetti bolognese of various quantity and quality was created. Luckily all was edible and everyone enjoyed a good meal. Wide games all but finished the day off, with hot-chocolate and marshmallows by the camp fire seeing the Scouts retire to bed. The busy day took its toll and a good night's sleep ensued.



Brownsea Island

We woke to glorious sunshine again, breakfasted, made our packed lunches and set off on day three's adventure, which was to be a visit to the birthplace of Scouting – Brownsea Island. A quick hop on the chain ferry to Sandbanks before transferring to the passenger ferry to Brownsea saw us arrive on the Island at around 10.30am, where we were greeted by the National Trust volunteers who were expecting us. All booked in we took a leisurely meander around the Island, stopping to

look for birds from the various hides, to play a game of footy on one of the secluded clearings, to play in the adventure playground, to picnic, to swim from the beach and finally to visit the Scouting visitor centre on the Scout camp-site. The friendly Scout Wardens told the Scouts the story of Lord Baden Powell's first camp here in 1907, and all were able to spend

some pocket money on badges, woggles, pens and pencils etc. A troop photo by the inscribed commemoration stone and the 5.30pm ferry was beckoning. We reversed our journey and arrived back at camp weary but content.



Off-road cycling

Day four arrived. Breakfast cooked and eaten. Packed lunch made. The sun still shining (miracles can happen) and we had yet more adventure in store! Our hire cycles were delivered to our site and after some saddle adjustment we were off to explore the local countryside. We followed a fantastic 10 mile route through the forest

and only the last half mile or so on road took us in to Corfe Castle. Bikes parked we went in to the castle and the Scouts were able to head off and explore. I'm not sure how many of them learned of its eleventh century origins, or the role it played during the 17th century English Civil war – but they enjoyed an ice cream!

Rested we set off for the second half of our cycle, again off road but this time we climbed a bridle track up on to Nine-Barrow Down and followed the Purbeck Way, with fantastic views over the Dorset countryside. We looped back round to the beach once more and the Scouts were able to cool themselves with a paddle or a swim. As the sun lowered we headed back to complete our 20 mile round trip and once again arrived back to camp weary but happy.

Alas our fifth and final day arrived all too quickly and we set about striking camp. The heat had us frequently heading for shade, but having suffered many a wet camp at this time of year before, we weren't going to complain. We finished with our now traditional egg-throwing contest where Scouts compete in pairs to see which couple can successfully throw and catch the egg (without breaking it) the furthest distance. Simple entertainment....



Cooling down after a long cycle

After another long journey we arrived back to Harbury on the Wednesday evening, all hands on deck to unload the trailer and stack the kit and we bid each other adieu to head for a long bath and a soft bed. Thanks to my fellow leaders Richard and Paul, our helper Will, and most of all to all the Harbury Scouts who were so well behaved (well most of them most of the time!) and were a great bunch to spend time with. Here's to next year!



Harbury Toddler Group

Lynne Barton

School's out for summer - wow that went quickly, we had so much fun!

Toddlers is closed during August, starting back again on Monday 4th September with more large easel art from creative artist Deb Dutton, our very own Alison Hunt will lead story and rhymes, and the secret door through to the Library will be opened once again. Plus, we have a taster relaxation session and Rhythm Time have promised a visit.

Consultation

The Local Authority are keen to reshape services for children aged 0 to 5 and their families as they have to save a huge amount of money. We think that Toddler Groups will be all the more important, so please do continue your support by attending.

If you want to have your say on the future of Warwickshire's Children's Centres here is the link: <https://askwarks.wordpress.com/2017/06/29/reshaping-services-for-children-and-families-consultation/>

Activities

Aimee Mann, mother to Freddie, Bella and Jago, organised some lovely painting for us, rolling cars in the paint and making tracks.



We also loved our 'messy animal' play; we encourage the children to explore all manner of textures and 'feely things'. For some children going to the small child friendly sinks afterwards is the very best part, turning the taps on full flow to wash their hands, water play at the perfect height.

The photos show dancing with mini beasts with Miss Lorraine from Love Ballet Company, she is one of our regulars and it's a pleasure to welcome her and her children.



Friendships

Toddler Groups were established to enable people to come together and meet new people and often forming lasting friendships, we know parenting can be a bit of a lonely place sometimes. This photograph perfectly illustrates the informal chatty atmosphere we hope we have enabled at Harbury Toddler Group - happy parents, happy children.



Special Award

It isn't very often you feel able to 'blow your own trumpet' but we think on this one occasion it is warranted. Entrust Care Partnership run Toddlers and recently we attended a 'glam do' at the Touch FM Pride of Warwick Awards and we WON the Carer of the Year Award 2017. We are very proud, we work in the health and social care sector caring for disabled children and families so this award feels a real accolade.



Summer Trip

On the last day of Toddlers, we had a lovely time at Henry's Castle, great day for a picnic outside and afterwards some sleepy toddlers ready for a nap. Thank you for all your support this term it is appreciated. We look forward to welcoming you back in September. Have a happy Summer. Missing you already. 😞

Come and join us

If you want to join us at the Toddler Group then Lynne, Selina, Chelly and Reg look forward to welcoming you - come on round, the kettle's on. We are based at the Wight School, High Street, Harbury, CV33 9HW (brown gate to the side) and meet at 9.30am saying bye bye at 11.15am. Thinking of coming along or need more information?



Please do ring Lynne on 01926 612748 or email lynnebarton@btinternet.com



Harbury Pre-School

Staff & Committee

It's been another busy second half of the summer term at Pre-School. The children leaving us this term have visited Mrs Neale the reception teacher at Harbury school and they then welcomed her to Pre-School for a visit. We've held a very successful open evening to celebrate with parents their children's work and we visited Hatton Country World for our annual outing. Lastly, we ended our term with our annual Teddy Bears' picnic at Harbury park, a chance to share time with parents and staff alike and of course our teddies. The children especially enjoyed the parachute games; a wonderful group activity involving adults and children together.



Can you help? As can be seen from this picture the children love our playhouse-cum-shelter; it has so many uses for role-play activities or as a peaceful place to read, relax or maybe sing songs. However, it desperately needs some TLC as the roof is now looking a little worse for wear due to rain and frost damage. If anyone could help us out by donating felting materials or some spare time to repair it we would be very grateful. Please contact Angie using the details below. Thank you.



Pre-School team: What makes our village preschool feel so warm and welcoming to children and parents alike? According to those who bring their children to Harbury Pre-School, it's the staff who collectively come together week in week out to give huge parts of themselves so willingly to ensure that

every child is cared for, nurtured and inspired with the sensitivity and tenderness they each deserve.

The Managers and Committee are so proud of our staffing team and we thank them all for another successful year as together they have provided such wonderful care and education.

The Autumn term: We return on the 4th September, and it is with much pleasure that we are now able to announce the long-awaited appointment of our newest member of staff, Catherine Kilbey, who has agreed to come and



join our happy team. An experienced practitioner, we very much look forward to working with Catherine and of course welcoming our new children who will join us in September for the start of another exciting term.

Opening times: The Pre-School session times from the Autumn term have altered slightly and as such we can confirm that our standard opening hours will be:

Monday	12.30 – 3.30pm
Tuesday	9am – 3.30pm
Wednesday	9am – 12 noon
Thursday	9am – 3.30pm
Friday	9am – 12 noon

Wednesday afternoons are planned for the near future.

If you would like further information, or to register a child for Harbury Pre-School, please contact Angie Clifton, e-mail enquiries@harburypre-school.org.uk, phone 07833 597973 or take a look at either the website www.harburypre-school.org.uk or our Facebook page.



Village Hall Update

Geoff Thorpe

August, the Village Hall's quietest month, usually! Except this year, as we said in last month's issue, John Warner and his team will be working flat out to replace the heating and lighting and to install modern insulation. There may be limited availability for bookings but the main hall will generally be out of action.

The next major event will be **The Harbury Beer Festival** on Friday 1st September and Saturday 2nd September. As usual the hall committee and GASS are providing the food. Hot dogs, crisps, soft drinks etc. We are always grateful for help, no experience necessary, "Bake Off" contenders we are not! If you can manage a stint helping for a few hours please ring Corinna Butler on 01926 612852 or email corinnabutler65@gmail.com

This Winter the hall should be warm and comfortable for the first time!

The Hall's New Website

Many thanks to John Bright of Optimum Web Marketing and to Andy Rutherford who have set up the Village Hall's new website, check out <http://harburyvillagehall.org/>



Horticultural Society

Judy Morrall

Well spotted if you noticed that the article last month did in fact relate to July 2016. I really do not know how that happened and I apologise as obviously the dates for garden visits were for last year. So here goes for August 2017!!

We enjoyed our trip to Mottisfont in June. The weather was perfect and the gardens stunning, the roses were so vibrant and the smells out of this world. The riverside walk, lime walk with yew octagon were impressive and the whole grounds provided something for everyone. Food ditto and the House just as I remembered from previous visits. A few extra rooms were open but the icing on the cake, as well as the exhibition of Shell posters, has to be the Rex Whistler room; my friend and I sat for ages just marvelling at the skill of the artist. The plant centre was full of amazing plants which were well looked after and most of us succumbed and brought back a reminder of a lovely day. If you have never been, do go, less than two hours away. Thank you to all of you who supported me last trip.

The weather has been so dry, I know we have had a few heavy downpours lately but that is the joy of living in this climate of ours. Some plants just revel in the sun but the downside being the watering of baskets, tubs and troughs. We shall all develop muscles from carrying the heavy watering cans! Some vegetables just refused to germinate this year, I have planted carrots four times and most of the climbing French beans just gave up. The pigeons took a liking to my peas before I could net them. So, a very different year from last year at the allotments but that is why we like a challenge.

I have dug up potatoes, picked broad beans, a few peas not eaten by said pigeons, the courgettes are coming along and I have picked the first ones recently, yellow and green. There are lots of garlic and salad crops and I have made the first ratatouille of the season, yummy. We have enjoyed strawberries and gooseberries and the apple, pear and the medlar trees are laden with fruit, so a full freezer again in the autumn and winter. My father was a brilliant gardener and had an allotment and one year he grew so many

swedes that we dreaded him coming back from his allotment with more. He loved his dahlias and roses and was a dab hand at grafting. He won awards for his dahlias so it is no wonder that my brother and I have inherited his love of gardening and I have the added bonus of being named after one of Dad's favourite flowers with my middle name being Rose.

My brother lives in Canada in deepest Alberta and has five acres of land and access to loads of manure from his rescued chickens and my niece's horse. He is struggling to keep his grape vines as the winters there are very cold. But he has many successes with all sorts of vegetables. I didn't like to tell him last time I spoke to him that our grape vine just growing in the ground on a south facing wall is absolutely laden with grapes this year, so Chateau Harris 2017 looks to be a good vintage!

If you are stuck for places to visit in August here are just a few suggestions, I have visited all of these gardens over the last few years so I know that you will not be disappointed. On Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th Offenham gardens near Evesham will be featuring three very diverse gardens. Open from 11.00am to 5.00pm, entrance is £4. Park in the village hall car park opposite the church, the post code is WR11 8QD. Then on Sunday 13th an old favourite of ours which we visited a few years ago, Bourton House gardens at Bourton on the Hill will be open from 10.00am to 5.00pm and entrance here is £7. These award winning three acre gardens are stunning, with fantastic views over the countryside, knot gardens, topiary and very many rare and unusual plants. Post code is GL56 9AE. The next day, Monday 14th do visit Kiftsgate which is near to Hidcote. Gardens will be open from 2.00 to 6.00pm and entrance is £8.50. This garden with the famous Kiftsgate rose has been lovingly developed by three generations of ladies and again has stunning views and hidden areas with a superb water feature.

On Saturday 20th Marlbrook gardens near Bromsgrove will feature two very different gardens. One is traditional with a hint of the exotic and the other is a plants-woman's cottage garden. Open from 1.30 to 5.30pm and entrance is £5.00. The post code is B60 1DY. Lastly on Sunday 27th and Monday 28th the Granary at Fenny Compton wharf will be open from 11.00am to 4.30pm and entrance here is £5. There are great views of the Oxford canal and the Dasset Hills and the one acre garden has herbaceous borders, water features, a cutting and herb garden and a kitchen garden. In addition, there is a three acre copse of British trees. Home-made teas at all gardens and they are all open under the NGS scheme which, as you know, supports good causes such as MacMillan Nurses. So, I think you will agree a great selection to choose one or more for a lovely way to spend a few hours and perhaps bring back ideas for your own garden.

Whatever you do in August as Alan Titchmarsh, one of my garden heroes along with Chris Beardshaw, would say "enjoy your garden".





Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery

Christine Dakin

By the time you read this I should have some black garlic for sale. Throughout the year I've offered samples to plant buying customers and the overall response is very positive. Garlic bulbs are slowly cooked on a low heat for a month(!!!) which changes the taste and texture completely. If you would like a delicious snack or something tasty to add to salads, pasta or pizza this is the latest thing.

Meanwhile I have become very bored of watering during the long hot, dry spell. Established plants in the garden will manage but anything in pots or containers will need daily watering. Our water supplier will soon be sending a large bill.

Reminders for the month.....

- Many vegetables should be ready to pick now including French beans, courgettes, tomatoes, lettuce and sweet corn. All so much fresher and tastier than supermarket bought veg.
- Continue to dead-head roses to keep more flowers coming.

Trim back rock roses (*helianthemum*) and also some hardy geraniums then they should flower again later in the summer.

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



Nature Notes

John Hancock

As I write it is mid-afternoon on 25th July. After a cool start the temperature has climbed to 23C (75F) and there is no wind. All that is set to change as a large area of low pressure is bowling towards us with the promise of strong winds and heavy rain.

Outside, I watched a young blackbird feeding on insects where the stone path meets the back lawn. It was pecking at ants galvanised by the heat. Jan Freeman asked me what promotes the simultaneous change from a crawling insect to ones that fly. She had noticed that they did this at the same time at the back and the front of the house (i.e. from different nests). Ants, termites and bees seasonally produce winged virgin queens and males with wings. Environmental cues (warm, still conditions) enable synchronised release of the insects from many colonies avoiding interbreeding and improving the gene pool. This also overwhelms predators, a phenomenon common throughout the animal world. The queen releases a pheromone and then tries to outfly the chasing pack. Only the fastest, fittest males are able to mate.

Ant hills in a field are a good sign that it has not been ploughed or fertilised. They are home to the Yellow Meadow ant and add to the biodiversity of an

area - witness the species rich swards at Ufton Fields Nature Reserve for instance.

On 17th July the U3A Natural History Group went by coach to Rutland Water in Leicestershire. This reservoir was created in the 1970s and much of the land surrounding the western half of the lake is a nature reserve. The star attractions are the ospreys which can be seen from March to September. In Manton Bay, accessed from the Lyndon Centre, a live webcam gives the visitor close-up views of the nest site. There are many bird hides and helpful ornithologists on hand so in small groups we had a relaxing afternoon observing Cormorant, Great Crested Grebe, Common Tern, Red Kite, Little Egret, Lapwing and many more.

Talking of Red Kites, I have some local news. The reintroduction of this magnificent bird took place in 1989. Several sites were chosen including Rutland Water and the Chilterns. Now, driving down the M40 near Stokenchurch you are more than likely to see several of these fork-tailed birds of prey soaring overhead. For some years they did not stray far from their release site helped by the fact they were being fed. They are carrion feeders and were once quite common on the streets of London. Lately several readers have seen one close to home. Susan Mann of Constance Drive wrote to me to say she was privileged to see one whilst sitting in her garden. She watched it for about an hour. Two weeks later both Susan and her husband Chris had another Red Kite sighting from their garden. So, from being close to extinction by the middle of the 20th century to its reintroduction in 1989 it is becoming common in large areas of lowland Britain.

Sharon and I were lucky to have perfect walking weather when we spent a week in Slovenia at the beginning of July. This small Alpine republic lies between Austria to the north and Croatia to the south. It also has short borders with Hungary and Italy with a 40K coastline on the Adriatic. Slovene is a Slavic language and spelling the name of the capital Ljubljana is quite a feat for English speakers. The Julian Alps are an extension of the Austrian mountains and the limestone terrain reminded us of the Dolomites. The Alpine meadows were spectacular and on some of our guided walks we came across several flowers becoming rare even in their heartland. Edelweiss is always special when found in the wild and we came across a patch at 6000ft on a ridge with hazy views of the sea 50 miles to the south west.

Another rarity was the dark Red Hellebortin (*Epipactis atrorubens*) which we found in lightly wooded rocky terrain at a lower altitude (about 4000ft). In Britain this orchid is very rare and I have never found one. It is reported in the limestone area around Morecambe Bay, the Upper Eden Valley in the North Pennines and the Peak District. We gasped when we came across the vivid blue Alpine Gentian growing amongst rocks and sparse grass on a ridge opposite Mount Triglav at 10,000ft Slovenia's highest peak.

Now the barley and oil seed rape harvest is in. The wheat crop awaits the combine. I've been picking blackberries and wild plums for a week. Some leaves, notably those of the Horse Chestnut are looking rather brown and crinkly. Enjoy the month of August with its seeding grasses both wild and cultivated.



General Section



Village Show

9th September is drawing near. We hope all your garden produce is growing successfully and you are trying out your recipes. If you haven't done so already, you can pick up schedules (adult's and children's) from the Library or download from www.harburyvillageshow.uk

Any queries? Check "On with the Show" or the RHS guidelines – both available for reference in the Library.

Offers of help to prepare the Hall on Friday evening (8th) and to clear after the show would be most welcome; also cakes for refreshments.

The children at Harbury School have been talked through the schedule so, with a bit of encouragement, we hope to see bumper entries in that section. There are some good ideas for rainy day activities too.

Any questions to 614809.

Village Show Steering Group

Can Anyone make Teacakes?



Sadly, in the Autumn we shall be losing our regular teacake baker, who has baked Biblio Café's very popular teacakes for over five years. We shall miss her sorely and would love to find a replacement. If you bake with yeast and would be willing to provide teacakes we would love to hear from you. Please get in touch with me (sal.47@hotmail.co.uk or 613214) - or call in to Biblio's any Wednesday - Saturday morning and speak to one of our volunteers.

Many thanks.

Sally Stringer



Harbury Energy Initiative

The Cars

You may have found the wait to find out the winner of HEI's grand draw at the Carnival unbearable, especially since I missed the deadline for copy last month. Let me release the tension by telling you that John Hancock won the free membership of E-Car Club and no doubt will already have been on the road in one of the new Zoes that we had delivered just before the event. If you really, really wanted to win but were unlucky, fear not. You can still get a

fantastic deal of half price membership (£25 for life) with £15 of free drive time by joining online at www.ecarclub.co.uk and quoting the code HAR0317. Our new grey Zoes seem to have slightly more mileage in the battery than the previous ones, a full battery delivering around 90 miles or a bit more. So you could drive for...miles and miles. Don't hesitate; join. Advice from me and others is free and willingly given.

The Air

In the olden days (when everything was perfect - you may remember) fresh air used to be fresh. Not necessarily nowadays. There has been a lot of long overdue concern about air quality lately, largely surrounding vehicle fumes. Some very strong measures are being suggested for London, where air quality is appalling enough to carry a health risk. Even in provincial towns such as Leamington Spa



The new Zoes

air quality may not be acceptable. The accepted standard maximum pollution is 40 micrograms per cubic metre ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) of nitrogen dioxide (NO_2) but there are other noxious emissions from exhausts. I tested the air quality, using a simple monitor tube, in the centre of the village for a fortnight in May. You may be pleased to know that, despite the number of van drivers that leave their engines running for long periods outside the shops, our air quality was below the threshold at $13\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$. You can breathe deeply...but not next to one of the vans. I did it because I wanted to know that our village children were not being polluted. Their noses are closer to exhaust pipes than an adult's, so they will be getting more fumes. This test was quite a simple one and not without its flaws. It is likely that at particular times vehicle emissions in the village centre and outside the school are more concentrated. One HEI member has suggested we might have a 'No Idling' zone in those places. What do you think?

The Light

We are still working on getting more LED lighting into the school. The delay is down to waiting for the outcome of a grant application to the Heart of England Community Foundation. The county has said they will contribute too if we are successful. We should hear this month.

Bob Sherman - 612277
info@harburyenergy.co.uk





Harbury E-Wheels

Make a diary note right away. We are having a barn dance.

We don't get many of those these days, so don't miss it. It will be in the Village Hall on Saturday 28th October 2017 and the band will be Harbury's very own Reel to Reel. Apart from having quite a lot of fun, the plan is to raise much needed funds to keep e-Wheels rolling. Tickets will be £10 a head, including some grub. Don't worry, we will be reminding you several times between now and then.

You may not have picked up the fact yet that there is a proposal from the county council to close most of the Children's Centres in the county leaving just a few 'hubs'. A public consultation opened recently and, not surprisingly, there is already a growing protest against this. The county is trying to find ways to cut £1.1 million from their child care budget. Why are we interested? Many of our passengers are referred to us by the local Children's Centres in Southam, Lighthorne Heath and Wellesbourne. These are amongst the most vulnerable in our communities and we have been touched by some of their stories. The aim is to deliver more integrated family support service with less resources and staff. If you have an interest in this and want to contribute to the consultation, it ends in September. It is hard to see how some of those we help will cope with the complexities of understanding the proposals and answering the very complex consultation questions. The aim of the centres is always to help the families become self-sufficient and independent and care for their children. Our role has been to support local centres by taking those referred to us to their appointments, counselling, training and advice sessions.

Some examples referred to us for transport from the Children's Centres:

Passenger A has two children and has escaped from an abusive relationship from which she is trying to recover. Every week she needs to go to a counselling session to help her restore balance to her life. She is also trying to gain some independence by passing her driving test. We have taken her to the counselling sessions and to a driving test centre.

Passenger B is a young father. He is trying to care for his family but has not been successful in getting a job. If he did not get to the Job Centre for his regular appointments, he would lose his benefits. We are able to help by getting him there.

Passenger C was an extremely nervous young woman. We were told that she would like the driver to know that she wouldn't speak to them. She needed to get to the courts in Coventry, a very difficult journey on public transport for someone so nervous. We made it simple for her.

Our service has to be free to allow anyone in need to access it. This means fund raising to cover more than £6,500 in annual costs. We and our passengers are hugely grateful to the trusts, groups and individuals who have supported us so far with single or regular donations. Lately this has included the Men's Breakfast group at Ufton and the Cheltenham (caravan) Owners Club. Many of our donations come as £10 notes slipped to the driver from

grateful passengers who feel they can afford a little. But what we really need is regular annual donations (we suggest £20 a year as a guide or £2 a month - but more is welcome!) to give us the security of knowing we can plan ahead.

If you feel you can help to keep e-Wheels rolling, please pick up one of our forms in The Hub in church or ask me. You can also download the relevant forms from HEI website, www.harburyenergy.co.uk. Select the Harbury e-Wheels page link.

**Bob Sherman – Tel: 612277
Email: shermanbob55@gmail.com**



Harbury Village Library and Biblio's Café

The Summer Reading Challenge has got off to a flying start with over 40 participants so far, but do not worry if your children, aged 4-12, have not yet signed up as they can do so at any time until the end of August. Just come along to the Library and join in the fun - there is a mystery to solve with animal detectives, puzzles, a treasure hunt and lots of on-line activities too, plus of course the challenge and pleasure of reading six books over the course of the summer holidays. We will be running additional activities for children during the summer, such as a puppet making workshop on 9th August and an art competition, so watch out for further details in the Library and on the website and Facebook pages.

Also, **Tunes and Tales**, the singing and story tale activity for toddlers and carers will continue to run throughout the summer period at 10am on Thursday mornings for half an hour.

Remember also that we have a selection of board games, both adult and children's, which can be used in the Library or borrowed for playing on holiday, and a selection of DVDs to borrow for younger children.

The opening hours for Biblio's café during the summer holiday period will be 10am – 12 noon, Wednesday - Saturday mornings, while the Library will be open as usual from 9am – 5pm each weekday, and 10am – 12 noon on Saturdays.

As the Library, including Biblios' Café, is an entirely volunteer run community enterprise, we are always looking for new volunteers to help on the issue desk or baking for or serving in the café. If you can spare some time to help us continue to run this successful undertaking, please contact us as below.

library@harburyvillagelibrary.org.uk biblios@harburyvillagelibrary.org.uk
www.harburyvillagelibrary.org.uk 01926 258776



Janice Montague

Harbury Village Club & Institute

Another few weeks have quickly gone by. Yet again a busy time for us with events where, once again, our friendly bar staff put in so much effort to ensure that the functions are enjoyed by all who attend. It is very reassuring that the functions cover such a wide range of ages and nice to welcome the younger generation to our Club. We have had some lovely feedback and the word is now spreading about the valuable resource that we have in the concert room. If you have a function planned and are stuck for a venue please come along and talk to one of our bar staff who will be only too happy to help you. Nice too that the games we have provided for the children are being used and I have seen some adult snooker players sneakily playing badminton! Another idea put forward for an outside function on a Sunday is a car boot sale. This would be an ideal opportunity to bring along unwanted items and meet people who hopefully will buy them. What a brilliant suggestion, so watch this space.

I have received some lovely compliments about our wonderful hanging baskets, pots and the plants at the entrance to the car park. It has been so much easier doing the watering since Bob installed the outside tap but again most of it has been done by John. It does make such a difference to the outside of the club and when I went to take posters to the Harbury Fields caravan park the lady at the desk there said that some of their visitors had been to the club and remarked on them and also on the friendliness of all at the club. I have taken posters to other venues nearby, so as you can see the old adage "speculate to accumulate" does work.

Talking of posters, I will be putting a few more around the village and nearby in the next week or two, to advertise our Summer Bingo which I mentioned last month. It will be at the club on Saturday 19th August, families and non-members welcome. Older children will be able to play as there will be no money involved. We will be having a bumper raffle too. Something for everyone. Entry from 7.30pm and eyes down at 8.00pm. We look forward to welcoming familiar and new faces; you will enjoy a lovely evening and hopefully win a prize or two. Then you may want to join us on our regular Friday night sessions.

At the Parish Council meeting in June, my application for a grant for recovering the snooker tables and remedial work on some of the pockets was successful and I would like to thank the council for their generosity. Bob helped me obtain the quotes and he is going to redecorate the snooker room for free and will only charge us for materials. So we will have brand new baize coverings on the tables, plus a brighter ambience in time for the new snooker season. I couldn't be more delighted. My thanks to Bob for all he does.

At our last committee meeting on 17th July, Clive was once again able to report on the fact that our finances are looking good. There will be three if not four new members next month and it is good to see that the newer members are now using the club. At the request of many of our members we are now selling Carling and that has been well received. You see, we do listen and, where we can, we follow up members' requests.

The BT signs for sport have now been taken down from the outside of the club. As mentioned last month, we no longer subscribe to this. The fruit machine in the lounge will now accept both new £1 coins and £5 notes. We discussed the fact that Fortress have contacted us and advised they are no longer able to take any food waste in the main bins but we do have a small green bin which can be used. I have inserted an extra line on the booking form to the effect that any food left after a function must be taken away at the end of the evening. This is, of course, food brought along to the club by anyone who has booked a function.

Would you believe we also discussed the Christmas Party - but just a preliminary discussion to get ideas from committee members! Once we have had a chance to look at all aspects and made any decisions you will be the first to know. The next committee meeting will be Monday 14th August at 7.30pm. As before, if any member wants a matter raised please let a committee member know because, as you can see, we do listen and follow up as appropriate.

I am looking forward to another successful four weeks, especially the Summer Bingo. I also look forward to seeing everyone as it is such a privilege to belong to such a special part of our village life.

Judy Morrall



Harbury Heritage Room

The Heritage Room is open on the first Tuesday of the month from 6.30 to 8.30pm though we are happy to open at other times by request of local societies and groups. The next two open evenings are 1st August and 5th September. It would be good to see you!

The collection contains a great number of written memories concerning life in Harbury and the surrounding area, and several people have remarked that we should be encouraging people to add THEIR recollections. Anybody, any age, could do this. Fancy having a go? Below are some ideas.

- What games you played, indoors and out.
- What you had for meals
- How daily routines have changed
- What your kitchen (or grandma's kitchen) was like
- What shops there were in the village
- What other facilities there were
- How school differed from today
- School memories

- Friends/people you knew
- Christmas
- Important events

You don't necessarily need to follow the above ideas, and the length of your contribution is not important.

Your thoughts can be written and sent to the school c/o Heritage Room, or emailed to nigel.chapman@hotmail.co.uk

Nigel Chapman

Calling All (Male) Voices!

Since leaving Harbury I have joined the Coventry Barbershop Harmony Group, meeting regularly on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm not too far away at the Kenilworth Sports and Social Club in Upper Rosemary Hill, CV8 2PA. The group includes men of all ages (shapes and sizes...) who share a love of singing not only for their own enjoyment but also the enjoyment of others: we offer our services free to raise money at many local charity events, the latest being at Charlecote at the end of July on behalf of Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Starting on 10th October (at Kenilworth) we are starting a six-week "Let's Sing" course for possible new members. Do come and join us: it's free and it's fun!! To register, contact jack.tuckley@gmail.com or phone 02476 640477. See you there.

Philip Bushill-Matthews

Southam College Community Education

Southam College Community Education centre offers a varied programme of courses, daytime and evening, in Southam and the surrounding villages. Subjects include Creative Arts and Crafts, Fitness and Wellbeing, General Interest, Languages, IT and Personal Development. We have some new courses and workshops planned throughout the term, subject to interest.

Autumn term starts from 11th September 2017

Leaflets are available in many local venues including libraries, the leisure centre and shops and can be viewed on our web page www.southamcollege.com/about/community-education (together with further information about courses and fees).

Some classes are oversubscribed so please contact Sue Hawthorn to check availability and reserve a place on 01926 810942 or email commed.s@welearn365.com

Like Southam College on Facebook for updates and links.

Sue Hawthorn



Discover Volunteering Drop-In Days at Upton House

Interested in volunteering with the National Trust? Upton House is holding Discover Volunteering Drop-In Days where you can find out how you can get involved and how rewarding it is to help out!

Chat to current volunteers to find out more about what volunteering is really like, and visit different areas of the property to discover more about the wide range of roles you could be involved with. Volunteers and staff will be on hand to answer any questions you may have and chat through all the different forms volunteering can take at Upton. You'll then be able to set the wheels in motion by applying for any roles that take your interest.



It's a very exciting time to join the Upton team following the launch of our new project 'A Made to Measure Home' in March! Upton has over 300 volunteers and we asked what advice they would give to people considering volunteering:

For Anne-Marie who volunteers as a Catering Host and a House Host, it comes highly recommended: "For anyone thinking of volunteering at Upton I would say - give it a go, you won't regret it, you'll meet new people, make new friends and feel appreciated".

All sorts of roles are available, from helping out in the garden to being a room guide or running our new tearoom. However, if you were after something more specific, come and have a chat with us anyway and we'll do our best to try and accommodate you.

The drop-in days will take place on Wednesday 23rd and Friday 25th August from 12.00-3.30pm. All are welcome and no experience is necessary.

Gemma Else - Marketing and Events Officer

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LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors

My family and I would like to say a huge THANK YOU to the village of Ladbroke which has supported us through two and a half difficult years of Graham's illness, which he fought so hard to overcome, until his passing on the 31st May 2017. Also another huge THANK YOU to the Reverend Craig and all at Ladbroke Church and to Alan Ballard for sorting the music out, Betty for use of the farmyard, you all made dear Graham's funeral a true celebration of his life.

We have been overwhelmed with all the cards, letters and emails from Graham's friends and family, we cannot thank you all enough, we miss him so much, and always will.

From Pauline Long and family

Dear Editors

We're not quite out of the woods yet, but certainly getting there! However, Tom and I would like to thank all the people who have helped us so much over the last five months. We have been completely overwhelmed by the kindness, caring and effort that so many of you have shown, from cooking vast quantities of meals for Tom (he's never been so well fed!), to the rota for taking me to my radiotherapy treatment, to grabbing the ironing; flowers, cards, visits and so many kind and thoughtful acts.

It's been an amazing time really and so many good things have come out of it, accepting help so readily given has been a humbling experience and just knowing that all that love, care and kindness is out there has been life affirming. The NHS has been wonderful, the treatment brutal but delivered with such professionalism and humanity that you just trust and get on with it: so I pay tribute to them.

So, as we start the last lap to recovery, thank you all for your continuing support and generosity.

Joan and Tom Smith

Dear Editors

The coffee morning for Myton Hospice on 8th July raised £290. The cakes, preserves, raffle, bring and buy and donations helped to make it such a successful morning so thank you all for your support.

Harbury Support Group



Harbury & Ladbrooke News

Additional Editors

There is currently a team of five permanent editors who give their time each month to edit the magazine. We would like to recruit additional editors so that we have a larger pool to cover for holidays and other absences.

Using the magazine's style guide, editing involves proof reading and making necessary changes to articles on a printed hard copy. This is usually on the last Friday evening of the month at Harbury Village Club and takes no more than two hours.

If you are interested in becoming an editor, do please contact John or Gill Holden on 612155 or email articles@hlnews.co.uk to find out more and see how you can become part of this successful team.

Regular Diary Dates

- ART CLASSES:** Monday, 1.00 - 3.00pm, Tuesday, 10.00am - 12 noon and 1.00 - 3.00pm, Wednesday, 10.00am - 12 noon, The Studio, Church House, Crown St, Tel: 614251
- BEAVERS:** Thursday, 5.30 - 6.40pm, Scout Hut, first contact via AGSL, Tel: 614494, Email: harburyscoutgroup@hotmail.co.uk
- BELLRINGERS:** Friday, 7.30pm, Alison Abbott, Tel: 612939, Email: alison@abt1.net
- BIBLE STUDY:** 1st and 3rd Thursday of month, 1.45 - 3.15pm, Gillian Hare, Tel: 614809
2nd and 4th Tuesday of month, 10.30am - 12 noon, Mary Catt, Tel: 612864
- BIBLIO'S CAFÉ (WITHIN HARBURY VILLAGE LIBRARY):** Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 9.15am - 12 noon and Saturday 10.00am - 12 noon
- BROWNIES:** Monday, 5.45 - 7.00pm, Scout Hut, Email: paulabranscomb@aol.com, Tel: 613007
- BUMPS & BUNDLES:** Tuesday, 10.30am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room, Tel: 611914
- CONNECTIONS CAFE:** (for those with dementia & their carers), every 3rd Wednesday, 2.00pm, Tom Hauley Room, Tel: 612340
- CUBS:** Wednesday, 6.45 - 8.15pm, Scout Hut, first contact via AGSL, Tel: 614494, Email: harburyscoutgroup@hotmail.co.uk
- GUIDES:** Monday, 7.15 - 8.45pm, Scout Hut, Email: harburyguides@btinternet.com, Tel: 614316
- HARBURY FOLK CLUB:** 1st Thursday of month, 8.00pm, Harbury Club, Tel: 613730
- HARBURY FRIENDS:** 2nd Tuesday of month, 8.00pm, Tom Hauley Room, Tel: 612534
- HARBURY JUNIORS FOOTBALL CLUB:**
Under 6s - Year 1 (Mixed)
Coach: John O'Keeffe Tel: 07939 127580
Training: Saturday 10.15am. Harbury School

Under 7s – Year 2

Coach: Marcus Birch Tel: 07904 670055

Training: Saturday 9.00am. Harbury School

Under 8s – Year 3 (Mixed)

Coach: Phil Hetherington Tel: 07773 352731

Training: Saturday 10.15am. Harbury School

Under 9s – Year 4 (Mixed)

Coach: Eugene Murphy Tel: 07506 518687

Training: Saturday 9.00am. Harbury School

Under 10s – Year 5 (Mixed)

Coach: Jo Dufty, Tel: 07718 082035

Training Saturday 10.15am. Harbury Playing Fields

Under 11s – Year 6 (Mixed)

Coach: Jane Workman Tel: 07803 414380

Training: Monday 6.00pm. Southam College 3g Pitch

Under 12s – Year 7 (Mixed)

Coach: Malcolm Tanner Tel: 07950 312541

Training: Monday 6.00pm. Southam College 3g Pitch

Under 13s – Year 8 (Mixed)

Coach: Richard Gillingham Tel: 07528 580761

Training: Tuesday 6.00pm. Southam College 3g Pitch

Under 14s – Year 9 (Mixed)

Coach: Steve Burnell Tel: 07795 428087

Training: Tuesday 6.00pm. Southam College 3g Pitch

Under 16s – Year 10 & 11 (Mixed)

Coach: Richard Woodhead Tel: 07786 802803

Training: Tuesday 6.00pm. Southam College 3g Pitch

HARBURY PRE-SCHOOL: The Wight School, High Street, Harbury. Monday, 12 noon - 3.30pm,

Tuesday and Thursday, 9.00am - 3.30pm, Wednesday and Friday, 9.00am - 1.30pm,

Text: 07907 598461, enquiries@harburypre-school.org.uk

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

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

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

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

Tel: 612377

HARBURY VILLAGE CINEMA: Lana Long, Tel: 613311/ 07535 622707, E: markandlana@aol.com

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