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## Editorial

In commemoration of the centenary of the ending of World War 1, there will be the usual Remembrance Sunday service at both Harbury and Ladbroke churches and laying of wreaths at the War Memorial. Ahead of that, on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November there is a Festival of Remembrance at 7.00pm in Harbury Village Hall and on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> a Beacon will be lit at Chesterton Windmill as part of 1000 Beacons of Light throughout the country. There will also be silhouette figures representing those fallen on display at venues around Harbury - see the magazine for details.

Also, during November in Harbury there is the Craft Fair on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November, Harbury Village Library is hosting another Murder Mystery on 22<sup>nd</sup> November and Harbury Theatre Group presents 'Intimate Exchanges' on 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> November.

You should all have received your polling cards by now for Harbury's Neighbourhood Development Plan Referendum. Please remember to vote on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November and have your say.

Next month the Harbury News will be publishing Christmas greetings from those villagers who prefer to give donations to charity rather than send individual greetings cards; please submit these to the magazine in good time and no later than Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

Finally, we extend our condolences to the families of Angela Woodruff, Ann Smith and Mary Hyam.

## Harbury Diary

### NOVEMBER

- |     |   |  |
|-----|---|--|
| Sat | 3 | Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Pre-school<br>Harbury Bonfire and Fireworks, bonfire lit 6.00pm, firework display at 6.30pm, Village Hall playing fields  |
| Sun | 4 | <b>ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY</b><br>Holy Communion, 9.00am (Said Service)<br>'Little Saints' Service, followed by breakfast in the THR, 10.30am<br>All Souls' Service, 6.00pm<br>Youth Group, 7.00 - 8.30pm, Tom Hauley Room<br>Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall |
| Mon | 5 | Upholstery Class, 9.15am, Village Hall<br>Martial Arts, 5.30pm, Village Hall   |
| Tue | 6 | Pilates, 9.30am, Village Hall<br>Bumps and Bundles, 10.30am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room   |

- Tue 6 MeetingPoint, 2.00 - 4.00pm, (tea, coffee & biscuits), The Crown Inn  
Heritage Room open, 6.30 - 8.30pm, Harbury School  
Junior Theatre Group, 6.30pm, Village Hall  
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 7 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park - Frankton - Draycote (4½ miles) with optional pub meal  
Mothers' Union Service, AGM & Quiz, 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 WI, 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room - Annual Meeting
- Fri 9 'Lest we Forget' Festival of Remembrance Concert, 7.00pm, Village Hall
- Sat 10 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Save the Children  
Myton Hospice Craft Fayre, 10.00am - 4.00pm, Village Hall  
Harbury Village Cinema presents 'The Book Shop' doors open 6.15pm, film starts 7.00pm
- Sun 11 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY: THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT**  
Holy Communion, 8.00am  
Remembrance Day Service, 10.15am  
Messy Church, 3.00 - 5.00pm, Tom Hauley Room  
Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall  
Harbury & Chesterton Remembrance Bonfire Beacon, 6.00 - 8.00pm, Chesterton Windmill - free transport to site available
- Mon 12 Upholstery Class, 9.15am, Village Hall  
Martial Arts, 5.30pm, Village Hall
- Tue 13 Pilates, 9.30am, Village Hall  
Bumps and Bundles, 10.30am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room  
Junior Theatre Group, 6.30pm, Village Hall  
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 14 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park - Wellesbourne - Charlecote (4½ miles flat)  
Away Day, 10.00am - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room  
Inspire Dance, 4.30pm, Village Hall  
Ballroom Dancing, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 15 Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am  
Twinning Association AGM, 7.30pm, Tom Hauley Room
- Sat 17 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Harbury Senior Citizens  
Tom Hauley Room lunch, 12 noon
- Sun 18 SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT**  
Holy Communion, 8.00am  
'Saints Alive', All Age Informal Service, 10.30am  
Evensong, 6.00pm  
Youth Group, 7.00 - 8.30pm, Tom Hauley Room

- Sun 18 Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall
- Mon 19 Upholstery Class, 9.15am, Village Hall  
 Martial Arts, 5.30pm, Village Hall  
 PCC Meeting, 7.30pm, Tom Hauley Room
- Tue 20 Pilates, 9.30am, Village Hall  
 Bumps and Bundles, 10.30am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room  
 Holy Communion, 7.30pm  
 Harbury Society talk "Life and Death of a Pirate" 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 -  
 Kenilworth (4 miles - flat)  
 Connections (Dementia) Café, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room  
 Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room  
 Inspire Dance, 4.30pm, Village Hall  
 Ballroom Dancing, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 22 Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am  
 ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY PHARMACY,  
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 5.30PM  
 Parish Council, 7.30pm, Tom Hauley Room  
 Harbury Theatre Group presents 'Intimate Exchanges', doors  
 open 7.00pm, curtain up 7.30pm, Village Hall  
 Murder Mystery, 'The Whistlebury Murder,' 7.30pm, Harbury  
 Village Library
- Fri 23 Harbury Theatre Group presents 'Intimate Exchanges', doors  
 open 7.00pm, curtain up 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Sat 24 Harbury Local Produce: Pop up Market, 9.00 - 11.30am,  
 The Shakespeare Inn  
 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid  
 of Embrace ME  
 Parish Council's Community Engagement – Councillors' Corner,  
 10.00 - 11.00am, Harbury Village Library  
 Harbury Theatre Group presents 'Intimate Exchanges', doors  
 open 7.00pm, curtain up 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Sun 25 CHRIST THE KING**  
 Holy Communion, 8.00am  
 Holy Communion & Children's Church, 10.30am  
 Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall
- Mon 26 Upholstery Class, 9.15am, Village Hall  
 Martial Arts, 5.30pm, Village Hall
- Tue 27 Pilates, 9.30am, Village Hall  
 Bumps and Bundles, 10.30am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room  
 Junior Theatre Group, 6.30pm, Village Hall  
 Holy Communion, 7.30pm  
 Julian meeting, 8.00pm
- Wed 28 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park -  
 Lighthorne (4 miles)

- Wed 28 Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room  
Inspire Dance, 4.30pm, Village Hall  
Ballroom Dancing, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 29 Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am  
Harbury & Deppers Bridge Neighbourhood Plan Referendum,  
7.00am - 10.00pm, Harbury Village Hall

## DECEMBER

- Sat 1 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid  
of MeetingPoint  
Christmas Fayre, 2.00pm, Village Hall
- Sun 2 **ADVENT SUNDAY**  
Holy Communion, 9.00am (Said Service)  
'Little Saints' Service, 10.30am, followed by breakfast in the  
Tom Hauley Room  
Advent Evening Service, 6.00pm  
Quiz in aid of Warwickshire Vision Support Charity, 7.00 for  
7.30pm, Village Club  
Youth Group, 7.00 - 8.30pm, Tom Hauley Room
- Tue 4 Bumps and Bundles, 10.30am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room  
MeetingPoint Christmas Lunch, 12.30pm (booking required),  
The Crown Inn  
Heritage Room open, 6.30 - 8.30pm, Harbury School  
Holy Communion with Advent Reflection, 7.30pm  
Club OAP Christmas Party at Village Club
- Wed 5 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park -  
Wormleighton (4 miles)  
Mothers' Union Service and meeting (Christmas Activity), 2.00pm,  
Tom Hauley Room

Refuse Collection Rota			
	Deppers Bridge	Harbury, Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge outlying properties	Collection Week
<b>November</b>	Wed	Fri	
	7	9	Grey Bin
	14	16	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	21	23	Grey Bin
	28	30	Green & Blue Lid Bins
<b>Dec</b>	5	7	Grey Bin
	12	14	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	19	21	Grey Bin



## From the Rector

Reverend Craig Grocock

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### Remembering and commemorating

This November we commemorate the end of the First World War. We remember the great loss of life; over one million Commonwealth Service men and women killed, losses felt in almost every town and village in the UK and throughout what was then the British Empire. Every year as I read the names of the men of our villages who went to war and never returned, I ponder at just how young they were and how families and communities were ripped apart by the tragedy that became known as the Great War.

In Harbury we will be having a number of commemorative events taking place during the Remembrance weekend – poppies made by villagers will be hung from the church tower, a concert in the Village Hall, a Bonfire Beacon will be lit at Chesterton Windmill as part of national commemorations, church bells will be rung and of course there will be our annual Remembrance Day Service at Church on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> at 10.15am. You will find more details about the weekend in this month's magazine.

As we all come once again to remember and hold silent reflection let us do so in the spirit of peace. In a world where insecurity seems to be growing, where nuclear treaties are being ripped up and the increase of weapons of mass destruction likely, let us each pause and resolve never to allow the sacrifice of so many a hundred years ago be in vain. We must learn the lessons of the past for if we don't, there will never be a different future.

Blessings.

### From the Registers

#### *Baptism*

14<sup>th</sup> October          Esmee Elizabeth Miles - Bench

#### *Funeral*

18<sup>th</sup> October          Angela Woodruff (73 years)



## From the Churchwardens

Liz & Michael

Looking back, this year our annual Harvest Festival Service was held on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October, and what a wonderful informal service it was. We were joined by 35 children, mainly from the village primary school, with many children bringing along their teachers or parents who further swelled the congregation. We enjoyed lively music from the specially formed band with a

range of instruments including two guitars, piano and a lovely sounding cello. There was lots of celebrating the harvest and giving thanks to God for all the lovely food that we are able to enjoy all year round, whilst remembering all those around the world and locally who are often hungry and short of food. All the food collected as part of the Harvest Festival was donated to the local Foodbank, where it was much needed and very appreciated.

Looking forward, this year the Church's annual Christmas Fayre will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December, running from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. It's a great place for the children to see Father Christmas as well as for grown - ups to buy Christmas gifts from the wide range of stalls. Money raised from the stalls will go towards Church funds.

This year the raffle, which will be drawn at the Fayre, is to support a very worthwhile local charity, the Warwickshire and Northampton Air Ambulance. We hope you will be able to support this charity by buying some tickets when the street sellers call at your door in November. There are some terrific prizes to be won, including a Grand Food and Wine Hamper, free range bronze turkey, a £25 M&S voucher, Christmas cake, lots of wine, and many other prizes.

If you have any questions about Harbury Church, please contact either of us.

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

	<h2>Mothers' Union</h2>	<p><b>Gillian Hare</b></p>
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At our October meeting we heard an inspirational talk about Futures Unlocked. Mr Philip Jones, a retired criminal defence lawyer, volunteers as a community chaplain for this charity. Based in Rugby, and with the help of several mentors including from Harbury, the aim is to ease prisoners through their release and back into normal life. The support is both emotional and practical, addressing such issues as loneliness, housing, employment, finance and relationships. The value of their work is apparent in the figure of 30% reoffending compared with 70% of unsupported prisoners.

### Future Dates

7<sup>th</sup> November: AGM and quiz

1<sup>st</sup> December: Christmas Fayre (please support our toiletries stall)

3<sup>rd</sup> December: Advent service, 11am at Bulkington (lifts available)

5<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas meeting

We meet in the Tom Hauley Room at 2pm for communion, followed by business and speaker at 2.30pm. All are welcome.

# Ladbroke News & Diary

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

## NOVEMBER

### Sun 4 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Family Communion, 9.00am, followed by refreshments

Mon 5 Homegroup, 8.00pm, 2 Hedges Close

Tue 6 Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall

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

### Sun 11 REMEMBRANCE DAY

NOTE: No morning service at Ladbroke

Village Remembrance Service, 3.00pm

Wed 14 Parish Council, 7.45pm, Village Hall

### Sun 18 SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

Holy Communion (BCP), 9.00am

Mon 19 Homegroup, 8.00pm, 2 Hedges Close

Tue 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

### Sun 25 CHRIST THE KING

Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am

Mon 26 Ladbroke Village Hall and Millennium Green AGMs, 7.30pm,  
Village Hall

Wed 28 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall

## DECEMBER

### Sun 2 ADVENT I / CHRISTINGLE

Family Communion followed by refreshments, 10.30am

Mon 3 Homegroup, 8.00pm, 2 Hedges Close

Tue 4 Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Wed 5 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall

Thurs 6 WI, Christmas Meal, 6.30pm, The Bell Inn

Fri 7 Christmas Film Night, doors open 7.00pm, Village Hall

Sat 8 Songs and Snacks, 7.30pm, Church

### Sun 9 ADVENT II

Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am

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advertising@hlnews.co.uk by 20<sup>th</sup> November

**Articles to:** Harbury Pharmacy, High Street or e-mail to  
articles@hlnews.co.uk by 5.30pm, Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November



## Ladbrooke Church News

Peter Rigby

For our Harvest Festival Family Service at the beginning of October the Church was beautifully decorated with local produce and was well attended. Rev Craig gave a short but thought provoking talk about three gardens in the Bible (of apples, olives and grapes) and most of the congregation then stayed for a bring and share lunch, and there was more than enough for all! The foodstuffs donated were passed on to Galanos House and to the Foodbank.

Following this, Rev Craig and his preaching team have started a short preaching series about the Bible and this will continue at Sunday services through November, with the exception of Remembrance Sunday. Although I missed the first two due to holiday, several people have commented to me how good these have been, so I am looking forward to the rest of the series.

Remembrance Sunday is on 11<sup>th</sup> November and we shall be holding a special Service at 3.00pm to commemorate 100 years since the end of World War One and to remember the fallen. Please note that there will be no morning service on that day.

The Home Group is continuing to watch and discuss the "Jesus the Gamechanger" DVD series. During November we shall be meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> and the 19<sup>th</sup> when the subjects will be Jesus' impact on Democracy and Care respectively, so quite possibly we shall be discussing whether his teaching is relevant to Brexit and the NHS! All welcome.

Finally, a reminder to PCC members that our next meeting is on 12<sup>th</sup> November.

### From the Registers

#### *Baptism*

2<sup>nd</sup> September                      Jake Frederick Ciampa

#### *Funeral*

4<sup>th</sup> October                              Ann Smith

#### *Memorial Service*

11<sup>th</sup> October                              Mary Hyam



The Annual General Meeting was held in Ladbroke Village Hall on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> October.

In her President's report, Dianne summarised the events from the past year, concluding with the following: *'As I stand down after my four years in post, I would like to thank, not just our wonderful Committee for all their hard work, but also thank you for all your support during my time in office. The WI is very much a team effort and I think that we all make a pretty good team! I am sure that you will all want to continue to do your part in keeping Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge a warm, friendly and very active WI.'*

She thanked Lesley Jeffries and Jenny Barrett for arranging such interesting speakers.



**Outgoing president Dianne Surgey on the left and  
Hazel Harrison, the new president**

Dianne has been an outstanding president, very efficient and organised when running the meetings, welcoming to all new and existing members and seemingly tireless in her enthusiastic inclusion in Warwickshire Federation and National events. She has been 'ably abetted' by Joan whose secretarial duties are undertaken with ease and unflappable good humour. Nothing seems to phase her?

has stepped down from the committee after at least 20 years during which time she has been secretary twice and president twice. A lively meeting can be guaranteed when Sue is there!

The new committee was voted in and comprises: Jenny Barrett (speakers' secretary) Heather Brooks, Hazel Harrison, Lesley Jeffries, Sue Lord, Joan Perry (secretary) and Sally Simmons (Treasurer). Hazel was then voted to be our next president.

Hazel, has been a member of the WI for many years and joined Ladbroke three years ago. She comes with a wealth of knowledge about WI affairs and has been president, secretary and treasurer in the past. Hazel is a member of Midland Voices Choir and enjoys reading and crosswords of any sort.

Mention must also be made of Sue Moore who

We already know her craft work as she and Heather helped us to make greeting cards last year and she also knits, including hedgehogs and beanie hats for Operation Child Christmas Boxes. She likes cooking cakes and puddings but not dinners. Well that's OK then – our coffee mornings and cheese and wine evenings will be well catered for. To prove the point Hazel made delicious cream scones which added to the food which the Committee had provided!

### Dates for your diary:

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm - Christmas meal at The Bell.

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December - Group Carol Service. Details to follow.

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2019 - Coffee morning in Tom Hauley room.

As the next meeting on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November will have taken place before the distribution of the November Harbury and Ladbroke news, we will next meet in The Bell on 6<sup>th</sup> December.

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



**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December** is the date set for our **Christmas Film Night**. It will be a screening of ***Finding Your Feet***. Come and join us for a two-course meal including seasonal puddings. Tickets will be £15 and include a glass of wine/soft drink as a thank you to all our filmgoers who make these occasions so successful. Doors open and food served 7pm. Film screening 8pm. Tickets from Nicky Lewis on 815196 or [nicolalewis24@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:nicolalewis24@tiscali.co.uk). **Book early as this will be a very popular event.**

We were sorry that our wine tasting evening had to be cancelled in October, but we have a great programme lined up for 2019 including our regular **film nights**, our popular **summer barbeque** with a live band, the **Last Night of the Proms** (again), and a **quiz night**. We'll let you have further details and dates soon.



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

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

## Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club

### Draw for Sept 2018

£50	Margaret Bosworth	£50	Elaine Taylor
£25	Angela Coleman	£25	Chris Ennew
£25	Tracy Lochhead	£10	Alan Rylance
£10	Carol Thompson	£10	Joley Malby
£10	Trevor and Diane Surgey	£10	Roger Plaskett

**Margaret Bosworth**



## Ladbroke Photography Club

**Jackie West**

It was a busy and long evening at our October meeting. First we saw photos from our visit to Bishops Bowl Lakes back in June. Water is always photogenic, and the views taken that evening were no exception. We also saw some great bird shots of the resident ducks and swans and close ups of the wildflowers and grasses, some with beautiful back lighting as the sun went lower. Photographers like to see things from a different perspective and Andy Hay's taken from inside a cloud of mosquitoes was certainly that! The picture of the night definitely went to Jennie Daniels who, reviewing a set of images from a sequence of a seagull flying over the lake found she had, by serendipity, caught it grabbing supper. Nature is cruel!



The challenge of the evening came during the refreshment break when we tried to think of witty titles for our photos being exhibited at the John Turner Festival before we sat back to hear hints and tips on taking pictures at night: taking a torch and lots of shots at different settings were two key ones. How successful we are at taking pictures after dark will be revealed at our next meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> November when Night Photography is the subject for both the competition and photo topic. Visitors and guests are welcome at our meetings; for more information see our website ([tinyurl.com/ladbrokephoto](http://tinyurl.com/ladbrokephoto)) or contact [jackieszone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jackieszone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk)



## Ladbroke General Section

### Local Business Profile: Prestige Photography

Last month the magazine included a couple of shots taken by Russell Griffith, who has recently moved his business, Prestige Photography, to Ladbroke. Curious to find out more, I interviewed him in his smart new studio tucked behind the hedge at Bellview Cottage.



You would never have guessed it, but Russell spent his earliest years in Nigeria; his father was working there as a civil engineer. The family returned to the UK when Russell was four, then followed five decades in Solihull. His wife's closest friend lived in Ladbroke and on one visit they met her next door neighbour, Elsa Greenway. Elsa, half joking, said they could they have first refusal on her house if she moved and in 2014, when Elsa went into a nursing home, her solicitor called Russell to see if they wanted to take up the offer. No move is ever as simple as you hope but rewiring, dry rot, woodworm and a major extension meant this was more of a challenge than most for Russell and Donna.

On geology field trips while at 6<sup>th</sup> form college Russell discovered he most enjoyed photographing the landscape. However, he realised that if he wanted to make a living from photography he would need to be more diverse, as the money was in weddings and portraits. He persuaded a framing business to rent him an upstairs room for that all important High Street address but it wasn't long before his business, Prestige Photography, had its own studio and in-house printing laboratory and within three years they were one of the busiest in the Midlands with five photographers plus studio and lab staff.

The business has done 5000 weddings with over 2000 of these by Russell personally. He prides himself on the professionalism of the service he provides - from getting to know the couple and venue at a pre-wedding shoot, then capturing the essence of their special day without disrupting it, boring the guests or delaying the meal, to ensuring the precious images are secure before he finishes for the day. In years past this meant working into the night to develop the films; nowadays the day is not finished until the digital files are backed up in two physical locations.

Not just a good photographer, with such attention to service and reliability it's not surprising to learn that the Professional Golfers' Association entrusted Russell with the Ryder Cup overnight, he has photographed members of the Royal Family and still receives royalties for his photos of The Spice Girls. He wouldn't name drop but told me he'd also been the wedding photographer for four premier league footballers, which made me ask if that meant he was expensive. For once his mild demeanour changed and I was firmly told "No. There is a tiered system for cost based on the number of photographers, the time they are there and size of the album etc but everyone's wedding day is very important to them and deserves the best service."

I wondered what triggered the recent move of the business from a large studio in Solihull to this home studio; obviously, removing the M40 journey twice a day gives a better work life balance, more time for table tennis perhaps? One reason was to simplify the business and digitalisation has made this possible, there is no need for a lab, though until superfast broadband arrives in Ladbroke it's actually quicker to send files to his support staff designing the wedding story books by Royal Mail! Also, what the public want has changed - location work at weddings and corporate events continues but the demand for large studio groups has declined, most portraiture is now at home or in a favourite place. The Ladbroke studio has everything he needs for small scale work - commercial product photography and head 'n' shoulder portraits with the added advantage of some lovely locations outside and around the village.

We concluded the interview with a couple of minutes role reversal, with me taking Russell's photo as he leaned on his five-bar gate, though I have to admit this master of getting the best image possible advised me how to set it up!



Do take a look at [www.prestigephotography.co.uk](http://www.prestigephotography.co.uk)

for more information and prices and watch out for special offers on the advert in this magazine, see page 57 this month.

**Jackie West**

## 🎵🎵 Songs and Snacks - Christmas Edition

There will be a concert on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December in All Saints Church, Ladbroke starting at 7.30pm.

Krystal Tunnicliffe, pianist, will accompany sopranos Sian Dicker and Harriet Burns in an evening of music with an emphasis on Christmas! Wine and snacks will be available.

Admission is free, but donations will be gratefully received and shared between the girls and Ladbroke Church.

Please do come to what promises to be a delightful evening.

**Carol Lane**

## Footpaths

The Ladbroke Footpath Group was out and about on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October, working on the section of the footpath between Ladbroke and Southam as far as Starbold Farm. They have been cutting back undergrowth and replacing posts and waymarks where needed. On the same day, the Southam group were doing the same thing between Starbold Farm and Southam. There is more work to do on the route, but



villagers should now find it easier to walk into town, and from Southam a country stroll to Ladbroke is a bit more navigable. Please contact Zoe James (zljames@gmail.com) if you'd like to be involved.

**Zoe James**



## HS2

I called in at the Southam Drop in Event on 16<sup>th</sup> October. There were lots of people there so it was rather a melee. Hopefully their larger exhibition style event on 3<sup>rd</sup> November will have had more space and more people who can answer the public's questions.

If you didn't make either of these there is to be another Southam Drop In on 27<sup>th</sup> November at the Library and our parish council are arranging a meeting at Ladbroke, date to be confirmed. A number of people from HS2 and the contractors on 16<sup>th</sup> October were recent joiners and so not very

knowledgeable in the specifics for our area. So I asked the HS2 organiser if it would be helpful for the Ladbroke meeting if we send key questions in advance - the answer was YES.

Some information I gleaned at that October Drop in Event:

**Fusion** are doing the enabling works such as the ecology mitigation area beyond the bypass.

**Eiffage Kier** are doing the main civil engineering work as the route comes past Ladbroke. Then from the entrance to the tunnel by the polo grounds northwards these works will be done by **Balfour Beatty** and **Vinci**.

Chris James from **Kier** (who does appear to know what is happening, as far as it has been defined) said they are expecting to take three and a half years to complete their structures, earthworks and landscaping before the work on the track etc starts. In our immediate area they will start first on the A423 bridge crossing over the HS2 route ie by the nursery as they want to use the line of the route underneath that bridge to move vehicles, excavated earth etc. The work on this crossing will start Summer 2019; it will be constructed off line with the change over from the existing to the new road most likely happening overnight. The main works on the Windmill Hill Cutting will not start until this over-bridge is complete so probably a year or 18 months later.

As I understood it, works on the viaduct over the Itchen, and where the line crosses the road from Southam to Deppers Bridge (B4451) and the road from Southam to Leamington (A425) are not expected to start until 2020 or later, but all of Keir's "structures, earthworks and landscaping" in the area should be finished by end 2022.

**Jackie West**



**Harbury Parish Council**

**Linda Ridgley**  
**Harbury News Correspondent**

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

## **October 2018 Meeting Report**

### **HS2 Consultation**

This began with a rather unsatisfactory presentation from the myriad of agencies building HS2. The whole project in our area is complicated by being at the junction of two separate phases run by a different assortment of companies. Added to this, the maps projected were unreadable and the PA system was not used, so the sound in the main hall was poor!

The good news is that the ecologist talked enthusiastically about new newt mitigation ponds and the archaeologists were excited to have found a deserted village, and an Iron Age trackway.

However, it appears that we will be subject to serial road closures ahead of the actual construction work whilst “ground investigations” (trial holes) are dug. (The owner of Ashton House was annoyed not to have been informed that one of these was immediately outside his property). The work will be done in five phases with two week road closures at each site and, later, when cabling is installed, there will be further two months of closures for each phase.

Our District Councillor Jacqui Harris stood up for Harbury and the surrounding Parishes complaining about the disruption and lack of consultation on closures. Susan Bridges for HS2 promised to talk to WCC about this lack of information as they were supposed to inform the Parishes. We can contact the HS2 Help Desk on 08081 434 434 if required. Jacqui encouraged HS2 to contribute an article on their project to the District’s residents’ information magazine.

We will have only 14 days’ notice of road closures and HS2 intends to add to the congestion on the Fosse by using it as a route for construction traffic. They are building two new Fosse Way roundabouts but they are north of us. The actual construction, including the tunnel under Ufton Wood is scheduled to commence in June next year, but don’t hold your breath!

The Cllrs quizzed Bob Stevens our County Councillor and Cllr Gibb wants the promised Bendigo/Mitchell traffic lights installed before the HS2 work starts but Bob was unable to confirm this. He stressed the upheaval “in top management” at the County with several retirements and resignations and the financial hit to the Police Service due to West Mercia withdrawing from their co-operation with our Force.

## **Planning**

An extension proposed at 15 Ivy Lane caused some concern over parking provision, however the Council made no objection. There was also no objection made to the proposed large extension at 3 Park Lane.

There was considerable discussion on the “Variation” to Planning Consent for Henry’s on Bush Heath Lane, as most Cllrs did not like the style of the development, or the grubbing out of the hedge, to be replaced by a fence. The Chairman objected to the unexpected brick wall at the entrance. All agreed they wanted a proper hedge along the frontage.

There were no objections to an extension to 5 Ridgley Way; tree felling at; Newend House on Bullring Lane, 21 Farm Street, and Kingston House; and to tree-works at Courtyard House and The Secret Garden at the Hall.

Cllr Summers reminded the audience that the Referendum on our Neighbourhood Plan is on 29<sup>th</sup> November and she hoped the imminent arrival of polling cards would energise residents to come out and vote.

## Properties

Wickstead will be asked to inspect play equipment. Cllr Ekins thought branches overhanging the area should be removed and play surfaces cleared of moss. Car park re-lining is due in the Spring.

The Burial Grounds will be surveyed to reveal how much space is left for burials or as Cllr Ekins put it “show what life is left in the Cemetery”. Severn Trent want £137 to connect a tap to the pipe which already exists at the entrance and require the PC to pay for a soil test analysis. The percolation tests that are needed before Chapel repairs are instigated are still awaited.

Cllrs argued about the need for the three new lights along Bush Heath Lane, proposed by the Henrys developer. The Chairman wanted only one, but Cllr Gibb was in favour of all three believing that they might slow traffic entering the village. There was concern that so much light in a short distance could overspill into other properties. They agreed that local residents should be consulted about the impact of two new lights. WCC will be asked to replace the village sign at this development which has gone missing.

The bollards on the Pound will be replaced. The County has agreed to reinstate the verges and the Green, damaged by the Spinney Paddock development and charge the developer for the work.

## Odds and Ends

The PC agreed a grant of £1,500 to help e-Wheels transport villagers to the Food Bank etc. and £15,000 towards the PTA plans to build an outdoor classroom on the old swimming pool site.

Vehicles exiting Bullring Lane are driving up Church Terrace as the No Entry sign is obscured.

The PC adopted its “Social Media Policy”, whatever that is.

The Grounds Maintenance contract for 14 grass cuts will be advertised.

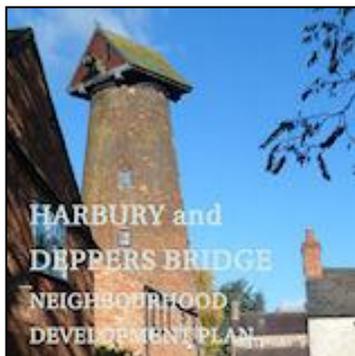
The Council will send out a draft lease to the Tennis and Netball Clubs that use the playing fields courts.

Cllr Gibb who is masterminding WW1 bonfire celebrations succeeded in extracting money from the PC for an extra bus to ferry residents to the Windmill. He will also organise the cleaning of the War Memorial.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 7.30pm in the **Tom Hauley Room.**

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

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



## Neighbourhood Development Plan

The Harbury and Deppers Bridge Neighbourhood Development Plan has been examined and accepted by Stratford DC and goes to referendum on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November at Harbury Village Hall. Stratford will send out polling cards so please do go and vote. The Plan will protect the parish until 2031 and a boundary will be put around Harbury village so that large estates cannot be built on the outskirts - keeping the village at the size it is now, especially as our infrastructure cannot be improved. After all, we are a village!

**PLEASE, PLEASE, VOTE FOR THIS PLAN** - copies can be viewed in the Library or the Parish Office.

**Councillor Pat Summers (Chair of the NDP Steering Committee)**

## Neighbourhood Plan Proceeds to Referendum

The parish council is delighted that the NDP referendum will take place on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018. We encourage all residents to vote on this important document which, if supported by the majority of people voting, will be adopted by SDC as planning policy for Harbury and Deppers Bridge. This means that any new planning applications in this locality would have to conform with the NDP policies which have been developed in consultation with local residents, giving you a real say in how this village develops in the future.

All of the relevant documents are available to read online and also in hard copy at the parish council office and the library. More information about this is available via the official press release from SDC elsewhere in this edition of Harbury & Ladbroke News.

The referendum is the culmination of several years' hard work by local residents and councillors so please support their efforts and turn out and vote on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

**Harbury Parish Council**

## Extract from District Council Press Release regarding the Referendum

To vote in this referendum, residents of the parish of Harbury must be registered to vote at local government elections and be 18 or over on the day of the poll. To check you are on the electoral register and eligible to vote or to register please contact the district council's Electoral Services on 01789 260208 no later than 13<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

The polling station, which will be open from 7am to 10pm, will be at Harbury Village Hall, South Parade, Harbury, CV33 9JE. The counting of the votes will be held immediately after the close of poll at Elizabeth House, Church Street, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 6HX.

The referendum will be asking whether the community wishes to see the district council use the neighbourhood plan to decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area (which is based on the parish boundary).

A number of documents (referred to as 'specified documents' in the Regulations) have been produced in order to help with the voting process. These specified documents can be viewed on both the parish council's and the district council's websites on the pages dedicated to the Harbury and Deppers Bridge Neighbourhood Plan at <http://www.harbury-pc.gov.uk/developmentplan.htm> and <https://www.stratford.gov.uk/harburynp>

As well as the Parish Office and Harbury Library, these documents may also be inspected at:

- The district council offices at Elizabeth House, Church Street, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 6HX, during normal opening hours - Monday - Wednesday 8.45am to 5.15pm and Thursday - Friday 8.45am to 5pm.
- Stratford-upon-Avon Library, 12 Henley Street, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 6PZ. Opening hours - Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm and Saturday 10am to 3pm.
- Southam Library and One Stop Shop, Tithe Place, High Street, Southam CV47 0HB. Opening hours Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9.30am to 5.30pm and Saturday 9.30am to 12.30pm.

**Stratford District Council**



We had a really interesting talk by Bob Sherman on what Harbury Energy Initiative (HEI) has achieved in its short life. Bob has this truly amazing talent - he is always able to rustle up funding! As a result, our relatively small community has benefited from several improvements in energy efficiency.

Bob stressed we have only a dozen years to sort out Climate Change - the greatest threat to life on our planet since the Ice Age. We have the technology, but need concerted action by all governments - NOW! However, small actions by individuals can and are making a difference.

HEI, set up in 2009, bid for a pot of money for energy initiatives. In November 2010 they had improved the Library and conducted energy audits on our other Community Buildings, insulated the Rugby Club and since have changed the School's lighting to LEDs. Now Alison Hodge runs pollution

monitoring with the School Children, the results of which will be compared with those of a Coventry School.

HEI did a village survey of potential use of Electric Car Club, set it up and now Harbury has been chosen for a new electronically controlled car charging point. Next month the Club will have a new Renault Zoe capable of running on one charge for 140 miles in winter and 200 miles in summer.

Bob, Doug and Janny Freeman set up e-Wheels which takes people to food banks, shops, and Job Centres in clean, green transport. With 12 volunteer drivers and 6 volunteer co-ordinators, it is the only such free service in the country, providing this year 950 hours free transport and 700 journeys for 102 different people.

The latest innovation was installing a 19Kw battery in our Village Hall, linked to solar panels on the roof, to store energy to heat and light the Hall. Any excess goes to the grid and brings in more revenue. Bob stressed the benefits of solar panels "deemed to export 50% of generated power", but likely to send 75% of electricity to the Grid. A battery would allow you to use as much as you need.

Future projects are to Green the Church and put solar panels on the School. Looking still further Bob wants a major village energy scheme with part of the energy generated for the village and e-Wheels; a Waste Reduction project, and an increase in Car Club use. Most two car families have the second car sitting in the garage most of the time, wasting money he says.

HEI must raise £8K/year, from their Barn Dance, regular contributions and donations from residents. Registering HEI as a charity will allow it to seek finance from Trust Funds.

The question and answer session was nearly as long as the presentation and showed the interest his talk had "generated"!

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30pm Tom Hauley Room - "Life and Death of a Pirate"



On 1<sup>st</sup> October six members attended a Literary Lunch at Mallory Court Hotel organised by the Warwickshire Federation of Women's Institutes. The speaker was Tim Bentinck who plays David Archer in the BBC Radio series "The Archers." He proved to be an excellent speaker who not only talked about The Archers but his work in other plays, voice overs and even the "mind the gap" announcement on the Piccadilly Line.

Our speaker at the October meeting was Marilyn Payne MBE who is the Community Coordinator for the Warwickshire Branch of the Save the Children organisation. Save the Children was started by Eglantyne Jebb in 1919 because she saw children in Austria starving because of a blockade after

WW1. She was taken to court and charged with treason for helping enemy children. The £5 fine was paid by the prosecutor.

Save the Children have had an interesting history over the years - helping children in Russia in 1921, children in the UK during the Depression, starting free school milk in South Wales, pioneering nursery schools in the 1930s and supporting evacuated children in WW2. They also assist with tracing families after a disaster.

The Princess Royal has been a very active president since 1971. The organisation now works in 120 countries, including the UK. They now concentrate on Health, Nutrition, Education, Protection and Emergency.

Marilyn made the point that 89 pence in the pound goes directly to their projects and no money goes through foreign governments. All projects have to account for the money they receive and must be sustainable by local employees and volunteers.

Warwickshire WI Federation are also celebrating their centenary this year and have made the Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air ambulance their chosen charity. Harbury members agreed to donate £200 to the charity.

On 18<sup>th</sup> October 14 members attended a quiz organised by Chris Rutherford as part of our centenary celebrations. It was a most enjoyable evening - thanks to Chris for her hard work.

We shall be running the Rural Cinema again on 10<sup>th</sup> November when the film will be Bookshop. As usual, tickets should be purchased from the chemist by Wednesday November 7<sup>th</sup> - don't leave it too late as some people were disappointed in October.

Our A.G.M. will be held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November when we shall review the past year and elect our new committee for 2018/19.



## Harbury Theatre Group

**Geoff Allen**

The rehearsals for the November production of Alan Ayckbourn's play, Intimate Exchanges from Harbury Theatre Group are coming along apace with both words and acting!

Intimate Exchanges as a complete play gives eight major story lines with sixteen possible endings. In our permutation of the play we have chosen a story line that gives us six characters, a randy gardener with ideas beyond his station, a discontented nymphomaniac wife, the disillusioned alcoholic head master, his sophisticated but long-suffering and rather irritable wife, a pompous failed poet and the unassuming put-upon home help emerging with her own strong personality free from the interference of men. Lots of typical Ayckbourn humour with a large measure of poignancy as the characters emerge and develop.

The idea behind Intimate Exchanges is very simple: at many junctions in the play (as in life) characters are faced with either/or decisions to do or say one thing or another. The consequences can often be vastly different (or at least so one imagines) and indeed drama is littered full of 'what ifs', where audiences wonder what might have happened but for some small coincidence or an action taken or a word spoken (or not). I am sure you will enjoy our choice of direction within the play and follow our characters through the story.



## Folk Club

**Steve Darby**

Performances in the Village Hall are on 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> November 2018. Tickets on sale at the Library and the Chemists from 27<sup>th</sup> October at £8.00 and £6.00 for concessions.

October's Folk Club should have been hosted by Sue and Ted Crum who chose the evening's theme of "Clothes". Unfortunately, Ted was not well and could not attend, so Steve and Maureen were asked to take on the running of the evening's performances. In keeping with the theme, Steve's attire was that worn at a traditional Nigerian wedding party, brightly coloured and the hat correctly flattened to one side. It was going to be a packed evening with 16 performers to be squeezed in over the three halves.

Maureen and Janny opened the first half with "Two Brothers" followed by the Threlfall Sisters' "Gown of Green". Poacher's Pocket (comprising Colin and Campbell) produced some lovely harmonies when they sang for the first time a soldier's love song called "Hold You" followed by "Bevin Boy". Colin recalled that his father was called up during WW2 to work underground as a Bevin Boy digging for coal to support the war production industries and, unbelievably, had to supply his own pick and shovel at his own expense. Rik sang Carol King's "Tapestry" and then a very humorous song about a hermit who had the knack of donning his hat in a very embarrassing but strategic position. Don played his ukulele and sang "White Dress", a number possibly written by Dave Swarbrick or Ralf McTell, followed by "Diddy Wah Diddy". "What did it mean?" he asked? Evidently it related to a lady sitting on her hat whilst in Church. Ragged around the Edges sang a traditional song "Ramble Away" which included references to denim, shoes, leather waistcoats and dresses. Then they gave us their rendition of Traffic's "Hole in My Shoe" which reminded Steve of his sixth form common room days. Norman said he had turned up to escape this insane world and so closed the first half with Jake Thackray's "Family Tree" and Bing Crosby's "Swinging on a Star" which does give shoes a mention.

Pete and Liz opened the second half with "Yellow Handkerchief" which made references to stockings, shoes, jackets and, of course, the handkerchief. They followed with "I'm a Lady Policeman", a quite suggestive song as she does like to draw her truncheon. Pete Mason performed "The Setting" and "January Man". Martin played his steel ukulele and sang "Funeral Blues" which makes mention of a Stetson hat and then recited a poem about

wanting his international folk festival back, including the traditional wear of saris, cardigans and thongs. Pete Grassby was in fine voice as he beautifully sang “Pat McNab” all about a man saving up for a suit and then “Galway Shawl” referencing a bonnet and ribbons in the lyrics. Sue Harris just had to sing Sandra Kerr’s “Big Knicker Blues”. Ian and Sue sang “Goodbye Liza Jane” and “Boots of Spanish Leather”. Keith Donnelly closed the second half and amazed us as he played didgeridoo and guitar at the same time with “Redback in my Hat” and then sang a song about tolerance, “Happiness is a Sad Song”.

Des opened the third half with “Singing the Travels” and everyone joined in with the chorus of “Sailor’s Prayer”. Bill Bates had us in hysterics as he performed “Martha”, about a woman who lied about her size and weight on a dating site, as did the man she met. She then decided never to date online again due to lack of trust. The loudest audience laughter of the evening was saved for his song dedicated to Steve Knightley – “I wanna be Steve Knightley” – a man who never writes a bad song, don’t you know. Peter McDonald closed the evening with John Kirkpatrick’s “Laundro Loverette” where the entanglement of a man’s and woman’s clothes in the dryer was quite romantic. Peter brought the evening to a finale as he recounted his visit to eastern Tennessee where all the houses had front porches, so it was appropriate that he sang Ashley Hutchings’ “Appalachian Front Porch Game”

It was yet another great evening at Harbury Folk Club, well supported by both the number of performers and a welcoming audience

With the news of the devastation caused by the Indonesian tsunami, everyone felt it was appropriate that the raffle monies should be donated to help with the aid needed to support those families in a desperate position. The audience and performers rallied to the cause and we raised a magnificent £156.

Next month’s Folk Club will be hosted by Peter McDonald and his theme for the evening will be “Hot and Cold”.



## Harbury Twinning Association

**Tony Thomas**

On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October 18 members of the Association enjoyed the wonderful heart-warming, sub-titled, French film “*The Choir*” complemented with a tasty half time supper.

The film told the story about the early years of a widely successful international orchestra conductor named Pierre Morhange who, as a boy, had attended a boarding institution for badly behaved boys. The story is told through the diary written by his late school Supervisor and music teacher Clement Mathieu, which is brought to him by an old school friend Pépinot who he has not seen for fifty years.

The school is presided over by strict and cruel headmaster, Monsieur Rachin. All the boys are badly behaved and almost uncontrollable until, in 1949, the new Supervisor, Clement Mathieu, who has a music background arrives and brightens up the school by forming a boys' choir, and in doing so discovers Pierre Morhange's singing ability and musical talents. The formation of the choir transforms the children's behaviour and they are deeply sad when their teacher Clement Mathieu is forced to leave the school, but not before he had encouraged Pierre's mother to apply for a scholarship to send Pierre to the Lyon Music Academy.

There are a number of other stories running through the film. Some sad, some happy. The young Pépinot, who brought the diary, was the small boy who sat at the gates of the school every Saturday where he says his father will pick him up. His parents had been killed in the Second World War, but Pépinot did not know about this. The final scenes show Clement Mathieu waiting for his bus after being fired. As he boards it, he looks back and finds Pépinot running after him, insisting that he come too. Initially, Mathieu refuses because it is not allowed, and leaves Pépinot behind. Suddenly, the bus stops and Mathieu gives in: the two board the bus together. The young Pépinot had finally got his wish and leaves to be raised by Clement Mathieu, the writer of the diary.

On **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm**, the Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held in the Tom Hauley Room.

	<h2>Harbury Energy Initiative</h2>	<p><b>Bob Sherman</b></p>
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### Power for the people - Village Hall

A few of us grouped round the neat and compact battery stack in the village hall a few weeks ago to hear from Mark of Surepower how it worked. It looked suitably technical and efficient with lots of green lights and a pretty blue LED display. I am sure that it will run itself fairly effectively but there is the usual impressive app to make Geoff Thorpe feel in control. I am sure he will be consulting it regularly. It looks as though its 19kW capacity will provide ample energy storage; the test will be the dark days of winter.

My press release about this great innovation drew a response from local radio BBC Coventry and Warwickshire. On 17<sup>th</sup> October Keith Wedgebury came out at lunchtime to talk to Geoff and me about our wonderful Village Hall and all its



'green' installations. If you feel in need of a fix of cheery Harbury voices it will probably be available on iPlayer. It was a classic interview of its type and is sure to be preserved for posterity in a forgotten archive.

### **Power for the people - at home**

The community energy pundits, those that know stuff, tell me that energy charging is likely to change from either a single rate or separate day and cheaper night rates to a four period charging structure. The peak time of use between 4pm and 8pm may cost as much as 30p to 38p per unit, whilst the night rate from midnight to 6am may be as low as 7p. Solar panels are unlikely to be very productive for much of the year after 4pm and with this enormous difference in pricing batteries make great economic sense, as they can recharge at the lowest rate in the absence of sufficient solar panel collected electricity. The cost of installing adequate battery will depend on your use of energy. Prices start at around £3,250 for a single battery. For a 4kW solar array you might need to pay about £4,500 for sufficient battery, which has an estimated payback time at the moment of 7 to 8 years. However that will be less if the energy charges rise significantly. I haven't done the maths (anyone want to have a go?) but it seems possible that a battery may make sense at these rates even if you don't have solar panels. Don't forget that there is still a Harbury discount to apply to these prices.



### **Power for the people - the cars**

Our electric car club is going through some upgrades at the moment. By the end of this month we expect to have a replacement car that will do between 140 and 200 miles on a full battery. I hope that this dispels some of the 'range anxiety' expressed to me frequently in conversations. The hire cost of this new model of Zoe will be slightly more per hour. Try it out.

Harbury's hub has also been selected out of all of E-Car Club's UK hubs to trial a new charge point. The charger is already in place and has two switch settings on the sides, one setting operated by a trial app, the other for those not in the trial. Any member with a smartphone can join the trial. The trial has only just begun so I can't report on progress yet.

### **Power for the people - the green switch**

The climate action charity 10:10, which two years ago made a mini-film of our Harbury e-Wheels (available on YouTube in some forgotten archive - see also our BBC Coventry and Warwickshire interview above) has partnered with The Big Clean Switch - [www.bigcleanswitch.org](http://www.bigcleanswitch.org) - to give people the opportunity to put their green principles into action and switch to a green energy supplier. It may well turn out to be cheaper than your existing tariff. The process is not complicated or lengthy and they do all the work of setting up the change.

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## Harbury e-Wheels

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A sell-out barn dance was just what we needed - but not what we expected three weeks before the event. You all certainly kept us in suspense. For our next event you might spare us the anxiety and commit to a ticket sooner! It was another great e-Wheels event. Quite a lot of empty-ish bottles in this picture which might explain the exuberant but often chaotic dancing.

With all expenses covered we raised £818 which will help to keep our wheels rolling for many weeks for the people we help, over a third of whom live in Harbury. We also take the donated food to the food bank in Kineton and that too is possible because of donations, trust funds, parish and town councils and having fun at barn dances. Every year we need to raise over £8,000 to keep on the road, so every pound is vital to us. Thank you to all those who support us by coming to our events or donating. We are attracting the interest of other communities; once again Harbury is setting the pace.

Our next fundraising event will be a Race Night next spring sometime. No date is fixed yet but you will want to be there. Just ask anyone who came this year.



## Harbury Heritage Room

**Nigel Chapman**

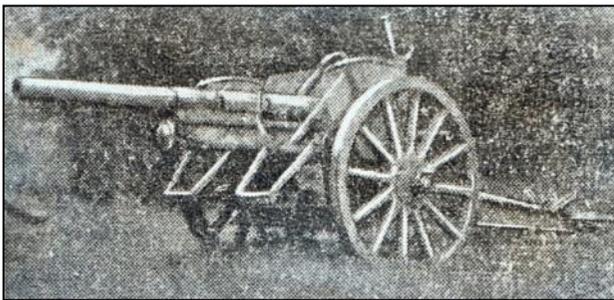
The Heritage Room is at the village school, off Mill Street. It is open on the first Tuesday of each month from 6.30 to 8.30pm. So the next two dates are 6<sup>th</sup> November and 4<sup>th</sup> December. Also, there will be a Sunday afternoon opening in the near future, which may be more convenient for some.

Tim Lockley has been researching again and has come up with the following interesting information regarding German field guns which were intended for display in towns and villages to celebrate the allied victory after 1918.

## What happened to Harbury's German Field Gun?

"What field gun?" I hear you cry. When Germany surrendered at the end of World War I, the British Army took possession of tens of thousands of German artillery pieces. It had no military need of them, after all the British Army had spent the previous four years building up their own forces, so the decision was taken to distribute them around the country to be displayed as war trophies. In late 1919 Harbury Parish Council accepted an offer from the Lord Lieutenant of Warwickshire of "a German field gun, 12 rifles, helmet and wire-cutters" thinking "the village would like to have them." They were wrong.

Harbury's men and women had endured four long years of war. More than thirty young men had not come home and those who did return evidently had no wish to be constantly reminded of the death and destruction they had endured by looking at a weapon of war on a daily basis. At the next meeting (January 1920) the Parish Council tried to reverse their decision to accept the trophies due to objections from "the ex-service men." They were too late. In February 1920 the German Field Gun arrived at Harbury Station and the Parish Council were left to ponder what to do with it. Their original plan to display it at the Pound was no longer supported, and after checking whether they were required to display it, now they had it, in the end one of the councillors, Mr Alcock, offered "to store it in his shed at the Dovehouse until a suitable place is found to fix it." What happened next is not known. It was never mentioned in the minutes of the Parish Council again. Perhaps it was thrown "into the canal" as one, unnamed, councillor had suggested to much laughter. Most likely it was quietly sent to the scrap yard.



**Southam's German Gun shortly before it was sold for scrap in 1927**

At least Harbury avoided the debacles of what happened in both Southam and Long Itchington. Southam's Town Council turned a deaf-ear to those who protested about the plan to site their German Field Gun at Market Hill. A ceremonial unveiling was planned for May 1920, but the night before a group of local

men pushed the gun down the hill and into the River Stowe. It languished there for seven years as the Town Council did not want to spend any money retrieving it, suspecting that it would probably end up back in the river if they did. In 1927, now that "the high feeling which was existent during the days following the war appears to have subsided" it was dug up during a general clean-up of the river and sold for scrap.

Long Itchington's gun was dumped in the pond one night by some drunk villagers. It languished there until the outbreak of World War II when it was melted down for a new war effort.



**Long Itchington's gun in the pond during the early 1930s**

The same story happened all over the country. People who were thoroughly sick of war damaged or destroyed most of the war trophies, depositing them in quarries, lakes, canals and rivers. Very few were ever put on display. Most of the few that survive today are in regimental museums.

**Tim Lockley**

*(with thanks to the Southam Heritage Collection ([www.southamheritage.org](http://www.southamheritage.org)) for the images)*

	<p><b>Harbury Rugby Football Club</b></p>	<p><b>Steve Kittendorf</b></p>
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Harbury travelled away to Kings Norton on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September for their second league fixture of the season. Buoyed by their first round win against Greyhound, hopes were high for a close game but that didn't materialise as the hosts cruised home 43 points to 22.

Harbury looked to rebuild their confidence the following week playing at home against the form side of the league, Old Wheatleyans. The hosts were in no way overawed by the opposition. However, the strength of OW's lay in their forwards and whilst they won the early set scrums, Harbury's forwards gradually began to assert themselves. The visitors ran in a converted try on the stroke of half time to go in 21-13 ahead. However, 5 minutes into the second half the forwards scored a push over try from a scrum reducing the deficit to 3 points. Whilst the visitors never gave up the lead Harbury

continued to keep the scoreboard ticking over but eventually losing out by 42 points to 30.

On 30<sup>th</sup> September, Harbury hosted its annual festival, now in its 28<sup>th</sup> year, welcoming teams from Balsall and Berkswell, Alcester and Leamington. Some superb rugby was played by all our squads, with our U11's and U12's being crowned overall winners in their respective age groups.

The following week saw most of the mini's head over to Barker's Butts' festival to repeat their winning ways. At home, the U13's & U14's hosted Old Coventrians. Always a tough fixture especially with the abundance of players the visitors brought with them. It does make a difference when you are able to put fresh legs on at half-time. Whilst the home sides lost both their matches, the teams were commended for their fighting spirit and for not giving way right up to final whistle.

All the teams turned out on 14<sup>th</sup> October for training, albeit in the pouring rain with the exception of the U13's who hosted Keresley. A great result from Harbury with 12 tries being run in against the 4 conceded.

Around 270 players arrived at Harbury on 21<sup>st</sup> October with a mixture of teams enjoying some cracking rugby in the sun. The U13's travelled to Leamington with the U14's heading up to Solihull for their fixture against Camphill.

Harbury RFC are still looking for young people to join our ranks, especially within our U13s & U14s squads. As a club we have over 160 players now playing on a regular basis on a Sunday.

November is a quieter month with half-term and Remembrance Sunday reducing the fixture calendar.

### **Forthcoming fixtures**

3<sup>rd</sup> November - 1<sup>st</sup> XV away to Bedworth. 2<sup>nd</sup> XV – home against Newbold friendly.

17<sup>th</sup> November - 1<sup>st</sup> XV home to Bromyard. 2<sup>nd</sup> XV – home against Stoke OB friendly

18<sup>th</sup> November - U13s home to Old Leamingtonians and U14s home to Barkers Butts

18<sup>th</sup> November - All Mini age groups away to Old Leamingtonians

25<sup>th</sup> November - U13s away to Banbury and U14s away to Shipston

25<sup>th</sup> November - All Mini age groups home to Claverdon

1<sup>st</sup> December - 1<sup>st</sup> XV away to Burbage





## Harbury Tennis Club

Colin Mercer

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

We held our annual Quiz in the Village Club and once again it was a great success. Peter Walshe was MC/Quizmaster and his post quiz report is below:

### “What on earth is a Turkish Van....?”

Only Pat Whorton had the answer to this one, but overall the Quiz set by Trevor Amazing Montague was well received and 66% of the answers were correct – a high percentage, reflecting the intellectual prowess of the average Harbury tennis supporter!



The fiendish ‘Sudden Death’ round (where you submit as many answers of that round as you dare, with the penalty of any of them being wrong you lose 4 points) made ‘Get a Grip’ lose their grip and ensured they walked away with the wooden spoon. Well done Adam Crossling and Co, if only you had known that a Turkish Van was a type of cat breed. A tie break decided the second and third places (Clive Whorton’s ‘Black Sheep’ followed by Jon Cook’s ‘The Wild Cards’) but the defending champions, Nigel Eaton’s ‘Radford Raiders’, once again triumphed partly because they were one of the few who knew that the population of Italy was higher than that of South Africa (59million vs 57million).



Many thanks to all who supported the evening and we look forward to seeing you next year.”

The Banbury Winter League fixtures have started and all four of our teams have been in action with the Floodlit teams making the best start. Playing in Division 4 the “B” team had an excellent start with a win against visiting

Deddington “C”. Things didn’t look too promising after the first two rubbers with Sue Panton and Jane Minchin losing two very close sets, while Olly Wiltshire and Josh Marshall managed to halve theirs. However, the half-time talk obviously worked wonders as the mixed pairings of Sue/Josh and Jane/Olly won all four sets to complete a 5-3 win.

The “A” Team won promotion to Division 2 last year, our highest position for several years, and faced Hook Norton “B” at home. It was a really close match, all square after the first round with Ben Fish and Colin Mercer winning both sets while the visiting ladies proved too strong for Caroline Morland and Eira Owen. The mixed doubles were even closer. Eira and Colin lost their first set 3-6 but staged an excellent fight back from 2-5 in the second to win it 7-5. Caroline and Ben took the first set but in a very long second set were just edged out by 5-7, but an overall 4-4 draw was a pleasing start.

In the weekend format the “A” team’s first match in Division 2 against Banbury West End was played with Storm Callum at its peak, which produced many “interesting” and sometimes farcical rallies!! Caroline Morland and Helen Cooper halved their rubber while Colin Mercer and Nigel Eaton were blown away by their opponents. In the mixed doubles, Helen and Nigel had an excellent win but unfortunately Caroline and Colin lost both sets resulting in a 5-3 win for the visitors.

In Division 4 the “B” team of Sue Panton, Clare Callaghan, Nigel Eaton and Joe Robson took on Tysoe “B”. It was another closely fought match with the visitors taking the ladies’ rubber and Harbury taking the men’s. This left everything to play for in the mixed doubles but unfortunately Tysoe’s pairings won all four sets to secure a 6-2 win.

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

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## Harbury Toddler Group

Lynne Barton

### **Dear Readers,**

It has been some time since we contributed to the News round up. I wonder if we have been missed!

We have now moved to our new home at the Scout Hut and are beginning to settle in. We have a rather splendid storage shed which has taken all our time, effort and funds to accomplish. Happy but financially broke! Our fabulous parents and carers made herculean efforts to support the move, raising funds, clearing plots, storing toys, bringing activities to share, thank you to everyone we couldn't have done it without you.

### **Random acts of kindness have been touching:**

Our Toddler Group has benefited recently from a number of random acts of kindness, like:

- the unexpected children's book sale organised by young Martha in Ivy Lane to raise money
- the donations of toys
- a donation of £30 from Louise, mother to Ella and George
- Reg's son erecting shelves in the shed to help access
- Sadie who took her husband (on his day off) out for a treat to a local car boot sale to raise funds!!

Thank you all....when we work together anything can be achieved .....



Now any person would be wondering ..... This is only a small part of a **fabulous Pom Pom Garland** measuring ..... 192cm (16 foot to the older generation!!!!) Made by parents at Toddlers, sewn together and co-ordinated by Emily. This is a monumental effort to ensure our Toddler Group looks wonderful for the children. Can't thank you all enough. We look forward to it

being festooned in the Scout Hut and it is 'bang on trend' this Christmas. Orders taken LOL.

## Visitors



We remain committed to an exciting, fun and wide-ranging programme of activities to stimulate the children's senses and learning experiences. Large Easel Art from Deb Dutton Creative, and have you tried a Laughter Yoga Class - we have, check out Pu-Tai Wellbeing !! Plus, the best of all, an actual petting Zoo right to our door, what treats.

Halloween is so much more fun when you can print your own face with pumpkin shapes, paper is rather boring...

### **Come and join us**

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

We are based at the Scout Hut, High Street, Harbury, CV33 9HW and meet at 9.30am saying bye bye at 11.15am.

Thinking of coming along or need more information? Please do ring Lynne on 01926 612748 or email [lynnebarton@btinternet.com](mailto:lynnebarton@btinternet.com)

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## Harbury Remembers 2018

As we remember 100 years since the end of World War I, Harbury is hosting the following events, in addition to the traditional Sunday remembrance service over the armistice weekend.



There But Not There aims to place a silhouette figure representing as many of the names on local war memorials as possible.

1<sup>st</sup> Harbury Scout Group has been given 10 of these transparent silhouettes, by the Youth United Trust and they will form part of the 1918 Remembrance, remembering those who were lost, in the community they left behind.

*Commemorate, Educate and Heal - the three aims of There But Not There charity. Britain, more than any other nation in the world, has always been an amalgamation of many different faiths and cultures; with over 3 million soldiers from across the Empire and Commonwealth serving alongside the British Army during the First World War. There But Not There offers an innovative way to pay tribute to all the brave men and women, from all corners of the world, who have served in the British Armed Forces and also recognises those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the safety and security our country*

The silhouette installation will be on display in **Harbury Parish Church** from **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> November** and at **several other venues** around the village during the Remembrance events.

## “Lest we Forget” a Festival of Remembrance



**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 7pm (doors open and WI Teas from 6pm) in Harbury Village Hall.**

£5 each All seats (All proceeds to the royal British Legion poppy Fund)

Tickets available from Chemist, Library and Post Office.

## *Word War 1 - Harbury Roll of Honour*

**Private Alfred William Allen**, Died 23/08/1915, Aged about 20, 2nd Bn. Royal Warwickshire Regiment, unknown Harbury address

**Private Arthur Allen**, Died 13/04/1916, Aged 27, 9th Bn. Royal Fusiliers, unknown Harbury connection

**Corporal Arnold Spencer Andrew**, Died 01/10/1918, Aged 23, 26th Bn. Royal Fusiliers, lived in the house now known as 'Bridles', Chapel Street

**Able Seaman Edmund Astell**, Died 31/12/1917, Aged 27, Drake Bn. Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, lived in the house now known as Phoenix House, High Street

**Gunner Reuben William Barfoot**, Died 22/05/1917, Aged 23, "A" Bty. 108th Bde. Royal Field Artillery, lived at Bendigo Cottage, Bendigo Mitchell Crossroads, Fosse Way (no longer standing)

**Private Reginald John Beardsworth**, Died 03/05/1917, Aged 24, 27th Bn. Canadian Infantry, lived at the Vicarage, Church Street (no longer standing). 'The Lymes' is now at the location

**Private Charles Bird**, Died 02/04/1917, Aged 34, 5th Bn. Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry, lived at Yew Trees, 19 Mill Street

**Second Lieutenant Malcolm Gordon Bland**, Died 23/03/1918, Aged 19, 1st Bn. King's Royal Rifle Corps, lived at Greenhill, behind Greenhill Farm (no longer standing)

**Private Frank Boiles**, Died 29/09/1916, Aged 22, 95th Coy. Machine Gun Corps, address unknown

**Private Raymond John Brooks**, Died 30/11/1917, Aged 22, 2nd Bn. Coldstream Guards, lived in Springfield Terrace (no longer standing). 25 Vicarage Lane is now at the location

**Sapper Cyril Edwin Clarke**, Died 02/01/1920, Aged 30, 48th Signal Coy. Royal Engineers, unknown Harbury address

**Private Edward Cooper**, Died 27/03/1916, Aged about 22, 1st Bn. Coldstream Guards, unknown Harbury connection

**Private Frederick Charles Field**, Died 27/05/1918, Aged 19, 3rd Bn. Worcestershire Regiment, lived at 4 Park Lane Terrace

**Private Harry Gardner**, Died 16/11/1914, Aged about 20, 1st Bn. Royal Warwickshire Regiment, lived at Childyke Cottage, beyond the end of Mill Lane (no longer standing)

**Private Clement Gascoigne**, Died 09/04/1917, Aged 23, 5th Canadian Mounted Rifles Battalion, lived at 8 Church Terrace

**Private Ernest Edward Gurden**, Died 13/05/1917, Aged 22, 16th Bn. Royal Warwickshire Regiment, lived at West End Cottage, Mill Street

**Private Stephen Hawtin**, Died 25/09/1915, Aged about 38, 2nd Bn. Royal Warwickshire Regiment, unknown Harbury address

**Private Ernest Edmund Ivins**, Died 07/11/1918, Aged 19, 1st Bn. Devonshire Regiment, lived at the house now known as 27 Mill Street

**Gunner William Lancaster**, Died 07/06/1917, Aged about 20, "D" Bty. 155th Bde. Royal Field Artillery, lived at Westfield Farm

**Lieutenant Robert Lamplough Mann**, Died 21/12/1914, Aged 24, 7th Dragoon Guards (Princess Royal's), lived at Greenhill, behind Greenhill Farm (no longer standing).

**Sapper Albert Marlow**, Died 31/07/1916, Aged 20, 110th Railway Coy. Royal Engineers, lived at 12 Cooperative Terrace, now Ivy Lane

**Sergeant John Albert Morgan**, Died 30/07/1916, Aged about 26, 10th Bn. Royal Warwickshire Regiment, unknown Harbury connection

**Lance Sergeant Sydney William Mullis**, Died 25/04/1915, Aged 36, 1st Bn. Royal Warwickshire Regiment, unknown Harbury address

**Lieutenant Brian Osbourne**, Died 11/11/1914, Aged 25, 15th (The King's) Hussars, lived at Harbury Hall

**Private Alfred Overs**, Died 19/12/1914, Aged about 37, 2nd Bn. Royal Warwickshire Regiment, unable to identify Harbury address after 1893

**Private Gabriel George Overton**, Died 15/09/1916, Aged about 25, 1st Bn. Coldstream Guards, lived in a house at the junction of Sutcliffe Drive and Farm Street (no longer standing)

**Private Fred Padbury**, Died 15/08/1917, Aged about 24, 1st/5th Bn. Royal Warwickshire Regiment, lived in Cooperative Terrace, now Ivy Lane, but exact house number unknown

**Captain Allan Grant Pirie**, Died after the war April 1923, Age unknown, lived at Ashton House, Station Rd

**Sergeant Frank Davis Rainbow**, Died 25/08/1918, Aged about 25, 55th Field Amb. Royal Army Medical Corps, lived at Orchard House, Pump Street - now The Homestead, Crown Street

**Bombardier Raymond Rainbow**, Died 30/08/1917, Aged about 18, 150th Bde. Royal Field Artillery, lived at Orchard House, Pump Street - now The Homestead, Crown Street

**Rifleman Bernard Louis Turner**, Died 08/02/1917, Aged 25, 16th Bn. Rifle Brigade, lived in a small house where the closed Great Western Pub car park now lies

**Able Seaman James Thomas Walker**, Died 01/11/1914, Aged 31, H.M.S. "Good Hope." Royal Navy, lived at 2 Highfield Cottages

**Private Albert Victor Wyatt**, Died 23/01/1916, Aged 18, 1st Bn. Coldstream Guards, lived in a house (no longer standing) where 9 South Parade stands today

**Lance Corporal Frederick Owen Young**, Died 19/11/1916, Aged 27, 7th Bn. Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry, lived at Western House, Station Road

**Further information on the casualties are on the Parish Council Website**

## ***Ladbroke Roll of Honour***

**Gunner Thomas William Bird**, Died 23/04/1917, Aged 35, "C" Battery, 70th Brigade Royal Field Artillery, Manor Farm, Ladbroke

**Private John Harvey Bird**, Died 09/08/1918, Aged 34, 31st (Alberta) Battalion Canadian Infantry. 6th Brigade, 2nd Canadian Division, Manor Farm, Ladbroke

**Gunner William Fearn**, Died 25/07/1918, Aged 35, 20th Division Ammunition Column, Royal Garrison Artillery, born in Ladbroke

**Corporal Albert Gilks**, Died 07/03/1917, Aged 20, 15th (Service) Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment (2nd Birmingham), 13th Brigade, 5th Division, born in Ladbroke

**Private William Daniel Gilks**, Died 16/07/1916, Aged 29, 1st Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment, 62nd Brigade, 21st Division, born in Ladbroke

**Private James Humphris**, Died 28/04/1917, Aged 20, 1st Royal Marine Battalion, Royal Marine Light Infantry, 188th Brigade, 63rd (Royal Naval) Division, born in Knightcote, parents lived at Bishops Itchington

**Sergeant John Owen**, Died 08/08/1918, Aged 24, 10th Battalion, Canadian Infantry. 2nd Brigade, 1st Canadian Division. Connection with Ladbroke unknown

**Bombardier Thomas Edwin Terry**, Died 01/05/1917, Aged 26, 15th Divisional Ammunition Column, Royal Field Artillery, parents lived at Chapel Ascote

**Sergeant William Timms**, Died 21/08/1918, Aged 31, 1st Battalion, Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry. 95th Brigade, 5th Division, born in Bishops Itchington



## **Harbury & Chesterton Bonfire Beacon**

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2108, Chesterton Windmill 6 - 8pm**

Throughout the country, 1000 Beacons of Light will be lit at 7pm on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November to represent the end of World War One.

Harbury Explorer Scouts, with the support of Harbury Parish Council, will be building a beacon on Chesterton Hill to form part of this celebration and all local residents and friends are welcome to join us in this poignant moment.

### **No parking at the site**

Free bus transport to and from Harbury Village (Binswood End, Gamecock Inn and Old New Inn) from 6pm - returning again until 8pm.



## **Harbury WW1 Memorial Trail**

Harbury villagers spent two years researching the stories behind the names on the village's war memorial. Blue plaques have been erected around the village, on houses or at locations where the men lived, and five new streets have been named after the men.

**The Harbury World War I Memorial Trail map** (downloadable from the village website <http://www.harbury-pc.gov.uk/worldwar1.htm>) allows you to visit all 19 plaques and remember the young men whilst reading their stories on the website.

*See also Village Notice Boards, Harbury & Ladbroke News and Social Media.*

**Paul Quinney**



## Harbury Pre-School

Staff & Committee

**Where does our food come from?** This has been the question that our Pre-schoolers have been thinking about this month.

Thanks to some kind donations from our parents, we have been exploring and tasting a variety of different fruits and vegetables; looking at their varying shapes, sizes, textures and flavours. We were all in agreement that the biggest by far was a very large marrow, brought in by one of our parents.



Our role play area is currently housing a greengrocers, where the children have been enjoying selecting the produce they would like to buy, weighing their fruit and vegetables and then using money to pay for their items at the till.



We were especially delighted to welcome Reverend Craig and Gill to our Pre-School last week. They brought in a selection of different foodstuffs, including vegetables, fruits, cereals, breads, flour and wheat and encouraged the children to think about whether the items grew on trees or came from the ground. We found out the Weetabix does not just come from 'Tesco' but starts its life as an ear of wheat. The children shared their existing

knowledge, informing Reverend Craig and Gill that wheat can be made into flour in a windmill!

We finished the session singing harvest songs to the tune of Reverend Craig's guitar and have continued to sing our newly learned songs throughout the following weeks.

Thank you to both the Reverend Craig and Gill for a thoroughly informative and enjoyable session which we have all learned from.



**All about our pets:** At the beginning of the term, we looked in detail at ourselves and how we have changed since we were babies.

In the last few weeks, we have been looking at our pets. The children have been bringing in photos of their animals for our pet photo collage. I must say that for a village Pre-School, we have quite a variety! Dogs, cats, tortoises, quails, highland cattle, Jacob cows and a foal.

It was a shame they couldn't all come to Pre-School. However, Kojo the tortoise managed a sneaky visit! Annabelle was excited to bring in her Nan's pet and the children were captivated by her; feeling the texture of her shell, watching the way she moved and watching her eat. Thank you to Annabelle and her family and not forgetting, Kojo the tortoise.



### **We went on a shape hunt:**

This half term we have been focusing on shapes; drawing around shapes, making patterns out of shapes and talking about the different shapes of objects.

This got us thinking about all the different shapes we can see in our environment and prompted a shape hunt! By the end of our walk, we had hunted down quite a selection!



**AGM:** Harbury Pre-School's Annual General Meeting was held this month and we are pleased to announce that a new Committee has been elected alongside some of our existing members. The new Committee are busy organising a range of events to raise funds for your village Pre-School, including a coffee morning on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November and a Speed Quiz on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November. These events are open to everyone and we would be grateful for your support. Please contact Karena for more information at [hps.chair@gmail.com](mailto:hps.chair@gmail.com)

*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](mailto:enquiries@harburypre-school.org.uk) text 07907 598461 or look at the web site [www.harburypre-school.org](http://www.harburypre-school.org) You can also find us on Facebook.*



## Harbury School PTA

PTA Committee

With the start of the school year, the new fundraising goal will be to raise money to install outdoor play equipment in the infant's playground (ages 4-7), purchase a new suite of iPads for in-classroom learning, and create a new community resource in the form of an outdoor stage/classroom.

We had a great start to the month through being the designated charity for the Harbury Pop Up Market. Thank you to all the stall holders, raffle ticket purchasers, football fans in the playing fields - we raised nearly £400!

Our big new fundraiser is the launch of the Harbury School 250 Club, where for £2 a month, 50% of the total takings goes to three winners (1<sup>st</sup> prize 70%, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize 20% and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize 10%) and 50% to the school fund. The lottery will take place on the last Friday of every month, and the winning numbers will be contacted by mail and published in this newsletter.

You need to be "in it to win it" so please join - you can pick up a form from the Library, the School, or email [harburypta@gmail.com](mailto:harburypta@gmail.com). The first Lottery takes place on 30<sup>th</sup> November.

Thanks for your ongoing support.



## Village Hall Update

Geoff Thorpe

The batteries are in! At last the battery system that will store the unused electricity generated by the PV panels is up and running. The hall's electricity use will be reduced and hence also the bills. The committee's intention has always been to set the hall hire charges at a level to cover the costs and provide a small surplus. The major improvements over the last few years have been as a result of huge fundraising efforts and not funded through charges. The current charges have remained unchanged for nearly three years and we are pleased to say that there are no plans and no need to increase them at present.

Booking levels remain very strong and there is little or no weekend availability before the New Year. Forthcoming highlights include a concert in aid of the British Legion, Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November, the Theatre Group's production of Alan Ayckbourn's Intimate Exchanges, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> November, various Christmas Fairs and in the New Year, Southam Rotary's Burns Night on January 25<sup>th</sup> and the Folk Club Concert on 26<sup>th</sup> January. The Burns Night has been excellent for the last few years and is open to all. If you want to book the hall do not leave it until the last minute.

The October WI Cinema showing of "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society" was a sell out and the next show, **The Bookshop** is a 2017

drama written and directed by Isabel Coixet, based on the novel of the same name by Penelope Fitzgerald. The film starring Emily Mortimer, Patricia Clarkson, and Bill Nighy is on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November. Buy your tickets early or you will be disappointed.



## Harbury Village Library & Biblio's Café

Janice Montague



We have had a very generous donation from one of our regular borrowers of all six of the shortlisted books for the Booker Prize this year. This is probably the most prestigious of the annual prizes for books, demonstrated by the fact that apparently the publishers of the winning title immediately ordered a further 45,000 copies to be printed after the prize was announced. All six are shown left (the winner was *Milkman* by Anna Burns), and if you would like to borrow one or more of them they are available now. If someone has got there before you, you can easily reserve them online through our website – [harburyvillagelibrary.org.uk](http://harburyvillagelibrary.org.uk) – where you

can also renew books or have them delivered to Harbury from Warwickshire County Library.

We are constantly adding to and changing our stock, so do come and see what is on offer. Apart from books we have two open access computers, free Wi-Fi, an art exhibition with paintings and cards for sale, and games, village walks and audio books to borrow too. Throughout November we will be commemorating the end of the 'war to end all wars' with a special display and a number of books and other materials to browse and borrow.

We are also looking forward to our second *Murder Mystery* which was written especially for us and will be held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, when we anticipate a fun evening of convivial audience participation. Tickets costing £5 including a drink can be obtained from the library during our opening times: **9am - 5pm weekdays, 10am - 12 noon Saturdays.**

Remember also that in these colder days you will receive a warm welcome from the volunteers who work on the issue desk or the café counter, and you can enjoy freshly brewed coffee and tea and home-baked cakes at **Biblio's from 9.15am – 12 noon Wednesdays – Fridays and 10am -12 noon on Saturdays.** If you'd like to help support us, we are always looking for new volunteers in all areas, so please contact us as below.

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01926 258776



## Who Dunit?

You can find out by working it out on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November in Harbury Library, starting at 7.30pm. A world premiere of 'The Whistlebury Murder', written by John and Rob Stringer, will take place with the help and brains of the audience.

Tickets are £5, to include a glass of wine and some snacks, and can be obtained in Harbury Library.

Last year's Mystery was a sell-out, so book early to ensure you can hear the evidence, question the suspects and finger the murderer.

**Peter Walshe**



## Harbury Village Club & Institute

**Judy Morrall**

Where did the last few weeks go to? I cannot believe we are soon to be having darker nights but Autumn is truly spectacular this year. My drive to Upton House these last couple of weeks has been such a joy, the colours are so intense and the walk down the drive to Upton House likewise. The leaves on the horse chestnut trees opposite our house seem to be coming down at a fast rate - I collect these, all good for leaf mould.

We have again had a very busy time these last four weeks at the Club. Lots of meetings and events, many more next month. All who have used our facilities have been so complimentary about them and about the friendliness and helpfulness of our brilliant bar staff. More people are making full use of what we offer and, of course, these events bring in vital revenue. (As an ex tax collector I love the word revenue!) Thank you to all who have held functions over the last few months and often rebook for future events and we look forward to welcoming you again.

I am slowly building up more and more information concerning previous usage of the Club and when I have collated it all I will let you know. Thank you to members for their help and to those of you who stop me in the street and tell me such amazing things that have happened. The hanging baskets are now down and any plant that can be divided and re-potted has been subjected to that. As the pots are still looking good, especially the begonias, I will replace these in about two week's time and of course keep the begonias over winter for next year. Us gardeners and allotment holders do not waste a thing and even the spent compost has a future. It has been a very challenging year for many plants and I am looking forward to next year and more experiments with planting. The nursery at Southam has some very good bulbs and you can pick your own from various baskets, much better than pre-packed ones.

We were given an unexpected donation of £100 from the committee of the Harbury and Ladbroke News, see my letter of thanks at the end of the magazine under Dear Editors. Such gestures are really heart-warming and very much appreciated. Hopefully the lights over the pool table and in the concert room will be replaced shortly. Bob has now installed the new lights over the two snooker tables as mentioned last month and we have received so many compliments about these - I was going to say brilliant - well I have now. Our thanks to Bob for fitting these, the snooker teams are really enjoying playing under the new lights. When you are next in the club just have a quick look and admire.

Thank you to all who have taken the time to respond to the flyers we recently delivered to members. We will be analysing these in detail over the next two weeks and by next committee meeting will arrange our first quiz night. Other suggestions too will be followed up such as skittles, car boot, games evening and many more. It was good to be able to meet members whilst out delivering and again receive some very positive feedback. Watch this space.

A preliminary date for your diaries, Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December for the Christmas Family Bingo. The Summer one was a huge success and we look forward to the same in December. A quick reminder about membership fees for 2019 due on 1<sup>st</sup> January. It was agreed at the AGM in April that these be increased from £10 to £12.50 and for OAPs from £2.50 to £5.00. I will remind you again in next couple of months.

Our recent committee meeting was again not too long and much discussed. Regarding the finances, it was again emphasised that the best source of revenue for us is from usage of the concert room. The invitations for the OAP Christmas meal will shortly be delivered to eligible members. If you feel that you are eligible and have not received an invite please let us know. You need to have paid the reduced membership for at least two years to be included.

It has been noticed that over the last few months vehicles have been turning left when leaving the Club and going up the road the wrong way. It could be that people who have not been to the Club before are not familiar with the road layout. When I am digging at my allotments often caravans come up the road the wrong way as do other vehicles. There is a notice at the bottom of the road saying no entry but the signage at the top of Church Terrace and opposite the Club car park is not at all clear. We are conscious that with half term coming and children on their scooters it is an accident waiting to happen and we wish to avoid this. We are planning to erect a sign at the left of the car park as you leave with an arrow pointing towards the right. Hopefully this will solve the problem. I will also type up a poster advising no left turn and put it on the door on the inside. So we are taking our responsibilities very seriously and acting for the good of the community.

Sorry if this article has been a bit longer than usual but so much seems to be happening at present. As ever, thank you to all who talk to me around our delightful village. If anyone would like to join our committee please talk to us; it would be good to have members from the various groups who use our club I haven't tried arm-twisting yet so be warned.



## Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery

Christine Dakin

I'm guessing that not many of you will be out in the garden during this month, but everyone likes to see some colour all through the year so I'm going to suggest some plants which will perform well in the winter time. Any evergreen shrub will give some interest including holly, mahonia, bamboo, *Elaeagnus x ebbingii* (which will flower now), *Lonicera fragrantissima* which flowers all winter and *Viburnum bodnantense* 'Dawn', not forgetting the perennial wallflower which can flower all year. Perennials to grow are the kaffir lily (*Schizostylis coccinea*) which can flower as late as December, hellebores, ferns and some ornamental grasses. We have all these for sale and if the gate is open please do come in or phone first to check that we will be there.

### Reminders for this month:

- Now is the best time to plant tulips
- Bare root trees, hedging and fruit trees can be planted now
- Cut back perennials such as Michaelmas daisies
- Keep raking up those leaves and add to the compost bin
- Broad beans can be sown

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



## Nature Notes

John Hancock

We have had some exquisite autumn weather with cold starlit nights and sunny days. Many of those have warmed up sufficiently to allow butterflies to be on the wing. Coming back into the village today (21<sup>st</sup> October), Sharon and I saw a male Brimstone butterfly in a sunny spot fluttering across Temple End. The males are yellow in colour whilst the females are a greenish white. They hibernate beneath evergreen leaves such as ivy and holly to emerge in the spring.

Buglife, the organisation devoted to protecting insects, has prepared a scheme to promote grass and wildflower pathways across the land. Various bugs and bees pollinate three quarters of the world's crops. It's not just scientists who have noted the dramatic drop in insect life. Think of the near past when windscreens in summer were usually in need of a clean after a drive of any distance.

Sir David Attenborough has said 'If we and the rest of the back-boned animals were to disappear overnight, the rest of the world would get on pretty well. But, if the invertebrates (i.e. insects) were to disappear the world's ecosystems would collapse.' A sobering thought.

Thanks to Bob Sherman, the garden in front of Harbury Library is still flowering magnificently and doing its bit to support the insect population. We all need to do more, so follow Buglife's lead and write to your MP to support their scheme for the sake of the generations yet to come.

Staying in Shipton-under-Wychwood, Oxfordshire we came across an excellent example of community spirit. The village had bought the 12.5 acre wild garden originally attached to Shipton Court. The house was built around 1603 for the Lacey family. The garden was laid out in the 1860s. A series of pools, canals, waterfalls and paths are a delight. An avenue of mature lime trees leads towards the house. Now, the area is a village asset, open at all times, and well worth a visit if you are passing.

The rather insignificant Common Groundsel is a member of the family Compositae (Daisies). It colonises waste ground and field margins spreading by means of windblown seeds in the same way as the dandelion. The Latin name *Senecio vulgaris* derives from *Senex* meaning an old man. It refers to the shiny dome left when the seeds have blown away ( i.e. like a bald headed man). Today, with wall to wall sunshine, the dandelions on the southern aspect of the mound at Five-Ways were eye-catching. Weeds to some maybe but the name comes from the French '*dent de lion*' (referring to the jagged leaves) and this lends an exotic overtone to the commonplace. The leaves are now much used in salads though some find them rather bitter. The traditional French dish '*pissenlit au lard*' consists of fried bacon bits and croutons served on a dandelion salad. It is finding favour on this side of the channel. I am indebted to Richard Mabey's *Flora Britannica* for this information.

This evening, as the sun set, a flight of rooks criss-crossed the pasture behind our house making a lot of noise. They like the rich pickings near the farmyard and then go on to roost in the dense hawthorn alongside the railway cutting. There is safety in numbers.

Enjoy looking for mushrooms if you can. Sweet chestnuts can be found in favoured places near our villages. There are some compensations now that this summer has gone. Next month Mistletoe will come centre stage.



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

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## General Section

### Harbury Village Show

These are the results from this year's Village Show. Well done to all the winners.

#### Harbury Village Show 2018 - Cup winners

##### Farley Cup

(most points - vegetables)

Pat Clarke

##### Grey Cup

(Novice class - vegetables)

Sue Johnson

##### All Saints Cup

(Most points - fruit)

Margaret McDonald

##### Reg Harris Cup

(Best fruit exhibit)

Sam Butler

##### Courier Cup

(Most points - flowers)

Dawn Teverson

##### Rosamund Schofield Salver

Best flower exhibit)

Dawn Teverson

##### Finch Challenge Cup (Allotment Holders)

Most points for 4 kinds of vegetable

Pat Clarke

##### Brunton Challenge Cup

(Most points - flower arranging)

Gillian Hare

##### Daniel Challenge Trophy

(Most points - food)

Sheila Burt

##### Horticultural Society Trophy

(Most points - crafts including paintings)

Heather Rogers

##### Rigden Cup

(Most points - photography)

Ed Lockley

##### Barns Cup

(Best performance by exhibitor winning no other cups)

David Thistlethwaite

##### WI Trophy

(WI member with most points)

Dorothy Groves

##### Top Tray

Pat Clarke

<b>Top Vase</b>	Dawn Teverson
<b>Harold Wilkins Cup</b>	
(Most points in show)	Dawn Teverson
<b>Young people's Class winners</b>	
<b>John Smith Cup</b>	Payson Glynn
<b>Buck Trophy</b>	Ruby Jackson
<b>Jean Dunn Cup</b>	Payson Glynn
<b>Fred Lines Cup</b>	Poppy Russell
<b>Janice Siddle Trophy</b>	Emily Sayers-Mills
<b>Allotment Holders Challenge Trophy:</b>	
<b>Winner of "Large Plot Category"</b>	Gordon and Liz Robbins
<b>Winner of "Small Plot Category"</b>	Trevor Jay
<b>Highly Commended</b>	Malcolm Bloxham

**Sheila Burt**

## **Harbury Local Produce: Pop Up Market**

May I thank everyone who attended, as producers and customers, the September and October markets - they were AMAZING! We have such a variety of stalls and the feedback was immense.

We would like to thank the Parish Council for offering us the opportunity to hold the past two markets in the hall - it has shown that people both local and from outside the area loved it!

We are unable to go back to the Village Hall at present as it is booked (good to hear) and we are having a meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> October to discuss the future and use of the hall if possible. However, the Shakespeare Pub has offered the whole of the pub (@15 stalls) on 24<sup>th</sup> November and again in December (date to be confirmed) - we thank you also for their support - please support them by coming along and having a coffee/tea and maybe stay for a lunch with all your goodies purchased from the market!

However, great news was the amounts raised for Harbury Hedgehogs (£197) and Harbury PTA (£275) - we wish them well with using these monies within the village.

We would like ideas for other local groups that would like to benefit from this local fund raising - please contact me and I can add you to the list, as long as you are a local group. All we ask is that you come along, set up your stall and tell people about the group/charity!

Please contact us on Harbury Local Produce (Facebook) and harbury\_local\_produce (Instagram) along with keae69@gmail.com.

**The Team: Mandy Savage, Philip Baxter, Jane Ekins, Julie Balch & Karena E-G**



## Harbury Craft Fair - Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2018

The Myton Hospice Harbury Support Group would like to remind you that this year's Craft Fair will be held on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November from 10.00am - 4.00pm and, as always, entry is free.

This is our 10<sup>th</sup> year organising the Craft Fair in aid of Myton Hospice and we are hoping to make it our most successful yet!

The Village Hall will be full of lots of interesting handmade craft stalls, we have lots of new stalls again this year so why not come along and either treat yourself or make a start on your Christmas shopping!

As usual tea, coffee, cakes and hot lunches will be available throughout the day.

First prize in the raffle is again 7 night's accommodation in a static caravan in Cornwall. Tickets are £1 each and will be available to buy on the day with the draw being made at 3.30pm before the Craft Fair closes.

If you would be interested in helping on the day or would like to donate a bottle for the bottle tombola or a prize for the raffle please do not hesitate to contact us. All help/donations are greatly appreciated. Please contact Shirley on 01926 612798 or Fiona on [ficadwallader@btinternet.com](mailto:ficadwallader@btinternet.com) if you can help in any way.

On behalf of the Harbury Myton Support Group I would like to thank you in advance for your continued support of our fundraising events and look forward to seeing you on the day.

**Fiona Cadwallader**

## Harbury Senior Citizens Committee Update

We hope that you are looking forward to the Christmas Party and that you have the date set in your diaries. As a reminder, it will be on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December in the Village Hall from 5pm. Invitations will be delivered to you in early November.

When we sent you the summer outing invitations we asked that you let us know if you wished to remain on our distribution list so we can conform to the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). Several of you requested to be removed, which we have done. Many of you said that you wanted to remain on the list and you will get an invitation. However, in consolidating the lists we noticed that some people who have attended our events before did not return the form. Maybe this was intentional, we don't know, but to conform to the legislation we cannot make assumptions. Therefore, you will not get an invitation.

If you want your name added, then please contact a member of the committee and we will update our lists.

As usual we will be having a raffle at the Christmas Party. If you would like to donate prizes they will be most welcome and can be delivered to either 1 Park Lane or 32 South Parade.

If you want further information or are interested in joining or helping us, please contact Mike McBride on 612421 or Julie Clarke on 612066 or talk to a committee member.

Meanwhile, we look forward to seeing you at the party and hope that you will enjoy yourselves.

**Mike McBride**

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



## Christmas Fayre

**Christmas Fayre - 1<sup>st</sup> December – Village Hall!** A warm invite to all! This year there will be even more stalls from which you will be able to buy new gifts, and of course the usual children's activities - but we do still rely on donations for the various church stalls that we run. We therefore invite donations for the following:

**Bottles** (any sort) for the tombola; **Mulled wine** (red); **Chocolate** (any sort) for choc tombola; **Cakes** ( 11.30am onwards on the day); **Mothers Union Toiletries**; **Crafts** ( from 11.30am onwards on the day, cakes and mince pies for the café (11.30am on the day). All donations can be left in the vestry box (left hand side behind the curtain as you enter the church). Thank you in advance for your generosity. Money raised from the stalls will go towards Church funds.

This year the raffle, to be drawn at the Fayre, is to support a very worthwhile local charity, the Warwickshire and Northampton Air Ambulance. We hope you will be able to support this charity by buying some tickets when the street sellers call at your door in November. There are some terrific prizes to be won, including a Grand Food and Wine Hamper, free range bronze turkey, a £25 M&S voucher, Christmas cake, lots of wine, and many other prizes.

**Elaine Barnden**

## Harbury Cemetery



We now have five green bins (for green waste) and one grey one (for plastic and paper) which have been placed at the entrance on paving slabs. Weather permitting, weeding is still being done on the first Thursday of each month between 10am and 12 noon. There is also a Facebook web page called The Friends of Harbury Cemetery where details of our next session is advertised - although I have little input into it I'm sorry to admit!

Any donations of wildflower seeds, spring bulbs or lavender plants gratefully received to improve the look of the cemetery next year. Anyone with time to spare on a Thursday morning will be made welcome as there is always weeding to be done.

**Pat Summers - for Friends of Harbury Cemetery**



## **Christmas Quiz in aid of Warwickshire Vision Support**

Our ingenious and fun questions have been devised, the food has been ordered and the raffle prizes are accumulating! Places are booking up quickly but we need your team to be there to make the evening complete!

**When:** 7.30pm. (Doors open 7.00pm.) Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018.

**Where:** Village Club.

**Teams:** £20 per team of 4 to include nibbles, sandwiches and festive bites.

**Please book your team by contacting Sue Ward on 01926 612576 or email [sward@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sward@hotmail.co.uk)**

**Sheila Burt, Angela Cook, Sue Ward, Pat Whorton**



## **The Harbury Golf Challenge**

There are a remarkable number of golfers in the village many of whom play regularly at Leamington Golf Club. A competition for the village golfers was organised a few years ago, The Harbury Challenge, and has been played more or less annually since.

This year's competition was played on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October, a lovely autumn day. Andy Shiell scored a very useful 38 points but this was only good enough to be runner up! Rob Sherrington had the round of his life and scored a magnificent 42 points.

The winner's green jacket, kindly donated by Liz Bunting, was duly presented to Rob at the Crown accompanied by an excellent meal and essential rehydration following the players' exertions. Our thanks to the Crown for looking after us so well.

The original "The Green Jacket" a much coveted Southam College blazer, complete with badge is a little on the tight side for some of our golfers! If anyone knows of a larger, unwanted one we would be pleased to hear.

**Geoff Thorpe**

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



## LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

### **Dear Editors**

*Please may I convey my grateful thanks to all my friends and neighbours in Harbury for the lovely cards, flowers and cakes etc. following my recent accident. I was overwhelmed, but of course not surprised as it's Harbury isn't it? they come up trumps every time. I really appreciated their care.*

*Love to all.*

**Peggie Middleton**

### **Dear Editors**

#### **Your Parish Council**

*I have been watching our Parish Council and providing a report on their deliberations since just after the Harbury News's inception (in May 1974). It is the lowest tier of Local Government and all the Councillors are unpaid. Not much has changed. The Draft of their deliberations is on their website <http://www.harbury-pc.gov.uk/meetings.htm> but they only confirm these at the next or subsequent meetings. The minutes are then the official record - they tell what decisions were made but not much on how they were arrived at.*

*County and District Councillors are usually there and sometimes developers or individual residents who have applied to Stratford DC for Planning Permission, arguing their case for PC support; maybe neighbours who want to raise objections to those plans and occasionally someone from a village organisation seeking grant aid.*

*The Parish Council allows residents to air their views on these or other concerns in an early part of the meeting (Public Participation), but once that opportunity has passed no-one in the audience is entitled to speak unless Councillors invite them to do so. This can be frustrating for the audience, who may well have information that would better inform their discussions.*

*I really would like residents to sit in on the meetings to learn how the Council functions and makes its decisions; what special interests individual Councillors have, and what contribution they make. After all it is our money they spend and we do get to vote for them - once in a while.*

**Linda Ridgley**

**Dear Editors**

*Thank you to everyone in Harbury who have sent cards and messages after my surprise enforced stay here in University Hospital Coventry.*

*I am making good progress and the medical staff are pleased with 'the old boy'. They have set me a target release of early December, I am doing my best to improve on that.*

*My treatment by all NHS staff has been exemplary. The swift diagnosis and early treatment at Warwick has played a large part in my relatively fast improvement.*

*Like all patients I look forward to returning home. Thank you to you all for your good wishes and support.*

**Peter Ball**

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**Dear Editors**

*On behalf of the A.B.C Club, I would like to thank the Tom Hauley Room and its coffee morning attenders for supporting our recent event on 29<sup>th</sup> September. We do enjoy our visits to Harbury and this year was no exception – a busy, bright, friendly morning for all. Again we have been able to provide support for people who have and still are 'Affected by Bowel Cancer'.*

*Thank you so much to all involved, in whatever way.*

*Please check out more information if required on our website or contact the nursing team for more specific, personal enquiries:*

*[www.warwickabc.co.uk](http://www.warwickabc.co.uk)*

*Colorectal Nursing Team – 01926 495321 Ext 4336*

*Club Chairman – Brian Wakefield 01926 401362*

**Moya Waterman**  
**A.B.C Club Committee Member**

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**Dear Editors**

*On behalf of the Village Club & Institute I would like to say a huge Thank You to the committee of the Harbury & Ladbrooke magazine for the recent donation of £100. It was very unexpected and so generous. Thank you again and for using the Club for your meetings.*

**Judy Morrall**  
**Secretary**

## Regular Diary Dates

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**GUIDES:** Monday, 7.15 – 8.45pm, Scout Hut, Email: harburyguides@outlook.com,  
Tel: 07730 470641, www.1stharburyguides.co.uk

**HARBURY FOLK CLUB:** 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of month, 8.00pm, Harbury Club, Tel: 613730

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

### HARBURY JUNIORS FOOTBALL CLUB:

#### Under 6s – Year 1

Coach: Craig Balch, Tel: 07948 253010

Training: Saturday 9.15am. Harbury School

#### Under 7s – Year 2

Coach: Steve Burnell, Tel: 07850 464286

Training: Saturday 8.30am. Harbury School

#### Under 8s – Year 3

Coach: John O'Keeffe, Tel: 07939 127580

Training: Saturday 10.15am. Harbury School

#### Under 9s – Year 4

Coach: Marcus Birch, Tel: 07904 670055

Training: Tuesday 6.00pm. Southam College 3g Pitch

#### Under 10s – Year 5

Coach: Phil Hetherington, Tel: 07773 352731

Training: Monday 6.00pm. Southam College 3g Pitch

#### Under 11s – Year 6

Coach: Eugene Murphy, Tel: 07506 518687

Training: Monday 7.00pm. Southam College

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**RAINBOWS:** Tuesday, 5.30 - 6.30pm, Scout Hut, Tel: 612036, Email: Debbie@dimmock.org.uk

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

**SLIMMING WORLD:** Primary School, Ladbroke Road, Bishops Itchington, Wednesdays 5.30 and 7.30pm sessions, Jodie Tel: 07771 930568

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

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

**TENNIS CLUB:** Harbury Tennis Courts, South Parade. CV33 9HZ. Playing Times: Tuesday, 6.30 - 10.00pm, Thursday, 6.30 - 10.00pm, Sunday 10.00am - 12 noon

**Members** may play at other times free of charge, provided the courts are not already booked. **Guests** playing with members should pay £1 an hour.

If you would like to become a member or find out more about Harbury Tennis Club, please contact Colin Mercer (613284 or email [suolmercer@btinternet.com](mailto:suolmercer@btinternet.com))

**Non-members** - Courts should be booked at the Library, High Street, £4 per court per hour) Floodlit bookings - £7 per court per hour.

**Minis and Juniors** (age 3 - 17) For details of Junior membership, contact Sue Mercer: [suolmercer@btinternet.com](mailto:suolmercer@btinternet.com)

**Coaching:** Adult and Junior coaching takes place throughout the year provided by Coolsportz. For up to date information contact [lianne@coolsportz.co.uk](mailto:lianne@coolsportz.co.uk)

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

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

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

**YOGA:** Tuesday, 1.30 - 3.00pm and 6.00 - 7.30pm, Tom Hauley Room, Tel: 817904

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



## All Saints' Church Harbury Sunday Services

1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in the month:	9.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	Sung Eucharist Little Saints Various/Ad hoc (see pew sheet)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in the month:	8.00am 10.30am 12.30pm	Said Communion Sung Eucharist Baptisms
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in the month:	8.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	Said Communion Saints Alive! Informal Communion Service Evensong
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month:	8.00am 10.30am 12.30pm	Said Communion Sung Eucharist Baptisms
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month:	8.00am 10.30am	Said Communion Sung Eucharist
Every Tuesday:	7.30pm	Weekday Said Communion
Every Thursday:	9.45am	Weekday Said Communion followed by coffee

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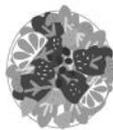


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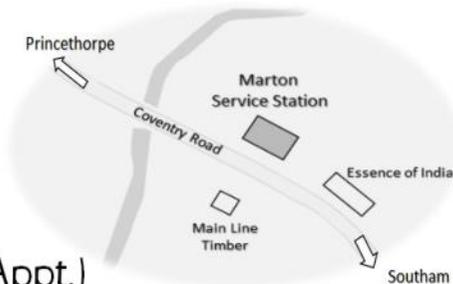
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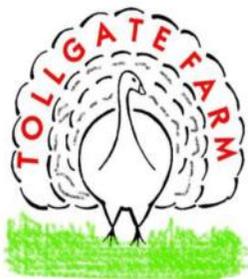
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