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Editorial



Pam and Father Roy taken last summer

We are sad to hear that Father Roy Brown has passed away. He was Rector of Harbury and Ladbroke parishes from 1993 to 2007. Residents of that time remember him with much love and may wish to attend his funeral on Wednesday 7th February at 2pm in Harbury Church.

The Editors were sad to hear of the death of Ladbroke resident Cyril Spence. Cyril audited the accounts of the Harbury & Ladbroke News for a number of years.

We extend our condolences to both families.

luck in her new role as Priest of Stoneleigh and Ashow.

We would like to wish Rev Nikki Moon the best of

Harbury Theatre Group is seeking budding thespians to attend their open auditions on Thursday 8th February – see their article for further details.

The editors are always keen to receive as wide a variety of articles as possible to keep the magazine interesting. In response to last month's article on growing up in Harbury, Pat Summers has written her own memories of growing up in the village. We would welcome any similar articles from long standing residents, not only of Harbury, but Deppers Bridge and Ladbroke as well.

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Harbury Diary

FEBRUARY

- Sat 3 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of GASS (Guides & Scouts Support)
- Sun 4 **SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**
 Holy Communion, 9.00am
 Little Saints' Service followed by breakfast, 10.30am
 Laying on Hands Service, 6.00pm
 Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall
- Mon 5 Harbury Village Library closes today for refurbishment
 Upholstery, 9.15am, Village Hall
 Martial Arts, 6.30pm, Village Hall
- Tue 6 Pilates, 9.30am, Village Hall
 MeetingPoint Valentine's Lunch, 2.00 - 4.00pm, The Crown Inn (booking required)
 Heritage Room open, 6.30 - 8.30pm, Harbury School
 Junior Theatre, 6.30pm, Village Hall
 Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 7 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park - snowdrops at Leamington Hastings (3½ miles)
 Puppy Training, 10.00am, Village Hall
 Mothers' Union Communion Service followed by meeting, 2.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
 Inspire Dance, 4.30pm, Village Hall
 Ballroom Dancing, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 8 Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am
 Harbury Theatre Group Informal Open Audition, 7.30pm, Village Hall
 WI, 7.30 for 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room, members evening with Puddings
- Fri 9 Dandy Development, 10.30am, Village Hall
 Twinning Association film show, 7.30pm, Tom Hauley Room - "*La Vie en Rose*"
- Sat 10 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Hereburgh Morris
- Sun 11 **SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT**
 Holy Communion, 8.00am
 Sung Eucharist & Children's Church, 10.30am
 Messy Church, 3.00 - 5.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
 All Saints' Youth Group, 7.00 - 8.30pm, Tom Hauley Room
 Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall
- Mon 12 Upholstery, 9.15am, Village Hall
 Martial Arts, 6.30pm, Village Hall
- Tue 13 Pilates, 9.30am, Village Hall
 Holy Communion, 7.30pm

- Wed 14 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park -
Wilmcote - Billesley (4 miles)
Puppy Training, 10.00am, Village Hall
'Away Day' from 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
Inspire Dance, 4.30pm, Village Hall
Junior Theatre, 6.30pm, Village Hall
Ash Wednesday Service, 7.30pm at Ladbroke
- Thurs 15 Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am
- Fri 16 Dandy Development, 10.30am, Village Hall
- Sat 17 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid
of Church Flowers
Re-opening of the refurbished Harbury Village Library, 10.00am -
all welcome
- Sun 18 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**
Holy Communion, 8.00am
Saints' Alive! All Age Informal Communion Service, 10.30am
Evensong, 6.00pm
Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall
- Mon 19 Martial Arts, 6.30pm, in Village Hall
- Tue 20 Holy Communion with Lenten Reflection, 7.30pm
Harbury Society, Reminiscences of a Vet, 7.30 for 8.00pm,
Tom Hauley Room
ADVERTS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE TO 36 MANOR ORCHARD,
HARBURY OR EMAIL ADVERTISING@HLNEWS.CO.UK
- Wed 21 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park -
Clifford Chambers with optional pub lunch (4 miles)
Puppy Training, 10.00am, Village Hall
Connections (Dementia) Café, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
- Thurs 22 Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am
ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY PHARMACY,
HIGH ST OR EMAIL TO ARTICLES@HLNEWS.CO.UK BY
5.30PM
Parish Council, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Sat 24 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid
of Mothers' Union Harbury
Harbury Village Cinema presents, 'Victoria & Abdul', doors open
6.30pm, film starts 7.00pm, Village Hall
- Sun 25 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**
Holy Communion, 8.00am
Sung Eucharist & Children's Church, 10.30am
All Saints' Youth Group, 7.00 - 8.30pm, Tom Hauley Room
Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall
- Mon 26 Upholstery, 9.15am, Village Hall
Martial Arts, 6.30pm, Village Hall
- Tue 27 Pilates, 9.30am, Village Hall
Junior Theatre, 6.30pm, Village Hall
Holy Communion with Lenten Reflection, 7.30pm
- Wed 28 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park -
Brinklow (one hill - 4 miles)

Wed 28 Puppy Training, 10.00am, Village Hall
 Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
 Inspire Dance, 4.30pm, Village Hall
 Ballroom Dancing, 7.30pm, Village Hall

MARCH

Thurs 1 Holy Communion, followed by coffee, 9.45am
 Folk Club, 8.00pm, Village Club

Sat 3 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid
 of Harbury Rugby Football Club (Minis & Juniors)

Sun 4 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
 Holy Communion, 9.00am
 Little Saints' Service followed by breakfast, 10.30am
 Laying on Hands Service, 6.00pm
 Steam Chicken concert, 4.00 - 6.00pm, Village Hall

Tue 6 MeetingPoint, 2.00 - 4.00pm, The Crown Inn (tea, coffee &
 biscuits)
 Heritage Room open, 6.30 - 8.30pm, Harbury School
 Holy Communion with Lenten Reflection, 7.30pm

Wed 7 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park -
 Combrook / Compton Verney (4 miles)
 Mothers' Union Communion & Meeting, 2.00pm, Tom Hauley
 Room

Thurs 8 Holy Communion, followed by coffee, 9.45am
 Harbury Cemetery tidy, 10.00am - 12 noon
 Harbury WI, 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room - Cheryl Rawbone
 & Fiona Roche 'Friendship Project for Disadvantaged Children'

Sat 10 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid
 of Harbury Tennis Club

Wed 14 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park -
 Saxon Mill - Leek Wootton (4 miles)

Refuse Collection Rota			
	Deppers Bridge	Harbury, Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge outlying properties	Collection Week
February	Wed	Fri	
	7	9	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	14	16	Grey Bin
	21	23	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	28		Grey Bin
March		2	Grey Bin
	7	9	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	14	16	Grey Bin



From the Curate

Rev Dr Nikki Moon

What is home?

Is it a building, a territory or a group of people? We may all have different answers to this question.

As I look to leave the parishes of Harbury and Ladbroke I have found myself describing my time here as “being home” yet I do not live here and I have known all along that my time here would be finite. Therefore, in contemplating what I mean by ‘home’ I have come up with a definition that you will not find in any self-respecting dictionary.

For me ‘home’ is the place where we are accepted for who we are and a really good home will not only accept us for who we are but will also encourage, enable and inspire us to become the people we are created to be. I have certainly been accepted and enabled to be myself during the two and half years I have been curate here and I thank each of you for your role in that.

It is in loving, accepting and enabling each other that we grow as a community and make real the presence of God amidst us, which for me is more than home but is in fact heaven. As I say farewell I will be forever grateful for your love and acceptance and my prayer will be that you continue to grow as a community that loves, accepts and enables each other to be the people you are created to be.

Farewell x

Father Roy Brown

It is with sadness that I inform you that Father Roy Brown died on Monday evening, 22nd January at Myton Hospice.

We offer Pam and the family our sincere condolences at this difficult time and will continue to hold them in our thoughts and prayers.

Reverend Craig



From the Churchwardens

Liz & Michael

This is to let you all know that our lovely Curate, the Rev Dr Nikki Moon, will be leaving us in February. Nikki has done a brilliant job during the circa three years that she has been with us training for the priesthood, and we will miss her greatly. Nikki will become the Priest for two churches - St Mary the Virgin, Stoneleigh and The Assumption of Our Lady, Ashow - for one year on an extended placement.

Nikki's last service in Harbury will take place on Sunday 11th February, at 10.30am and following this service there will be a bring and share lunch in the Tom Hauley Room. We very much hope all who would like a last chance to wish Nikki well will be able to join us on this occasion. If you are able to stay for lunch, please bring a plate of food to share and your own drink.

It is with sadness that we write to say that Father Roy Brown died last week, following a long illness. Roy was the much loved Vicar in Harbury and Ladbroke for 14 years, from 1993 to his retirement in 2007. His funeral service will be in Harbury at 2pm on 7th February. Please do remember Roy, his wife Pam and the family in your prayers at this difficult time.

We are glad to report that the Diocese has approved the improvements recently proposed for both the Children's Corner and the Hub information area in the rear corners of the church and we will now be arranging for the work to be completed over the next couple of months.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact either of us.

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

	<h2 style="margin: 0;">Mothers' Union</h2>	<p style="text-align: right; margin: 0;">Gillian Hare</p>
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As predicted, our New Year party went off happily, at least in the opinion of my 10 year old granddaughter! As usual, we played Pass the Parcel and groaned at the awful jokes. Michael tested our musical knowledge with a Round the World quiz and tea was enjoyed by all.

Most of you will have by now heard the sad news of the death of Father Roy Brown. As well as a long serving Rector here, he was also Diocesan Chaplain for M.U. So that members who remember him with affection can attend his funeral at 2pm on 7th February, our meeting on that day will be cancelled.

Our next branch meeting will be on Wednesday 7th March when we shall be painting eggs.

And a reminder of our coffee morning on 24th February. Please support it in the usual way with raffle prizes, cakes, bric-a-brac and help.

All Saints Youth Group

Why not come along and enjoy some delicious food, join in a discussion about big questions and play some silly games. Young people of all faiths and none are very welcome.

All Saints Youth Group is for anyone of secondary school age. We meet in the Tom Hauley Room every other week in term time on Sundays from 7-8.30pm.

Contact Ann Clucas (07810 874133) or Alison Abbott (07821 888035) for further details.

Date	Topic
11 th February	Questions, questions
25 th February	Where is God when there is suffering?
11 th March	Does God care about sex?
25 th March	Did the resurrection really happen?

Ann Clucas

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FEBRUARY

Sun 4 CANDLEMAS

Christingles and Family Communion, 10.30am, followed by refreshments

Mon 5 Homegroup, 8.00pm, 2 Hedges Close

Tues 6 Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Wed 7 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall

Thurs 8 Yoga, 6.30pm, Village Hall

Fri 9 Yoga, 9.30am, Village Hall

Sun 11 I BEFORE LENT

Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am

Wed 14 Table Tennis, 7.00pm, Village Hall

Ash Wednesday Service with imposition of ashes, 7.30pm

Thurs 15 Yoga, 6.30pm, Village Hall

Fri 16 Yoga, 9.30am, Village Hall

Sun 18 LENT I

Holy Communion (BCP), 9.00am

Mon 19 Homegroup, 8.00pm, 2 Hedges Close

Tues 20 ADVERTS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE TO 36 MANOR ORCHARD, HARBURY OR EMAIL ADVERTISING@HLNEWS.CO.UK

Wed 21 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall

Thurs 22 ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST OR EMAIL TO ARTICLES@HLNEWS.CO.UK BY 5.30PM

Yoga, 6.30pm, Village Hall

Fri 23 Yoga, 9.30am, Village Hall

Sun 24 LENT II

Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am

Tues 27 Ladbroke Heritage Group start up meeting, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Wed 21 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall

MARCH

- Thurs 1 Yoga, 6.30pm, Village Hall
 WI, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Fri 2 Yoga, 9.30am, Village Hall
- Sun 4 LENT III**
 Family Communion, 10.30am, followed by refreshments
- Tues 6 Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall

**Ladbroke Church News****Peter Rigby**

The real “Ladbroke Church” is not the building on the edge of the village with a spire, but the people in the village who worship God. Yet we have been entrusted with the stewardship of a very special building, albeit one that needs much maintenance! So, our thanks to all those who have completed and returned the questionnaires to assist us in the Heritage Fund application. Particular thanks are due to Jackie who has spent a lot of time putting the application together, and congratulations to Jo Rose who was the winner of the prize draw.

January’s snow and winds brought another reminder of the challenges we face as they brought down some large branches in the churchyard, damaging an old gravestone but fortunately without any injuries.

Many from the village came to say farewell to Cyril Spence, whose funeral was held on 22nd January. Cyril moved to Ladbroke with his late wife Catherine in 1983 and was active for many years in the life of the Hall where he lived, the Church and in village life. Cyril was described in moving tributes as a family man with integrity and wit, a true gentleman, greatly respected, a lover of music and sport – a combination reflected as he left the Church for the last time to the strains of “You’ll Never Walk Alone”.

On the same day as Cyril’s funeral, we heard of the death of Father Roy Brown, who was Rector of Ladbroke and Harbury from 1993 - 2007. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this time.

We shall soon be saying goodbye, but in happier circumstances, to our Curate, Rev Dr Nikki Moon. Congratulations to Nikki on her appointment as Parish Priest to Stoneleigh and Ashow parishes – we will miss her a lot. Nikki takes up her new role at the end of February, so you still have a couple of weeks to come and say goodbye to her.

Finally, Christmas may seem only just over but Easter is early this year. So Lent starts very soon. 14th February is not only Valentines Day, it is also Ash Wednesday and as usual we shall be having a special service in Church at 7.30pm. All are welcome.



Ladbroke Parish Council

Jackie West

Official minutes can be viewed on the noticeboard by The Bell Inn or on the parish council page of the website. <https://sites.google.com/site/ladbrokevillage/parish-council/pc-meetings>

Defibrillator: An awareness session run by Heartbeat will be booked.

SDC: The SDC component of council tax will probably increase by 1%, the elected members decide it by vote in late February. Parliamentary boundary changes are now less likely since the government is weaker and it's like asking turkeys to vote for Christmas!

Finances: The Parish Council's budget, precept and a request for a grant towards the Village Hall's new stage lighting were discussed. Although the reserve is now over £10,000, future budgets need to include new street lights since repair parts for the existing ones are no longer available. To replace all the lights, even over several years, is likely to consume all the reserves and more. Our precept has not increased for a number of years, at present it can be increased on the decision of the parish council but in three years time any increase above 3% will require a local referendum, at additional cost. Councillors agreed to hold the precept at £5000, find out the number of street lights and cost to replace them and defer the grant request until the next meeting.

Planning: The council made no representations regarding tree works at The Lares, replacement windows and doors at 16 Ladbroke Hall nor retention of the existing mobile home for a rural worker on a temporary basis for three years at Brock Farm Stud. Permission had been given to demolish the bungalow and garage at The Lares and erect a replacement dwelling and for tree works at High House, land at Bridge Lane and in the grounds of Ladbroke Hall. Retrospective permission had been granted by WCC for the importation of topsoil at Folly Fields Farm without the need for soil testing as requested by our Parish Council, since the Environmental Agency did ask for it. Cllr Batty was concerned about the wording of the permission document but was assured by Cllr Williams (SDC) that this was standard jargon to say the decision made was not influenced by it being retrospective.

HS2: Habitat mitigation works are just starting, there are concerns about HGV routes, vehicles coming into the village that should not and the notification map referring to Windmill Lane rather than Ladbroke Hill Lane. "No access for HS2 work signs" may be needed. Apparently some farmers had reported HS2 vehicles on their land without permission, breaking gates and even one 4x4 which drove across crops then got stuck and had to ask the farmer to pull it out!

Footpaths & Highways: Following Zoe James's meeting, local footpaths are being checked.

Cllr Batty has been advised verbally by WCC that there was a blocking order to stop access at the end of Windmill Lane and a footpath across the corner of the adjacent field was available. The owner would like the fence to remain at the end of Windmill Lane so, subject to receiving documents confirming the blocking order, the Parish Council is not in a position to do anything other than leave it as it is now.

The new drain by the field entrance near Church Cottage has been working well and a letter of thanks will be sent to Highways.

Flooding & Drainage: Orders for the straightforward measures within the scheme are about to be placed. The homes which are porous will have a grant towards a short section of wall to delay water entry. The suggested diversion around the Village Hall is still being discussed and the calculations rerun, but it's suspected this will not go ahead.

It was not raised at the meeting but you may be interested to hear that a village resident has called the authorities when there was considerable dirty foam in the brook - the EA came and tested it the same day and found that despite appearances the water quality was very good.

Village Hall & Millennium Green: The Village Hall is seeking an HS2 grant for a disabled toilet. A safari supper is planned (note this was cancelled as insufficient numbers signed up). The gate to the Millennium Green jams open and will be repaired.

Broadband: Men are busy working on the fibre to the home system and we have been told by CSW that it should be available by end March.

Parking: Concerns were raised that a number of cars park on the pavement near the pub, opposite the Village Hall.

Housing Needs Survey: Again there was much discussion of the pros and cons of doing a survey - it doesn't just identify any need for social housing but also for other housing eg 2 bedroom homes; if we are confident we don't have needs why not do one as it's paid for by the Warwickshire Community Council; it's confidential between the authors and parish council - but are there any requirements on the parish council to make it available; what's the underlying agenda etc? An example and more information will be sought before a final decision.

Website: Minutes of the Parish Council meetings on the village website cannot be accessed by the general public. This will be rectified.

Next Meeting: 14th March 2018.

	<p>Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge Women's Institute</p>	<p>Carol Lane</p>
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Our first meeting of 2018 was on the subject of nutrition. Vicky Farmer introduced herself as a health coach and her first slide bore the words 'How to survive in a toxic world'. For the remainder of her talk Vicky explained about the changes in the environment and life style which have led to health problems. I give some of the advice she left us with.

She saw health as a continuum between a disease state and optimal health and everyone is somewhere in that range. Rather than calorie counting to lose weight, Vicky recommended ensuring that we eat the right nutrients so that the gut remains in balance which can best be achieved by eating fresh foods and avoiding anything processed or packaged.

Her own routine starts the day with a lemon drink with bicarbonate to provide an alkaline environment and any detox regime should help the body to repair the damage that has been done.

An interesting diagram showed the number of products we routinely subject our skin to, from make up to deodorants, hair shampoo to fake tan, all of which are absorbed into the body.

Finally, Vicky talked about reducing the chemicals we use to clean our homes and recommended a company called NORWEX who provide a range through food supplements to cleaning products.

If you would like 'More energy; better digestion; a boosted immune system and a drop in clothing size' Vicky can be contacted on 07790 594940 or at info@vickyfarmer.com

During the business meeting which followed Dianne gave out the dates of many, many opportunities for WI members. Here are just a few of them.

- Appalachian Clog Dancing, Saturday 10th February, Napton Village Hall, 10.00-12.30pm, £7.
- Forensic Science (Down & dirty!), Tuesday 27th February, Leamington Spa Baptist Church, 7.30-9.30pm, £8.
- Poisons kill or cure? Tuesday 27th March, Leamington Spa Baptist Church, 7.30-9.30pm, £10.
- WFWI Centenary Annual Meeting, Monday 19th March, Chesford Grange, 10.15am -3.30pm, £15.
- Houses of Parliament tour, Monday 12th February, 7.30am Tesco, £27.50.
- Craft Dabble Day, Saturday 21st April, Claverdon, 10am - 3pm, bring packed lunch, £24.
- Should I buy an electric car? Tuesday 24th April, Leamington Spa Baptist Church, 7.30pm, £8.
- Who Cares for our Environment? Wednesday 25th April, Rowington, 10am -3pm, light lunch provided, £10.
- Tutbury Castle, Lesley Smith as Nell Gwynne and lunch, Wednesday, 2nd May, 9.30am, Tesco, £40.
- Embellished Embroidery Workshop, Saturday 5th May, Fed House 10am-3.30pm, bring packed lunch, £25 + £15 for your kit on the day. Also bring basic sewing kit and an embroidery frame if you have one.

- The People's Post blue badge guide of London postal history, Wednesday 9th May, 7.15am, Tesco, £50. Behind the scenes at RSC and lunch, Monday 14th May, 10.30am, RSC foyer, finish by 3pm, £32.
- Malvern Quilt Show, coach only, book own tickets, Thursday 17th May, Tesco, 9am. Leave 3.30pm, £14.
- National Memorial Arboretum, Monday 21st May, Tesco, 9.30am, £18 coach only, donations, no entrance fee.

Please note: For those who have never been to Denman before, there are two bursaries available to the value of £250. Applications should be sent to Federation House by 28th February, marked Vivian Barlow Bursary.

Centenary Produce and Crafts Show Saturday 18th August, Napton Village Hall.

This is an opportunity for everyone to show off their skills and there are so many categories that there really is something for everyone even for children and grandchildren!

Save the date! On Monday 30th July, WFWI have planned a Grand Centenary day out when they anticipate approximately 2000 of us going on a jolly! Details to follow.

AOB

Coffee Morning: Our next fundraising coffee morning is on Saturday 12th May.

Special Care Baby Unit, Warwick Hospital is appealing for knitted hats, jackets and blankets which will be taken to the Annual Meeting on 19th March.

Federation House Wool Shop: you can now purchase all your knitting (and some sewing) requirements at our own WI Federation House. This starts from next Monday and will be open Monday to Thursday 10.00am-3.00pm. Everything available at half the marked price.

Resolutions: Dianne encouraged members to look in more detail at the suggested resolutions listed in WI Life before our February meeting.

Poppies: As part of the Centenary celebrations, and to commemorate the end of WW1, WFWI want to create a stunning display of poppies in St. Mary's Church, Warwick from September to November next year. We have been asked if every WI member could donate at least one poppy made in any medium, knitted, crocheted, sewn, felted or made with paper or cardboard. We need to take our poppies to Federation House by 26th July. If you can't find a pattern, please let me know. Challenge! As this is the centenary year, I would like to donate 100 poppies from our WI! We are already over half way as three of us have made over 50. So, do please get out your knitting needles or crochet hooks, felt, card or paper and make at least one.

Date of next meeting: 1st February at 7.30pm in Ladbroke Village Hall when we will be learning how to make our own cards - please bring a pair of small scissors and £2.

The evening ended with 'Dianne's Humourous Ramblings'!



Ladbroke Matters

David Wright

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



Our next supper and film night is planned for **Friday 2nd March**. The film has yet to be decided, but we will let you know as soon as we can.

You'll need to book early as places are always very limited, so if you would like advance notice of our film dates make sure you are on our email circulation list. Email Nicky (nicolalewis24@tiscali.co.uk) to be added.

Coming Soon! We have a number of events planned for later this year, including another live band/barbecue evening, a wine tasting evening, and more film nights. If you would like to join the Ladbroke Matters team, have any suggestions for future events, or any other comments please contact the Trustees (details on the Ladbroke website).

Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Draw for December 2017

£50	Simon and Jackie West	£50	Mary Coley
£25	David Rose	£25	Helen Morten
£25	Kevin and Kate Pickin	£10	Pete and Carole Loftus
£10	Alan Rylance	£10	Miranda Lowman
£10	Paul Taylor	£10	Mike Todman

Margaret Bosworth



Ladbroke Photography Club

Kip Warr

The dark evenings of January provide an excuse to seek warmth and sustenance. So the Photography Club gathered in force at The Bell in Ladbroke for the excellent food, service and atmosphere to which we have become accustomed. I will spare you the images of us stuffing our faces.

Back to normal business at 7.30pm on 6th February in Ladbroke Village Hall with our AGM (usually very brief) and phototopics on the seasonal subjects of Christmas and snow. Visitors and guests are welcome at our meetings; for more information see our website (tinyurl.com/ladbrokephoto) or contact jackieszone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk



Ladbroke General Section

Ladbroke Heritage

There was an excellent response to the Heritage Survey, thank you so much. Come and find out the results, discover how learning and sharing Ladbroke's heritage is key to Ladbroke Church's application for a repair grant and hear about ways you could get involved on Tuesday 27th February at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. All welcome whether you are keen to be involved or just curious and have heard there will be hot drinks and cake! If you cannot make that evening please let Jackie know (810331) and we'll set up a further meeting at the most convenient time for those that cannot come on the 27th.

Jackie West, Nicky Lewis & Linda Doyle

Timber!

A number of trees in Ladbroke suffered during the storms and wet snow over the past few weeks but as far as I know there was no major damage to property or injury caused. There were some very close shaves though - the top half of a tree in Woodlands broke off, with part resting against a lamppost near the brook, three boughs fell off the cedar at The Old Rectory missing the church but breaking a Victorian gravestone off at ground level and in land adjacent to the Millennium Green the trunk of a poplar shattered but the tree conveniently landed just beyond the nearby bench. The Church Wardens and Ladbroke Matters would like to thank the landowners and their helpers clearing things up so promptly.



Jackie West



The Stained Glass of Ladbroke Church

This is the second in an occasional series about the stained glass windows at Ladbroke Church, you can come and see them any day of the year - the church is open 9.30am - 4pm, often longer as it depends when we get there to lock and unlock. There is a leaflet about the windows to borrow or buy and guided tours are available by prior arrangement (tel 01926 810331).



St James the Less & St Timothy

Located in the chancel to the left of the altar and made in 1914, this window was given in memory of Edward Charles Topham, Rector of Ladbroke 1856 – 1866 and his wife, Grace by their surviving sons. Unfortunately it always looks dark because of the large yew tree outside. There are two main characters in the window.

St James the Less was the second James among the 12 disciples, called "the Less" because he was younger, rather than less important, than James, son of Zebedee who is depicted in another of Ladbroke Church's windows.

St Timothy was the son of a Greek father and Eunice, a converted Jewess. He joined St Paul as a companion and co-worker among the early churches and he was the recipient of two of St Paul's letters.

Imagery

St James the Less is shown holding a book, showing he was an apostle, and a very large stick. This is a fuller's club, used to beat the dirt out of wool and to help it to become more waterproof and, in the case of this saint, to beat him to death.

St Timothy, is shown as a child with his mother. It is ironic that she wears pearls set in gold and the background is full of these too for in the first letter to Timothy, St Paul writes "women should adorn themselves ... not with braided hair or gold or pearls...but by good deeds ..."

Don't Miss

The rebus or maker's mark in the left hand border - a tower within a wheat sheaf. Charles Kempe's studio used the wheat sheaf, the tower was added when he died in 1907 and the company was headed up by his distant cousin, Walter Tower.



St. James Church of England Primary School, Southam

I have the privilege of being the Chair of Governors at St. James Church of England Primary School in Southam. Being a Church school means that we are committed to providing an education that allows children and young people to flourish in the widest sense. As well as children from a Christian background, we also welcome children from different faiths and no faith. Ladbroke falls within the catchment area of St. James and transport is provided to and from the village to the school.

As Chair, I visit the school regularly and I always receive a warm welcome from the staff and children. Being such a regular visitor gives me a special insight into the distinctive character of this school, where "the relationships that exist are rooted in Christian love." (noted by the Church Schools Inspector who visited in June 2017).

Kathy Palmizi (Head of School) and Phyllis King (Executive Headteacher) say this about the school.....

"As Head of School and Executive Headteacher, we feel privileged to lead St. James Church of England Primary School as we are blessed with lovely

children, fantastic support from parents and the local community and a strong team of dedicated staff whose commitment was recognised in our recent SIAMS (Church School) Inspection which said that: "Parents say that teachers and school leaders go the extra mile for their children and this makes the school special." (SIAMS Report June 2017)

Our school motto, chosen by the children, is 'Let Your Light Shine'. This reflects our determination to provide a high quality education for all children which recognises each individual's unique strengths and talents. As a result, children make rapid progress nurtured by Christian love and care and this is a key strength of the school.

We offer a wide range of curriculum enrichment activities, including specialist teachers to deliver PE and instrumental lessons; visits and visitors to support learning and opportunities to lead and perform in productions and Church services.

We all benefit from our strong links with St. James Church, Southam and All Saints Church, Ladbroke. Special services are an established feature of school life throughout the year and all of the children look forward to 'Open the Book' Assemblies which are presented by members of the Church."

We know from Jesus' teaching that He loved children and valued them in His Kingdom on Earth. Adults were advised to be childlike – clear thinking, open hearted and simplistic as they worshipped God. And children are truly loved and valued at this school, by their peers, all staff and the wider church community.

I am confident that all pupils will leave St James' school equipped with an impressive level of spiritual development and a social and moral awareness as well as a high level of academic skills and knowledge.

Valerie Copley (Chair of Governors)



Harbury Parish Council

Linda Ridgley

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January 2018

I began watching the Parish Council when I came to Harbury in the early 1970's and provided reports on their deliberations for the fledgling Harbury News. In those days the Councillors were practical people - many were farmers. They were mostly Harbury born with an intimate knowledge of the locality, its history and residents. Over the years the Council changed as more new-comers replaced the old-timers, bringing with them other skills, but still there are occasions when I miss the sheer practicality and local knowledge of those men of old.

This time round there were, thank goodness, no contentious planning applications but there were several times where it became apparent that

some of the local and practical knowledge of old was missing and caused drawn out debate.

There was prolonged discussion about plans to update the Christmas lighting; whether it was possible or legal to string lights across High Street or fix them to Listed Buildings; where they could source a cherry-picker to erect the lights safely. Also, the potential to project a virtual Christmas Tree onto the Library in place of the trees that were felled.



The condition of the 1880's Burial Grounds Chapel caused concern. The Council has undertaken little maintenance on this building in recent times. When Cllr Wilkins looked after the area he made sure gutters were regularly cleared of leaves and debris. (He understood double-depth graves were banned in the new boulder clay-covered area to the right hand side, as the graves flooded.) Local knowledge!

The sandstone door arch of the Chapel has failed due to the ingress of rain-water and needs attention. The trees near to the Chapel are not thought to have contributed to the problems but an alternative quote for tree work is to be sought. They had three quotes for the repairs to the Chapel to consider and chose the lowest one. They did accept that they had to fix the gutters and the overflowing water butt.

As the Burial Grounds are nearing capacity Councillors have been looking for a new site. They have been offered land off Bush Heath Lane, on the boulder clay-covered heath and have commissioned a "Desktop Survey" on the ground conditions rather than a physical survey. The farming Councillors of old would of course have known this area well.

There have been many complaints about the state of Bush Heath Lane - the damage to the verges and the mud covering the carriageway. There were similar problems in Dovehouse Lane and on the Pound where developers' lorries forced other traffic onto the Green. The Council were determined those responsible would pay for repairs to the damaged areas.

After the recent snowfalls the Chairman plotted all grit bins on a map which will be refilled by WCC as necessary.

Air pollution is a growing concern so Councillors were happy to approve £150 for the Energy Initiative to erect temporary signs in the middle of the village encouraging motorists switch off their engines when stationary.

The good news was that all the new housing development means there are more households contributing to the parish budget, so the amount individual households pay will fall next year. However, rents for allotments will increase from October 2019 to £30 a year (full plot) and £15 for (a half).

Next Meeting: Thursday 22nd February, 7.30pm Farley Room of the Village Hall.

Harbury Parish Council Quarterly Report

In the past three months the Parish Council has:

- Agreed a slight increase in the budget for 2018-19 but this will mean a slight decrease for householders as there are more houses in the village.
- Replaced the old fence around the cemetery.
- Submitted the Neighbourhood Development Plan to SDC for public consultation.
- Ordered some adult fitness equipment for the park.
- Obtained support from WCC to upgrade the path around the park.

Tim Lockley



Feisty Females, our first meeting of the year, prompted Peggy Middleton, in her vote of thanks, to say we probably have several in our group!

Graham Sutherland, our speaker, used the dictionary definition of 'feisty' (lively, determined, courageous, touchy and aggressive) to tell us about women from the past who had many of these characteristics. Grace Darling, Edith Cavell, Flora MacDonald, Mary Ann Evans (aka George Eliot), and others. It was an interesting and informative talk.

February marks the Centenary of our W.I. here in Harbury, and we are very proud to be part of an organisation that has changed lives for so many people in this country.

We are going to enjoy our year by adding a social event to each month. No one has to attend all, or even any of them, but we are going to have fun!

Our first event is a snowdrop walk, which will have taken place before you read this.

However, we start the year at our members' meeting on 8th February with 'Pudding and Prosecco'. Do join us!

On Monday 30th April we will be having an Afternoon Tea event. We are extending an invitation to previous W.I. members. We hope that many of you will be able to join us. More details later, but please put the date in your diary and keep it free.

It will give us great pleasure to welcome new members during our Centenary Year, If you are interested please contact Ann Mayer 01926 612708 or ann.mayer@btinternet.com

Please see any village notice board or our monthly report in the Harbury & Ladbroke News for our forthcoming meetings and events.

Harbury WI

On the 23rd of February in the year 1918

Mrs Bland of Greenhill heard of a new scheme.

A club for all ladies, a new idea to try.

Was this the beginning of Harbury WI?

At that first meeting one hundred years ago

An audience of fifty who cook and knit and sew

Met Mrs Bland who made a date for February,

The meeting ended up with a splendid war tea.

On February 4th in the Dog pub room

It was unanimously voted to start a branch soon.

The committee was elected led by Mrs Bland and Miss Dunne

And sixty-five members joined to have fun.

The committee met first on the 9th of February.

Meetings to be arranged for the first Thursday of each month.

Mr Larkins' reading room was the allotted venue,

2.45 on March 7th when all subs would be due.

Sixpence a quarter beginning that day,

Forty-one members turned up to pay.

A talk on soft toy making was their luck.

Miss Bishop won a prize with her toy duck.

In 2018 once a month we still meet,

In Tom Hauley's room next to the church in Church Street.

We still do some things that they used to do,

Make jam, cakes and sing Jerusalem to name but a few.

In the 21st Century what shall we find?

What of the future, we must not be left behind?

We must move with the times to ensure that there will still be

In 100 more years a WI in Harbury.

Anonymous



Harbury Theatre Group

Chris Barber

What makes a successful garden fete? I guess sunshine goes a long way, plenty of helpers, a good sound system and ample supplies of tea! In his riotous comedy "Gosforth's Fete", Alan Ayckbourn reminds us of the typical reality when everything goes wrong! Harbury Theatre Group will be presenting this classic one-act play, along with the equally brilliant "Between Mouthfuls" for their Spring production on 17th to 19th May.

We are keen to involve as many people as possible and will be holding an informal open audition evening on Thursday 8th February, at 7.30pm at the Village Hall. Everyone is invited, so if you are new to the village, or just looking for a new interest in 2018, you will be warmly welcomed. Of course, as well as actors we shall need lots of help in other roles, so if you would like to be involved, do come along on the audition evening to meet us, or ring Chris Barber on 613542. If you know how to run a garden fete, so much the better!



Folk Club

Sue Hartland

The theme for 398th edition of Harbury Folk Club was 'Points of the Compass'. We had fewer performers than usual, but it was still a very varied and enjoyable evening. Sue and Ian opened the first half with 'Just a Closer Walk with Thee' (which mentions west) followed by 'Sweet Sunny South'. Rik sang 'The Spanish Lady' (north and south) and a Music Hall favourite 'If it wasn't for the 'ouses in Between'. Next to perform were three familiar faces with a new name 'The Right Side of the Grass'. They gave us 'Lord Franklin' and 'Word of Mouth'. Don treated us to some excellent guitar playing with 'Gift of a Brand New Day' and 'Andrew's Rag'. Pete Grassby followed with a rousing 'Fosse Way Shanty' that had us all singing along and then in contrast he sang a beautiful Maori song. Ted and Sue finished the first half with 'Bold Riley' and 'A Transport of Delight'.

The Harbury Folk Choir started the second half with the two carols they had sung in Church on Christmas Eve, 'Mary Came to Jesus' and 'In Bethlehem City'. Peter McDonald continued with 'Boots of Spanish Leather' (western) and 'My Wagon Keeps on Rolling'. The Right Side of The Grass performed a lovely song called 'Going to the West' and then Rik sang 'The Oak and the Ash' followed by 'The Ballad of Bethnal Green'. Pete Grassby returned and sang 'Turn the Glasses Over' and then Ian joined him to play two tunes, 'Sex Tour' (a Scandinavian tune) and 'Morgan Rattler'. Sue and Ted continued with a seasonal Wassailing Song and Keith closed the evening singing 'You are my Lodestone' and 'Bonzo the Dog Faced Boy'.

The raffle raised £90 for The British Heart Foundation; thank you all for contributing. Ted and Sue are your hosts for next month when the theme will be 'You Win Some, You Lose Some'.



The Association ended 2017 with a Christmas party then started the new year with a "Fête des Rois" celebration.

By way of a change, the Christmas party this year had an Australian theme. Steaks, burgers and sausages were excellently cooked on outdoor barbeques by our Chairman Richard Marshall-Hardy and Peter Rollason, our chefs for the evening, who braved the winter weather to produce beautifully cooked hot food which was supplemented by the members who brought salads and desserts. The evening started with a multiple-choice quiz which was set by John Stringer. After the meal there was singing and humorous party games. Summer clothing was the order of the day, some even ventured out in shorts, there were Australian hats with suspended corks and even an inflatable kangaroo. This was a fun evening, thoroughly enjoyed by all.

As is the practice in France we celebrated Epiphany and the visit of the three kings to the baby Jesus with a "Fête des Rois" party. Once again, we thank June and David Eaves who welcomed the members of the Association into their home where we spent a very pleasurable evening. David set us the challenge of identifying the subjects in his superbly taken photographs. Sally Stringer and Moira Rollason set us brain testing quizzes. The traditional "Galette des Rois" cakes, made by the members were served. The members who found a "feve" (a small china figure) in their portion of cake were crowned king/queen for the evening and we concluded the evening by singing "Auld Lang Syne".

We will be holding another film show in the Tom Hauley Room on Friday the 9th February at 7.30pm. The film chosen is "La Vie en Rose" which covers the life of the French cabaret singer Edith Piaf. There is a charge of £5 per head to cover light refreshments and there will be a wine bar. Although the film is in French there will be English sub-titles and it is open to anyone who would like to see it. Please contact our Secretary, Ceri, on 01926 612136.

It is twenty years since the Twinning Association signed the Pledge of Friendship with the people of Samois-sur Seine and we will be celebrating the anniversary during our forthcoming visit to Samois-sur-Seine.

When our friends from Samois-sur-Seine visited us last year we held a very entertaining and enjoyable Caribbean Evening with music provided by the excellent "Phase One Steel Band" from Coventry. Their music got us all up and dancing to their reggae rhythms. We would like to share this wonderful experience with non-members of our Association and therefore like to invite you to join us in the Village Hall on Friday evening 29th June. Tickets, which will include an appropriate supper, will be on sale nearer the date.



Harbury Rugby Football Club

Steve Kittendorf

Weekend 6th/7th January 2018

The New Year kicked off with the U9s tour to Malvern. An afternoon of outdoor activities was a great chance for both players and parents to bond, followed by a few hours of downtime before lights out. Waterlogged pitches at Malvern led to some hasty rearrangements, but we were kindly hosted for our game by Upton RFC on a cold but bright Sunday morning. The game was played in good spirits with some excellent running rugby from both sides. A quick trip to the panto rounded off a successful first tour for this age group - plans for next year already underway!

The weather has and still is playing havoc with fixtures and training, with two weekends being abandoned due to waterlogged or frozen pitches. However, the younger players hosted Shipston RFC on the second weekend of January, with the older teams making the journey over to Shipston. Always a fantastic atmosphere when these teams play and it was nice to blow the cobwebs out after an extended Christmas break.

Saturday 13th January - Pershore 35 Harbury 27 Midlands 4 West (South)

A fascinating match that was decided on the final play with both teams playing some good rugby and between them scoring eleven tries. Harbury could well have won however they did not get the rub of the green. Pershore took the early initiative from the kick off and enjoyed a five minute period of pressure which resulted in an unconverted try. Harbury responded immediately scoring a try from a line out to level the scores before losing a player to a yellow card. Whilst Harbury started the second half 13-17 ahead, the lead swapped several times before Harbury went on to lose two further players to yellow cards and Pershore snatching the win at the final whistle.

Saturday 20th January - Harbury were due to travel away to Eccleshall in Staffordshire to compete in the semi-final of the Junior Vase competition. However, due to the unavailability of a number of players through injury and being unable to travel with a full complement of front row players (as the laws require), Harbury reluctantly had to withdraw from the competition.

Forthcoming events in February:

Saturday 3rd - Harbury away to Stoke Old Boys.

Sunday 4th - U13s & U14s away to Stow. U16s home to Newbold.

Sunday 11th - Minis away to Old Leamingtonians. U13s & U14s home to Old Laurentians.

Saturday 17th - Harbury home to Tenbury.



Sunday 18th - Wasps Takeover Day at the Ricoh. The M&Js will form a flag waving parade to greet the players as they run out onto the pitch for the Aviva Premiership match between Wasps and top of the table Exeter – Kick off 3:00pm. Harbury will be entertained by Wasps with lots of match day activities for our players to get involved in.



Harbury Toddler Group

Lynne Barton

What no Toddler news in the January 2018 Edition!! How could we have missed the deadline? Sorry readers will try harder this year, mind you it is the first occasion this has happened!

Party Party Party

(Better late than never even tho' it feels a distant memory)

Reena from Soft Play TakeAway provided the backdrop for our Christmas Party with her lovely pieces of equipment and bouncy castle, she can be contacted on 07966 767213 and is highly recommended and so easy. We had our festivities at the Tom Hauley Room, a fabulous venue and just the thing for all our little guests.



Pass the Parcel with a prize for everyone - stop the music quick, a nice spread and of course Father Christmas himself arrived with his reindeer explaining to everyone a tot of whisky would be nice when he delivered presents, some children certainly listened well to this request LOL.

Guess who - Santa of course!



We thank everyone for their great comments it means a lot to us all:

'The boys had a fun time at the party and would like to say a big thank you to Lynne, Selina, Reg and Chelly for all their hard work in making Harbury Toddlers such great fun. Love and best wishes Vonnie, Aiden and Harry xx' 😊

'Thank you for such a great party. The girls loved it. So much time, effort and thought into organising it by you all - it is greatly appreciated. Lucy can't stop talking about her book from Santa!' 📖



'Many thanks for a super Christmas party. All your hard work certainly paid off. Have a wonderful Christmas. See you tomorrow and in the New Year'. Emily, George & Nanny.

'It was a lovely party, thanks for all your hard work making toddlers group fun (takes the pressure off me for a few hours a week & is very much appreciated!). Happy Christmas all' xx

Special Treats

We always try to make Toddlers exciting and inviting for all those who come to play. Last week we were making rice krispie cakes, and the children enjoyed the session so much that almost none made it home! Tastes so much nicer when you make it yourself!

The new 2018 Calendar is now out with lots to interest everyone so here is a sneak preview:

- A trip through the Magic Door to visit John or Sue our friendly Librarians
- Stop & Smell the Roses will offer taster massage for parents
- Miss Lorraine will lead us in a creative movement session
- Emma from Paint and Glaze will help us decorate pottery pieces
- Our own Alison Hunt will read a story to our 'busy bees'.

Reflections

We do feel privileged to meet so many different families and we are always excited by things which happen following our chance encounters and conversations; it is so gratifying that so many other benefits flow directly from our Toddler sessions both for the village and Entrust Care Partnership, the not for profit organisation working with disabled children who run the Group; a few examples are:

Mal, grandmother to Emily and George, has offered to volunteer for Entrust and is also kindly helping to raise money for services.

We hope soon to be working with a theatre in Chipping Norton thanks to Jenny Bruton another Toddler contact.

We now work closely with Aimee Mann, mother to Freddie, Bella and Jago, offering mentoring sessions to parents caring for a child with additional needs.

Our volunteers who work with Toddlers are drawn from local residents and support our volunteer Out and About Service funded by BBC Children in Need.

We regularly receive donations of clothes and toys from Toddler families which we sell on to raise income for disabled children's services - thank you all so much.

And we even have requests from current and ex-Toddlers to drive past my house as a reminder of Toddler sessions!!

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

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New Children

We have had a lovely start to 2018, welcoming Elsa, Lenny and Willow. They are settling well and it has been a pleasure to see the children enjoying their new friends.

Christmas Collages

The wonderful Christmas collages which the children produced over the Christmas holidays have been coming in thick and fast and are proudly on display in our main room. Thank you to all those who have sponsored the children to produce their work, which has raised some extra funds for our Pre-School.

Weather



Our theme this half term has been the weather. This has neatly followed on from our learning last term when Harbury village woke up to a thick covering of snow! We were all very excited to see it arrive on a cold Saturday night in December and despite the closure of local schools on the Monday and Tuesday, we worked hard to open on the Tuesday. We all had great fun playing in the snow, using buckets and spades, throwing snow

balls at targets (the staff) and building a snowman complete with accessories. It was so lovely to see such happy excited faces of the children enjoying the snow.



Although the snow has long since melted, this hasn't stopped the children being fascinated by the other different types of weather that we have experienced. We have been busy observing the conditions outside and

talking about what we see and how it feels. We have been looking at the colour of the sky and discovering that clouds can turn the sky grey!

We have built up quite a repertoire of weather-related songs over the last few weeks and the children have been making up some impressive weather songs of their own which we have all enjoyed hearing.

In our creative area, the children have been busy creating some fantastic weather pictures using paints and collage materials. We also have some fabulous snowflakes adorning our walls.



Exploratory Play

The children have been busy exploring ice. They have been watching how it melts and turns into water and thinking about the reasons for the change. They have also been feeling the ice and describing the texture. It has been described by the children as, 'cold', 'slippy', 'smooth' and 'like glass'.

Role Play Area

At the beginning of the month, our cosy, winter home corner gave the children somewhere to sit and relax in front of a pretend fire. They could make a cup of 'tea' or 'supper', read a book or try on some of the coats, scarves, gloves and hats to put their fine motor skills to the test.



To further capture the children's imaginations, the role play area has since been transformed into a 'winter wonderland'; complete with 'snow' and icicle fairy lights. The children have even discovered the odd polar bear and penguin!

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



Village Hall Update

Geoff Thorpe

WI survive Dunkirk!

January's film was Dunkirk and another full house were amazed at the special effects organized by the WI. The audience, with a proper British stiff upper lip, sat through smoke, flames and the fire alarm when the oven caught fire! Evacuate! Good heavens no! It is nice and warm in here!! The fire was quickly extinguished and apart from a dash to replace some incinerated fish and chips little harm was done. Whilst the excitement caused considerable

entertainment it was a lesson learnt and we are lucky that nobody was hurt and no serious damage done.

The next film is **Victoria and Abdul** on Saturday 24th February. Wonderful film starring Judi Dench.

The Ben Holder Jazz Quartet will be at the Village Hall on Thursday 15th March. Ben Holder is a young Jazz musician who runs Jazz Clubs at Dunchurch, Moreton and Market Harborough, had good reviews at the Oxford and French Jazz festivals and has played Ronnie Scotts. Find his website on Google. It should be a fun evening. Further details will be announced nearer the time.

January's Burn's Night was a great success. This is a Southam Rotary function but was very well supported by Harbury residents and the raffle raised £350 for the Village Hall. Our thanks to Peter Rollason for addressing the haggis and to compere Peter Walshe. Do come along next year for a fun evening and a drop of uisge beatha or 'the water of life'.

On a more mundane front - lost property! The collection of fleeces, waterproofs and umbrellas continues to grow. All will be donated to charity shortly.

Driving on the grass. The driveway in front of the hall was of course designed when cars were far narrower than today so please do not park obstructing the loop through. Please use the recreation ground car park and please, whilst I know it is a chance for the 4 x 4 drivers to go "off road", please do not drive on the grass.



Nature Notes

John Hancock

Looking out at the grey sky and fading light, though it is only 2.30pm, I am reminded of Robert Burns' lines in "To a Mouse".....

To thole the winter's sleety dribble,
An' cranreuch could'

A translation if needed is:-

To endure cold winter's icy dribble
And hoarfrosts cold.

It sums up well what it must be like to have no shelter at this time of year. We have had another fall of snow this morning (21st January). It has made travelling rather tricky with a covering of slush on minor roads. The word 'slush' entered the language from 17th century Danish.

This week the temperature is set to rise from the present 4°C at noon to 12°C, so as well as snowdrops, which are already flowering in some places, we should get our first sighting of Winter Aconites (*Eranthis hyemalis*).

This member of the Ranunculaceae (Buttercup) family is a native of southern Europe and has been introduced here. I usually look for it around the Stobo memorial close to the south porch of Harbury Church and also at the entrance to Kingston Manor. With its ruff of green sepals below the yellow petals the flowers are known as 'choirboys' in Suffolk.

As mentioned in last month's article, I took myself to Grafton Wood in Worcestershire to search for the eggs of the Brown Hairstreak butterfly. This is our nearest colony though I have never seen the adult insect. Its eggs are easier to spot as they are brilliant white and laid on blackthorn twigs near the junction of one and two year growth. Nevertheless, a pinhead would describe the size so a needle in a haystack springs to mind. Even finding blackthorn in winter along a woodland ride is not a 'given'. I searched for over an hour before 'bingo', there it was, exactly as described in the books. I could have done with a companion from Butterfly Conservation who manage the wood and have erected a most useful descriptive notice near the entrance. The Grafton Wood website says that in the winter of 2015-16, 555 eggs were found and one ride corner alone yielded 186. Grafton is a fair sized wood chiefly of Oak, Ash and Holly with an understory of Hazel and Honeysuckle. To re-orientate myself I emerged from the wood at a rise and was relieved to spot the tower of St John's church in Grafton Flyford where I had parked the car. Surely I thought, church spires and towers as well as their religious associations were useful as waymarks for travellers in times gone by. A note in the church register states that 'Ewy trees were sett in the churchyard on 6th January AD 1696/7 att ye charge of Will Pindar of Manor Farm'. The black and white timbered farmhouse is still there - an evocative place.

I have written to Stoneythorpe Estate to enquire about access to Bascote Wood but as yet have not had a reply. I told the Estate Manager in my letter that the wood is home to some of our rarer species such as Early Purple Orchid, and the White Admiral butterfly. I saw the former there last year but, probably due to wood clearance, failed to find the latter. The insect needs wispy honeysuckle for egg laying and blackberry flowers in sunny locations for nectar.

Gill and Geoff Thorpe sent me a photograph of a blackheaded blue tit from the Daily Telegraph. It had been sent to the paper by Mr Lee Smith who had seen it at Whisby Nature Reserve in Lincolnshire. Last Friday (19th January) dawned bright and frosty. Some rapid work with the scraper and we (a walking group) set off for Braunston and the Admiral Nelson pub beside the top lock of the Grand Union canal. The frost made the going firm. We followed the Jurassic way before branching off and crossing the infant Leam. Climbing towards Flecknoe, the angled sun helped to pick out the ancient 'ridge and furrow'. It seems this pattern on the surface of a field was an early form of drainage produced by ploughing and not supplanted until the invention and manufacture of the tile-pipe,

Coming back towards Braunston we passed through the deserted village of Wolfhamcote astride the Warwickshire/Northamptonshire border. Here is the church of St Peter not unlike our own Chesterton. Despite the fact it is not in use and cared for by the 'Churches Conservation Trust the building was open

and we explored the interior. It has a John Betjeman association but I will say no more as I am sure some would like to visit for themselves. (Grid Ref. SP529653).

As the days lengthen and some warmth returns to the land it will be good to see those signs of Spring such as Pussy Willow and frogspawn take centre stage.



General Section



Remembrance Day 2018

I have a plan to create a display of poppies, cascading down the tower of All Saints Church to commemorate 100 years since the end of World War One in November. To achieve this, I have begun knitting poppies to fill the display but would welcome help from anyone who has time and skill to make many more.

The poppies can be in any medium, but will eventually be attached to garden netting to create the cascade, which may preclude any that are too large or heavy.

I would also welcome donations of red and black wool (DK is preferred).

For those of you who would like to knit poppies, the following easy pattern is what I have been using.

- Cast on 60 stitches in red
- Rows 1 - 10 K2 P2
- Row 11 K2 tog across the row
- Row 12 Slip 1 K2 tog pssso across the row
- Cut yarn leaving a tail and thread back through remaining stitches and pull tight. Join edges.

Centre of Poppy

- Cast on eight stitches in black and knit eight rows
- Cut yarn leaving a tail and thread through the stitches then run a line of running stitches around the outside of the square and pull up to form a round
- Stitch to centre of poppy

Feel free to contact me if you want any more details.

Sue Hartland – 612734

Walter and Elizabeth Bitterli

Older Harbury residents may remember Walter and Elizabeth who lived in the village in the 1970s. They both died in 2017 within nine weeks of each other. They had been married for almost 62 years.

We moved into 22 Manor Orchard in April 1970 and so met the extraordinary Bitterli family who lived at no 20. Walter and Elizabeth were from Basel in Switzerland and spoke fluent English very fast with strong Swiss-German accents. At first we understood about one word in five but we tuned in. They had recently arrived from Canada with their four adopted children and rapidly acquired a dog - there were always dogs. It was the beginning of a lifelong friendship. The three girls went to the village school for a while but eventually the family moved to a large Victorian house in Leamington which, to put it mildly, needed some work. They made it into a lovely home and we have wonderful memories of long evenings eating Elizabeth's superb cooking in the elegant dining room.

Walter's work as an architect took him to many countries and over the years they lived in the Middle East and the Far East including a long spell in Taiwan. For a time they were back in Switzerland in a village outside Zurich and we had delightful stays there with our children. They loved England however and eventually settled in Brigg in Lincolnshire. As they got old however they felt the need to return to the country of their birth and moved to the village of Lenk in the Bernese Oberland. They loved it there and we could see why when we visited as it is incredibly beautiful.

I cannot do better to describe this unique couple than their eldest daughter Susi did in her letter to us after Walter's death.

'Everyone remembers Mum's wicked sense of humour. If you wanted someone to chase wild horses with or just go shopping, see a show and run to catch the last train then she was your gal! She loved to travel and push her horizons. She was a brilliant cook and hated being bored. Dad was quieter. He was witty, gentle, cosmopolitan and intelligent. There was hardly a subject he knew nothing about. Both were incredibly generous with their knowledge. They were a very special team who adopted four kids, 11 cats and 20 dogs from across the globe. They enabled us to lead the lives we have. We are very fortunate to have met them and be loved by them'

We feel very lucky to have known them. They are survived by their four children, Christopher, Susi, Helen and Linda, three granddaughters, two great-grandchildren and dog number 20, Daisy.

Sharon and John Hancock



Harbury Village Library and Biblio's Café

As mentioned in last month's *Harbury and Ladbroke News*, Harbury Village Library will be undergoing a refurbishment in February. This will involve a fresh new look for the book displays, which we anticipate will make borrowers' experience of the Library more pleasurable. However, as considerable work is involved, **the Library and Biblio's Café will be closed**

from Monday 5th February until Friday 16th February inclusive, reopening on Saturday 17th February for the Half Term week. During that period, books from either the Warwickshire County Council's or Harbury's own Blue Label Collection can be renewed by going to the Homepage of our website:

www.harburyvillagelibrary.org.uk

and following the links on there, although no books should be due back during the closure period.

We look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible to the reopening of the Library and Biblio's on the 17th at 10am and on subsequent days to view the changes. Please look out for photos of the process on our Facebook page and the website, together with news and information about forthcoming attractions.

To borrow books from the Library, all you need is a Warwickshire County Council library card, which you can obtain on-line from www.warwickshire.gov.uk/libraries. You can contact us at the email addresses below:

library@harburyvillagelibrary.org.uk biblios@harburyvillagelibrary.org.uk

Janice Montague



Kitchen Caddies

Stratford District Council are providing free caddies to help us with composting kitchen waste. If you would like to participate, please collect one from Harbury library during its normal opening hours.

Debbie Dimmock



Harbury Energy Initiative

Storing Energy

On 1st February Mark Graham of Sure Power delivered a talk open to everyone on battery energy storage. Since at the time of writing it hasn't yet happened, I can't tell you much about it - except that it will have been brilliant. If you attended I hope that you learnt plenty from it. For some time battery energy storage has been on the margins of financial benefit with a relatively long pay back. Those who have installed batteries have done so "because it is the right thing to do". Without such pioneers there would be little advance in technology. It does seem as though this is changing with costs dropping and technology improving. A standard 4kW PV installation with battery can now cost as little as £7,000, which would not so long ago have been the price of the panels alone. Technical advances mean that other efficiencies can be gained for existing systems.

If you missed the talk and would like to know more about energy storage, we can put you in touch with Mark or give you more information. Sure Power are based at the National Self-Build and Renovation Centre (www.nsbrc.co.uk) at Swindon, a place well worth a visit for the exhibits of every available technology for efficient, warm, modern housing and for retrofitting. Their periodic major shows are generally free to attend.

No More Idling

It's not that we object to people hanging around. A bit of relaxation is good for you. We just want to encourage people not to do it with their engines running. Last month I wrote about our planned approach to the Parish Council to find ways to contribute to lowering exhaust pollution in the village. Our aim is to react to a national concern at community level and to raise awareness. HEI member Alison Hodge is moving things along and you may soon see signs in the village centre asking people to 'switch off'. Then we can all relax.

Bob Sherman
info@harburyenergy.co.uk
www.harburyenergy.co.uk



Harbury e-Wheels

Money makes the wheels go round.

I can now reveal that the keenly anticipated Harbury Races will be held at the Village Hall on Saturday 5th May at 7:30pm.

I know that you will all want to be there, so am giving you plenty of advance notice.

You won't need binoculars, a flat cap or Hunter wellies but do bring them if you wish. You will be pleased to hear that we are having a practice session at the Village Club in February to ensure that it runs smoothly and efficiently (maybe). We could do with a few extra helpers for our practice session, so will welcome anyone who would like to join in. It will be at the Village Club and Institute on 27th February starting at 7:30pm. Please give me a call and let me know beforehand if you plan to come.

There is a good chance that we will be mentioning this event again but please get it in your diaries now. All the proceeds will go to e-Wheels, so that we can continue to help people in our local communities.

Bob Sherman
612277

Harbury Village Club & Institute Ltd

A big hello to everyone, can you believe that we are nearing the end of January? So nice that so many village societies plus darts, snooker, crib and dominoes are using our facilities. Just in case you are not aware, we do not charge for the hire of the concert room so if you have a function in the coming months pop along after 7pm and see for yourself what we can offer.

We had a busy December and January is shaping up to be another busy month too. We are really busy during the week and now that it is getting towards lighter nights we hope that the weekends will match the number of members and visitors that come and enjoy a chance to relax and enjoy good company.

I have been dealing with the annual membership cards and payments since the beginning of the year. I have processed 205 payments so far (as at 23rd January) but still about 107 left to pay. Can I remind those of you still to pay that the Club rules state that the payments are due on 1st January each year and that gives 28 days to renew your membership. However, as a concession after the 28th January you are given an extra 28 days so really the cut off date is 26th February. Sadly if fees remain outstanding at that date I have to send a letter advising that membership then ceases. Thank you to everyone who has paid and left cards etc behind the bar, please come along and collect these and I look forward to meeting more members over the next three weeks. The old £10 notes cease to be legal tender on 1st March so the last day we will accept these will be 28th February. I will be putting notices by the two bars just to remind you.

The annual crib competition played recently was won by our Chairman Pam and the dominoes was won by Allen Carter, two brilliant evenings enjoyed by all who took part. I have been speaking with Ray and David who both come to the Friday night Bingo sessions and have learnt a lot from them both about what the now snooker room was used for. It was a bowling alley for skittles, used as a Boys Club and - you will like this - the Home Guard used it, shades of Captain Mainwaring and don't tell them your name Pike! I can remember when I first came to live in Harbury that it was a garage. The WI hut was by what is now the car park. The entrance to the club was not where it is now but at the side. Fascinating listening to all of this and I hope to bring you more. It would be such a shame if all these memories were lost. So, come and join us at Bingo especially if you can share your own memories.

At our recent Committee meeting we approved another eight new members which is amazing. Our finances are still looking good and a lot of the jobs that need doing around the Club are being tackled. A big thank you to Darren who has been replacing the old lights with LED ones and it makes such a difference. I have been able to clarify the position regarding clearing any snow from the club premises. We have a duty of care to ensure that access points are gritted. This means that the steps from Crown Street must be clear and a path from the car park to the entrance. We will ensure that this happens and will be stocking up on grit. Both John and Allen Card will be taking care of this should we get any more snowfalls during the day.

All of the machines have now been fixed, by a lady with a nail file would you believe! The juke box is having some more CDs installed over next week, so you see we listen to what our members want and ensure that, as far as we are able, we comply with any requests.

The date for the AGM this year will be on Tuesday 3rd April. I know it is over two months away and where I have your email addresses I will be reminding

you. This is your chance to air any thoughts and ideas you may have. We would like to celebrate our 100th anniversary next year so time to get your thinking caps on as to what we can jointly do to celebrate. Also, as our committee is so small, do consider joining us, we are always open to new ideas.

Looking forward to another busy month and seeing you all. Thank you again for all of your lovely comments - this is what makes Harbury such a special village.

Judy Morrall



Harbury Heritage Room

Our next open evenings at the Heritage Room are Tuesday 6th February and Tuesday 6th March from 6.30 to 8.30pm. At both of these events we will also be showing DVDs connected with the village. Please also put in your diary an open afternoon on Sunday 25th March from 1.30pm.

We are celebrating 100 years of the W.I. with an impressive display of Harbury W.I. material gathered over many years. Come and see!

If you would like to receive information regarding the Heritage Group, please send your email to group@harburyheritage.org.uk

In addition, our website contains many photos and information: please go to <http://harburyheritage.org.uk>

If you are lucky enough to visit The Crown or The Shakespeare you will no doubt see a framed advert for the Heritage Room containing some extracts from The Courier from 1906. The following is from the same source:

'George Gulliver, Albert Boyles, Percy Soden, Wilfred Gubbins and Charles Freeman, all of Bishops Itchington, labourers, were summoned by Inspector Lee for furiously riding bicycles to the public danger, at Harbury on June 30th. Defendants all pleaded guilty. The evidence of P.C.s Harrison and Baxter showed that the defendants were all riding round the corner near Harbury Station as hard as they could, Gulliver being first. It was alleged they were racing to Leamington for a stake of 5s, Gulliver being allowed 10 minutes start because he rode a cushion-tyred machine, the distance being covered in 25 minutes. This however, the defendants denied. The Chairman said there would be no conviction this time, but defendants must pay the costs, 4s 6d each, and they must be careful not to repeat the offence, as they were liable to heavy penalty.'

Nigel Chapman



Memories of Growing up in Harbury - Pat's Story

Pat Summers has written her memories of growing up in Harbury in response to Sophie's article in last month's magazine. We would be very pleased to receive other villagers' memories of growing up in Harbury, Deppers Bridge or Ladbroke.

I was born on 4th August 1948 in Warneford Hospital, Leamington Spa which is where most Harbury babies were born - so I've lived nearly 70 years in Harbury.

I was taken back to Harbury to live with parents and grandparents in my Gran and Grandad's rented cottage in Hall Lane. Mr and Mrs Elliot lived in the first cottage, then Annie Austin, then the Lowes and then the Fergusons. Mum, dad and myself slept in the attic where there was a bed and cot jammed in one corner. When my brother Gary was born two years later another cot was placed in the other corner and mum and dad had to climb over the bottom of the bed to get in it.

Memories: the frightening claustrophobic spiral staircase to get to the bedroom, mum using the large built-in brick copper to do the washing every Monday, having to sit quietly for an hour every Saturday afternoon while grandad listened to the football results on the wireless, Malcolm Ferguson teaching me to say 'bugger'.

Mum would put me in the pram and walk me round to the new Manor Road estate to look at the council houses that were being built. We moved into no. 22 when I was three years old. The Marshalls lived at 24 and the Killorans at 20. I grew up on a fantastic estate where everyone helped each other out and the children played outside whatever the weather. Times were hard and we lived on home grown vegetables, eggs from our own hens, rabbit stew, roe on toast, pig's trotters and a weekly treat of fish and chips. Boulton's chip van came every Thursday evening and if mum couldn't afford fish and chips we had a portion of scratchings. The coalman delivered weekly and the man was strong and covered in coal dust. Mr Barr's van regularly drove into the road with household items which we bought – soap, brushes etc. Other essentials were provided by Lines' and Tandys' in Chapel Street as well as Harbury Co-operative Society.

Memories: dad's large garden where we played amongst his cabbages and sprout plants, feeding the chickens at the bottom of the garden, shot rabbits hanging outside with blood dripping, newspaper cut up to use as toilet paper, dad emptying the toilet bucket in holes in the garden, being outside in the dark at night playing under the lamp post, knowing the name of everyone in the road and the squeal of Mr Hamer's pigs as he loaded them up for market.

Stan Smith came to live with us almost as soon as we moved into Manor Road and lived with mum and dad until he died over fifty years later. 'Uncle Stan' was what was known then as a cripple and the village cobbler. He had a cabin where he mended shoes at the side of Phoenix house in the High Street and then moved premises to the side of what was Mugglestons Country Fayre. With Cecil Bloxham he was the local bookie and people used to knock

on our door with bets wrapped up in paper. He rode around the village on his scooter and delivered the post to outlying houses. Villagers knew Stan and he was well liked and respected for his snooker skills.

Memories: workmen lodging with us while the water tower was being built, attending the Wagstaffe School (headmistress Mrs Watts) where we huddled round the black copper fire to keep warm, becoming older and going to the Wight School (headmaster Mr Farrow), having piano lessons with Mrs Farrow, dad sitting me on his bike and singing to me while he took me (from the age of four) round to Aunt Vera's in Pineham Avenue for Sunday dinner (Vera Wheatley was Gran's twin sister), going to church every Sunday evening, watching mice run along the counter in Mrs Messers sweet shop, having the village fete in Dr Sutcliffe's land before the estate was built.

We moved to a newly built council house in Frances Road when I was 13 years old because Mum was expecting a baby and needed another bedroom. Stan moved with us and he had the small box bedroom, Gary the other, with myself and the new baby in one of the larger bedrooms and parents in the other. Mum cleaned for local families and helped the Watthesons in Harbury House where she cooked and ran their dinner parties. I enjoyed helping her because we were allowed to take their leftovers home after I had washed up. We had a long garden which dad cultivated, with views over Station Road, and the Carroll family living next door. At the time the Carrolls and the Constables in Long Itchington were the largest families in the county and had a 'fame' all of their own.

Memories: sharing bonfire night with the Carrolls when a firework got into the box and the whole lot exploded at once!, dad being annoyed when the houses in Butt Lane were built as no-one had considered the houses in Frances Road losing their views and privacy, visiting Dr Allott who always gave patients a bottle of green tonic no matter what the illness, a second baby being born so that I had two baby brothers, buying ham and cheese at the Top Shop from Mr Taylor who always had time to chat to customers, Mum potato picking for Eric Moore and us helping in the school holidays.

Dad had no interest in going out of Harbury and didn't own a car - although we did have one of the first televisions when they came out. He loved living in Harbury as his parents and grandparents had done before him. He worked in the Co-op before he became manager but never complained about the low wages - just happy to be able to walk home in the lunch hour for his dinner. In those days the shops in the village closed for a lunch hour and had a half day on Wednesdays and Saturdays. (On Saturday afternoons the village was empty as everyone caught the bus into Leamington). Dad helped serve behind the bar at The Crown to supplement his wages and he was a good barman, even running the pub when the tenants took a holiday.

Memories: a weekly youth club run by Geoff Wright who lived on The Beeches, regular youth club dances which brought the village to life!, starting work at Barclays Bank in Warwick on my 16th birthday and the bus journeys to get there, travelling to Leamington with Joan Warner to catch a bus from there and eventually having a lift with Wendy Mann who worked in Shire Hall,

watching netball games at Lockheed while waiting for a friend on a Saturday afternoon because the bank opened on Saturday mornings, then playing netball and joining Lockheed Sports & Social Club.

When the new estates - Maxim houses and Sutcliffe Drive - were being built in the late 1960's I had already met my future husband Brian Summers and we put a deposit on a house in Farley Avenue. The local builder George Marshall had a hardware shop at what is now Compton House and Margaret Turner ran her hairdressing business in the same premises. She was the daughter of Roy Turner (Turner's Heating). Marshalls Builders built The Beeches, Sutcliffe Drive estate and Constance Drive. The roads on the estate were named after Alderman Farley, Co-op manager Mr Honiwell, schoolteacher Mr Dickens and obviously Dr Sutcliffe. No 1 Sutcliffe Drive was the local Surgery before the new one in Mill Street was built.

I left Frances Road to marry and live in Farley Avenue in 1969, because we considered that the houses were built to a higher standard than the new Maxim estate (Manor Orchard). George Marshall also allowed us to have a variety of colours in the house including a bright orange staircase which I loved!

Within a couple of years Mum and Dad had moved to Ivy Cottage in Vicarage Lane to assist Mr and Mrs Sperling. Dad loved the large garden and orchard and Mum helped Mrs Sperling in the house. It meant they lived for a low rent and they stayed for 34 years. My brothers all grew up there and the family had many get-togethers because the garden was spacious and lovely. Cecil Bloxham kept his sheep in the orchard and Dad would leave barrows of apples outside the house for villagers to help themselves. When Dad was no longer able to climb the stairs to their bedroom Mum applied for a bungalow and they moved to Drinkwater Close where they spent the last few years of their lives.

Pat Summers



Harbury Village Show

This year Harbury Village Show will be held on Saturday, 8th September 2018. That's months away I hear you say. However this is the time to start planning your entries. So, if you're a keen gardener, you might want to consider what might look good on the show bench as you browse the seed catalogues or investigate those colourful websites. Perhaps you're a knitter, sewer or keen on crochet, then no better way of spending these dark winter evenings than creating something fantastic to amaze visitors to the show. Perhaps you're a budding artist or photographer then this is an ideal time to get some practice in. Remember our special photographic category for 2018 is "In the light". Harbury Village Show showcases all the talents of the many residents of the village and we would love to see new and old participants joining in a great day.

Village Show Committee



Napton Art Group Easter Exhibition

Napton Art Group are holding their ever-popular Easter Exhibition on Saturday 31st March and Sunday 1st April at Napton Village Hall (CV47 8LS) from 10am until 5pm. On display and for sale will be over 150 paintings and also cards, and craft exhibits. There will also be our usual range of delicious refreshments, a raffle and tombola. The entry charge is £1 for adults and there is no charge for children.

Howard Collerson



Dear Editors

It became apparent over Christmas that there are still those unaware of the sudden and tragic death of Allen in 2017.

Enduring the loss of my husband has been unbearable at times, and I thank those special friends who continue to give their love and support. I couldn't do it without you.

Sue Wilkins

Dear Editors

Sophie Green's excellent article on "Growing up in Harbury" (January, 2018 edition) highlights the many attributes of our community for all ages, but notes the "lack of buses" as something that appeals less to teenagers. Many villages have no bus service, or one a week, and Harbury is fortunate still to have regular services, seven days a week. However, if we don't use them, I would not expect them to continue in the current form in future years. All it takes is a little effort to read the timetables (on line or in print) and plan a journey, and lots of options become possible without a car.

Our first service on weekdays is the 6.43am to Leamington, and the service then continues all day at roughly two hourly intervals to Leamington and Southam (Stagecoach 665). On Friday and Saturday evenings there are extra late evening services, with the last bus leaving the Parade at 11.30pm to Harbury (Stagecoach 64A). We still have a limited service to Banbury at 9.42am on Thursdays (Catteralls 503), returning from Banbury at 1.35pm, and 9.10am on Saturdays, returning from Banbury at 12.15pm (Stagecoach 501) and 1.35pm (Stagecoach 502). On Sundays and Bank Holidays our two hourly service starts at 10.06am direct to Compton Verney and Upton House in one direction, and 10.23am to Leamington Retail Park and the Parade in

the other direction, giving day out options not possible on other days of the week (Stagecoach 67A). All the times I've quoted are from the Post Office / Gamecock, and the buses also stop at several other locations through the village. The 665 service is operated by the same bus all day, going back and forward between Napton, Harbury and Leamington, and the service is much more reliable now than when it ran further afield to Rugby and Banbury in past years.

Full details of all services can be seen at https://apps.warwickshire.gov.uk/BusTimetable/services/search?utf8=√&search_term=harbury&button=. The Parish Council has negotiated a "two for one" voucher for teenagers, and these vouchers are still available, free, at our community Library, up to 31st March 2018. Older villagers with bus passes enjoy free bus travel after 9.15am on weekdays, and all day at weekends: revenue for these journeys goes from central government to support our village bus service for the benefit of all.

Chris Gibb, Phoenix House, High Street, Harbury

Dear Editors

Children's Air Ambulance

Thank you to everyone who supported the coffee morning on 20th January as a result of which I was able to send £281.30 to the charity. I was amazed that so many people gave their generous support on a wet, cold and miserable morning. Thank you also to the many people who baked cakes and gave raffle prizes and to my team of helpers.

The Children's Air Ambulance flies critically ill children from local hospitals to specialist centres. The children are cared for in flight by NHS Paediatric doctors and nurses but the helicopter and crew are provided by the charity. Each flight costs around £2,500. The service has been run with just one helicopter for the whole country but two new ones are due to come into service. They will provide more space for intensive care equipment and a seat for a parent to travel with their child. One helicopter will serve the south and one the north.

Thank you again for your support for this very worthwhile cause.

Sharon Hancock



Dear Editors

In January my mum Audrey, along with family and friends, celebrated her 90th birthday with a ceilidh in the Village Hall. Local band Reel to Reel provided wonderful music for us to dance to. She would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who came to share her special evening and entered into the spirit with gusto.

Thanks to all bringers of food to share - I do hope there was enough for everyone!

Mum enjoyed all the well-chosen (and even hand-made) cards, 40 of them now decorate her living room. Amidst the flurry of well-wishers and gifts, she's afraid she rather lost track of who gave what, but is delighted with all the flowers, bulbs, chocolates and other expressions of love she received. Very many thanks to you all, from her.

Lesley Jones

Harbury & Bishops Itchington Surgeries

	SURGERY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
AM	Bishops Itchington	Dr Snowdon 9.00 - 11.30am	Dr Panting 9.00 - 11.30am	Dr Wood 9.00 - 11.30am	Dr Hill 9.00 - 11.30am	Dr Wilkinson 9.00 - 11.30am
	Harbury	Dr Wood 9.00 - 11.30am	Dr Wilkinson 9.00 - 11.30am	Dr Snowdon 9.00 - 11.30am	Dr Panting 9.00 - 11.30am	Dr Wood 9.00 - 11.30am
		Dr Panting 8.30 - 11.00am	Dr Wood 8.30 - 11.00am	Dr Hill 8.30 - 11.00am	Dr Wilkinson 8.30 - 11.00am	Dr Snowdon 8.30 - 11.00am
PM	Harbury	----- -----	Dr Panting 2.00 - 4.30pm	Dr Wood 2.00 - 4.30pm	Dr Hill 2.00 - 4.30pm	----- -----
		Dr Hill 3.40 - 6.00pm	Dr Wilkinson 3.40 - 6.00pm	----- -----	Dr Wilkinson 3.40 - 6.00pm	Dr Wood 3.40 - 6.00pm
		Dr Snowdon 3.40 - 6.00pm	----- -----	----- -----	----- -----	----- -----
	Bishops Itchington	Dr Panting 3.45 - 6.00pm	----- -----	Dr Snowdon 3.45 - 6.00pm	----- -----	----- -----

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Email: biblioscafe@gmail.com

www.harburyvillagelibrary.org.uk

Regular Diary Dates

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GUIDES: Monday, 7.15 - 8.45pm, Scout Hut, Email: 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: Steve Burnell, Tel: 07850 464286

Training: Saturday 8.30am. Harbury School

Under 7s – Year 2

Coach: John O'Keefe, Tel: 07939 127580

Training: Saturday 10.15am. Harbury School

Under 8s – Year 3 (Mixed)

Coach: Marcus Birch, Tel: 07904 670055

Training: Saturday 9.00am. Harbury School

Under 9s – Year 4 (Mixed)

Coach: Phil Hetherington, Tel: 07773 352731

Training: Saturday 9.00am. Harbury Playing Fields

Under 10s – Year 5 (Mixed)

Coach: Eugene Murphy, Tel: 07506 518687

Training: Monday 6.00pm. Southam College

Under 11s – Year 6 (Mixed)

Coach: Jo Dufty, Tel: 07718 082035

Training: Saturday 9.45am. Harbury Playing Fields

Under 15s – Year 10 & 11 (Mixed)

Coach: Ian Jones, Tel: 07525 099497

Training: Tuesday 6.00pm. Southam College 3g Pitch

Under 17s – Year 10 & 11 (Mixed)

Coach: Richard Woodhead, Tel: 07786 802803

Training: Tuesday 6.00pm. Southam College 3g Pitch

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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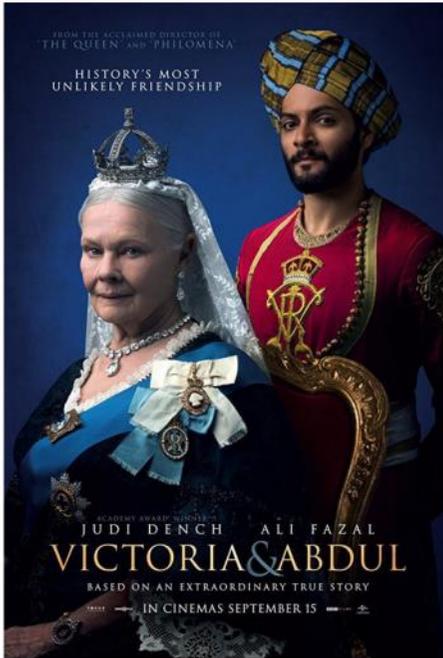
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