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Editorial



The Beer Festival in September was well attended with many people enjoying the sunshine.

The Village Hall also hosted the Village Show where there was a good display of vegetables, flowers and crafts. See photos within the magazine.

With the risk of closure, 1st Harbury Girlguiding groups are looking for new members to help, from admin support, to unit helpers and assistant leaders. If you have a couple of hours a week to spare please get in touch with the leader - see article.

Please support GASS by attending Harbury Bonfire on 3rd November – see the GASS article on page 31 for further details.

Regarding correspondence from the Parish Council Clerk concerning the regular Parish Council report that is published in the magazine, we would like to clarify that sometimes the report published is on the meeting that will have been held the previous month. This is to spread the reports out over a number of editions of the magazine.

After five successful years at the Bell Inn, Huw and Ruth have recently moved on. Many villagers both from Ladbroke and Harbury will be sorry to see them go but will no doubt wish them all the best in their new ventures. Good luck to the new owners Rob and Susanne Ryan.

Harbury Diary

OCTOBER

- Sat 6 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Southam Heritage Collection
- Sun 7 **NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**
 Holy Communion, 9.00am (Said Service)
 'Little Saints' Service, 10.30am followed by breakfast in the Tom Hauley Room
 Laying on Hands Healing Service, 6.00pm
 Youth Group, 7.00 - 8.30pm, Tom Hauley Room
 Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall

- Mon 8 Upholstery Class, 9.15am, Village Hall
 Martial Arts, 5.30pm, Village Hall
- Tue 9 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 10 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park -
 Baddesley Clinton (4 miles flat)
 Away Day, 10.00am - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
 Inspire Dance, 4.30pm, Village Hall
 Ballroom Dancing, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 11 Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am
 Harbury WI, 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room - Marilyn Payne, 'Save
 the Children Now and Then'
- Fri 12 Twinning Association, French Film – 'The Chorus', 7.30pm,
 Tom Hauley Room
- Sat 13 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid
 of RNLI
 Harbury Village Cinema presents 'The Guernsey Literary and
 Potato Peel Society', doors open 6.15pm, film starts 7.00pm,
 Village Hall
- Sun 14 TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**
 Holy Communion, 8.00am
 Holy Communion and Children's Church Service, 10.30am
 Messy Church, 3.00 - 5.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
 Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall
- Mon 15 Upholstery Class, 9.15am, Village Hall
 Martial Arts, 5.30pm, Village Hall
- Tue 16 Pilates, 9.30am, Village Hall
 Bumps and Bundles, 10.30am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room
 Junior Theatre Group, 6.30pm, Village Hall
 Harbury Society talk, Bob Sherman on Harbury Energy Group,
 7.30pm, Tom Hauley Room
 Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 17 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park -
 Farnborough - Mollington (5 miles hilly)
 Connections (Dementia) Café, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
 Inspire Dance, 4.30pm, Village Hall
 Ballroom Dancing, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 18 Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am
- Sat 20 Harbury Local Produce: Pop-up Market, 9.00 - 11.30am, Village
 Hall
 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid
 of Harbury WI
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- Sun 21 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**
 Holy Communion, 8.00am

- Sun 23 Harvest Festival 'Saints Alive', All Age Informal Service, 10.30am
Evensong, 6.00pm
Youth Group, 7.00 - 8.30pm, Tom Hauley Room
Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall
Tennis Club Quiz, 7.00 for 7.30pm, Village Club
- Mon 22 Upholstery Class, 9.15am, Village Hall
Martial Arts, 5.30pm, Village Hall
- Tue 23 Bumps and Bundles, 10.30am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
Julian meeting, 8.00pm
- Wed 24 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park -
Eathorpe - Wappenbury (3½ miles)
Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00 – 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
Inspire Dance, 4.30pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 25 Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am
Parish Council, 7.30pm, Farley Room of Village Hall
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5.30PM
- Sat 27 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid
of Harbury Society
Parish Council's Community Engagement – Councillors' Corner,
10.00 - 11.00am, Harbury Village Library
- Sun 28 BIBLE SUNDAY**
Holy Communion, 8.00am
Holy Communion and Children's Church, 10.30am
Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall
- Mon 29 Martial Arts, 5.30pm, Village Hall
- Tue 30 Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 31 Halloween
Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park -
Fenny Compton - Burton Dassett (5 miles hilly)
Heritage Group AGM, 8.00pm, Village Club

NOVEMBER

- Thurs 1 All Saints' Day - Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am
Folk Club, 8.00pm, Village Club
- Fri 2 Christmas Shoebox packing, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley
Room
- Sat 3 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid
of Harbury Pre-School
Harbury Bonfire and Fireworks, bonfire lit 6.00pm, firework display
at 6.30pm, Village Hall playing fields
- Sun 4 ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY**
Holy Communion, 9.00am (Said Service)
'Little Saints' Service, 10.30am, followed by breakfast in the
Tom Hauley Room
All Souls' Service, 6.00pm

- Tue 6 Bumps and Bundles, 10.30am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room
MeetingPoint, 2.00 - 4.00pm, The Crown Inn, (tea, coffee and biscuits)
Heritage Room open, 6.30 - 8.30pm, Harbury School
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 7 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park -
Norton Lindsay (4½ miles) with optional pub lunch
Mothers' Union Service and meeting, 2.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
- Thurs 8 Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am
Harbury WI, 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room - Annual Meeting
- Fri 9 Festival of Remembrance, 7.00 - 9.30pm, Village Hall
- Sat 10 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid
of Save the Children
Harbury Craft Fair, 10.00am - 4.00pm, Village Hall

Refuse Collection Rota			
	Deppers Bridge	Harbury, Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge outlying properties	Collection Week
October	Wed	Fri	
	10	12	Grey Bin
	17	19	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	24	26	Grey Bin
	31		Green & Blue Lid Bins
Nov		2	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	7	9	Grey Bin
	14	16	Green & Blue Lid Bins

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

A time to remember once again

During October and November we are invited to remember once again different things. On 31st October it will be All Hallows Eve (Halloween) the evening before All Saints' Day (1st November) when we remember all the great women and men of the church's past (the Saints) who through their lives and example have inspired us on our journey of faith.

Then it's All Souls Day (2nd November) when we remember and give thanks for our loved ones who have died. We then come to Remembrance Day on Sunday 11th November. This year this will be particularly significant as we mark the end of the First World War and give thanks for all those, especially from our villages, who gave their lives. Of course, on the 5th November we will 'remember, remember' the gunpowder plot of 1605, the failed attempt by a group of Catholics to kill King James I.

At Harbury church on the evening of Sunday 4th November at 6.00pm we shall be having our All Souls service. This is an opportunity to remember those we love that have died, to celebrate their lives and to give thanks to God for them. This is a quiet, reflective service that gives people the opportunity to be still and to remember. People are given the opportunity too to light a candle for those they wish to remember.

I would like to invite all of you who have lost a loved one to church on this evening where we will read out the names of your loved one during the service if you wish. We hold this service each year at this time and many find it to be a source of great comfort.

If you would like to have the name of a loved one read out during the service then please contact myself at the Rectory (612377) or if you are passing, you might like to write the name on the list on the table at the back of the church.

Blessings and all good wishes.

	<h2>Mothers' Union</h2>	<p>Gillian Hare</p>
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Our Autumn season began with a communion service taken by Rev Craig and presented by Chris Rutherford. It followed this year's MU theme of "Hope". We were all moved by a quotation from a Quaker journal, of a saying of Martin Luther: "Even if the world came to an end tomorrow, we will still, in spite of that, plant our little apple tree today".

Afterwards we all enjoyed a chat over a delicious tea.

When you read this, we shall have had our October meeting about helping released prisoners and so our next gathering, on 7th November, will be our AGM and quiz.

Visitors are most welcome to join us for communion at 2pm followed by the meeting at 2.30pm, all in the Tom Hauley Room.



Ladbroke News & Diary

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

OCTOBER

- Sat 6 Wine Tasting, doors open 7.00pm, Ladbroke Village Hall
- Sun 7 HARVEST FESTIVAL**
Family Communion followed by refreshments, 10.30am
- Mon 8 Homegroup, 8.00pm, 2 Hedges Close
- Wed 10 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall
- Sun 14 TRINITY XX**
Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am
- Wed 17 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall
- Sat 20 **ADVERTS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE TO 36 MANOR ORCHARD, HARBURY OR EMAIL ADVERTISING@HLNEWS.CO.UK**
- Sun 21 TRINITY XXI**
Holy Communion (said service), 9.00am
- Mon 22 Homegroup, 8.00pm, 2 Hedges Close
- Wed 24 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 25 **ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST OR EMAIL TO ARTICLES@HLNEWS.CO.UK BY 5.30PM**
- Sun 28 BIBLE SUNDAY**
Holy Communion (said service), 9.00am
- Wed 31 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall

NOVEMBER

- Thurs 1 WI, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Sun 4 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**
Family Communion, 10.00am, followed by refreshments
- Mon 5** Homegroup, 8.00pm, 2 Hedges Close
- Tues 6 Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Wed 7 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall
- Sun 11 REMEMBRANCE DAY**
NOTE: No morning service at Ladbroke
Remembrance Service, 3.00pm



Ladbroke Church News

Peter Rigby

13th – 16th September were Heritage Open Days and this year we welcomed a number of people who were very interested in the research Linda had done into the WW1 soldiers from the village - at least three visitors had relatives named on the war memorial, while those of us with more recent links to the area were fascinated in the snippets of information about the camp in Radbourne Lane which housed first Italians, then German POWs and finally displaced people from Eastern Europe. It was also surprising to find out some

of the everyday items "invented" in WW1 - from sun lamps to vegetarian sausages, tissues to tea bags.

A few visitors had come specifically to see the stained glass or hear about Ladbroke Church's history. One lady even made enquiries about bringing a group on a visit next year - which would be ideal as a pilot for similar visits in future as part of our All Saints for All Generations project to repair Ladbroke Church and share its heritage. We are very grateful to Jackie and Linda for putting on the event this year, Sue W for updating the prayer corner on the theme of Peace and all the ladies who helped with refreshments over the weekend.

Also during September, the Home Group has restarted and we have started watching a DVD series entitled "Jesus the Gamechanger". The series is looking at the impact Jesus and Christianity have had on range of different areas, and has already provoked some lively discussion. The dates and topics for our meetings in October will be

Monday 8th Forgiveness

Monday 22nd Women and Children

Our Harvest Festival will be held at our Family Service on 7th October. If you wish to bring gifts of food, please note we are unable to distribute perishable foodstuffs so non-perishable only please. After the service, we shall be having a "bring and share" lunch together in the church – this will be instead of the Harvest Supper. All are welcome.

Looking further ahead, our Remembrance Sunday Service, commemorating 100 years since the end of World War One, will be at 3.00pm on 11th November. There will be no morning service on that day.



Ladbroke Parish Council

Jackie West

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

The meeting on 12th September started with notification that Phil Maffey was resigning from being a councillor due to work commitments. He was thanked for his input over the last few years. If there is insufficient interest for in an election, a councillor can be co-opted.

Local Crime: there had been a spate of thefts in Fenny Compton recently.

Defibrillator: A good and well attended awareness training session had been held. It was agreed there were various downsides and no benefit in giving out the access code to the cabinet, as those needing to use the defibrillator should be speaking with the ambulance service already.

WCC: A number of people retiring are not being replaced and there is yet more re-organisation. With the extra money from government, and perhaps with the added incentive of the cycle race, 1589 potholes had been repaired compared with 219 the previous year. There is just one police officer and three PCSOs covering the Feldon area - you can speak with the police at the start of each Community Forum. The next of these is 26th September at Stockton with the main topics the proposal to make Southam dementia friendly and WCC's Switch and Save scheme.

HS2 have done some work near Bascote and the archaeologists have been called in at Wormleighton. One of our councillors will attend a meeting between HS2 and Southam Town Councillors in late September. HS2 and contractors are to be formally invited to the next Ladbroke Parish Council meeting.

Post meeting note: *At the community forum on 26th September representatives from the contractors who will work from Long Itchington Wood tunnel north (Balfour Beatty/Vinci) and from that point south (Eiffage Kier) gave a short presentation. There will be a drop in session at Southam Library on Tuesday 16th October, 3 - 5.30pm where "our HS2 Engagement Manager will be available to discuss works coming up in your area". There is also an exhibition style Southam Community event on Saturday 3rd November, 11am - 3pm at the Grange Hall, Southam where you can meet the contractors who will carry out enabling and main works, find out more about the plans for Southam, ask questions and explore the proposals in more detail. I have asked that they have information and are prepared to discuss as far south as Wills Pasture at both of these Southam events.*

SDC: There is a consultation on a document identifying land for future development - none in Ladbroke but infill and some on the edges at Harbury.

Planning: no representation was made regarding felling two birches at The Old Well House and a conifer at Langford Cottage.

Highways and Footpaths: A member of the public had raised concerns with WCC Highways Department about the lack of visibility and usable pavement on the School Lane corner outside Woodlands. Subsequently a number of residents had received official requests to cut back hedges overhanging the pavement.

Flooding and Drainage: Local measures were progressing. Our main contact, Barry Ridgeway is moving to a new job so Cllrs were chasing various documents from him before he leaves. Gullies had been cleaned recently. There was still no info available about the HS2 balancing pond but as this was documented at the select committee it should be in the plans once the detailed design work is done.

Village Hall & Millennium Green: There was a good Last Night of the Proms and the next events will be a wine tasting in October and a Film Night in December. The main event on the green had been trespassing cows seeking longer grass than in Farmyard Field, an electric fence is now discouraging them from making return visits.

Church: The church has been awarded a Stage 1 grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund towards its All Saints for All Generations project to repair the church and share its heritage. The application for the main, Stage 2 grants are competitive and the activities proposed in the initial application are not strong enough, the audience should be at least "Coventry & Warwickshire". Useful contacts with schools, uniformed organisations, clubs, care homes, even professionals interested in heritage are sought, especially at county or area level, to discuss possible activities linked with Ladbroke church, village and natural environment.

Request for a skate park: The young person requesting this had researched it further and advised that it was not viable.

Broadband: Although the latest update was that it is on schedule for end September completion, this seems incompatible with a request to close Bridge Lane in October for telecoms works.

Grit bins and street lights: Two grit bins will be ordered, Cllrs are still awaiting the second quote for converting to LED street lights.

Nuisance complaint: the council were aware of a single complaint about smells sent to the environmental officer at SDC and supported an investigation into the cause.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 14th November 2018 at 7.45pm.

 <p>theWI INSPIRING WOMEN</p>	<p>Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge Women's Institute</p>	<p>Carol Lane</p>
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At our September meeting held in the Village Hall on Thursday 6th, Jean Clews used the theme of holidays to demonstrate the art of flower arranging.

Jean kept the audience well entertained as she deftly positioned each flower. Her interest was started by Beryl Darkes,

former WI member, flower arranger and demonstrator and she has been a member of the Flower Guild for over 50 years! The flowers used included chrysanthemums, gladioli, gypsophila and foliage from Jenny's garden. Their arrangement in the chosen containers suggested: packing to go on holiday; a boat (maybe better described as a liner!) and champagne bubbles! The arrangements were given as raffle prizes at the end of the evening.



Members have been working on a tapestry for many months and the completed and framed result was admired by all. The canvas was designed and started by former member, Kath Telford, who lived in Southam but attended Ladbroke WI. After her death, Mr Telford gave the unfinished tapestry and the remaining wool back. On completion it was stretched and framed and it is hoped that it will hang in the Village Hall. This is well timed in the WI centenary year.



Many members of Ladbroke and Deppers Bridge WI joined the **Big Day out to Lincoln** when 884 WI members descended on the city. There was a slight lull in the very hot weather so it was very pleasant and there was a lot to see and do.

The second outing was a **cream tea at Blooms**. A good number of us went and had a lovely afternoon out, eating and chatting, with a bit of browsing in the shops.

The **WFOWI (Warwickshire Federation WI) Centenary Show at Napton** was a great success, so much so that some people couldn't park and had to go home again! Congratulations go to Sally Simmons who came second with her black and white photograph and third with her courgettes.

Future Events:

Walking Netball Some of you will have heard of walking football and this works on the same principle - you walk instead of running. Sessions will run regularly on Monday afternoons, 2.00 - 3.00pm at Warwickshire College. The cost is £3 per session. Please contact Dianne if you wish to take part.

Poppy display at St Mary's Church, Warwick 6th October - 9th December, open every day. Monday - Saturday. 10.00am - 4.00pm and Sunday 12.00 noon - 4.00pm. Poppies made by the WI (which include 210 from Ladbroke) are displayed either side of the high altar.

Special thanks were given to Jenny Barrett, our speakers' secretary, who had arranged the framing of the tapestry and has maintained the planted bowls outside the Village Hall throughout the long, hot summer.

Date of next meeting

Thursday 4th October at 7.30pm in Ladbroke Village Hall. This is our AGM. After three excellent years Dianne is stepping down as president, so please make her last AGM a special one.



Ladbroke Matters

David Wright

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



Wine tasting on Saturday 6th October at 7.30 in Ladbroke Village Hall. Come along and taste a range of wines provided by Cana Wines; Old World and New World and a variety of grapes all of the highest quality. Light snacks will also be provided. Tickets £15 from Gray Lewis on 01926 815196 or graylewis@tiscali.co.uk.



Friday 7th December is the date set for our **Christmas Film Night**. The film is yet to be decided, but it will be a very special evening. Put the date in your diary now. More details will be available very soon. If you would like advance notice of our film nights contact Nicky (nicolalewis24@tiscali.co.uk) to make sure you are on our email circulation list.



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 it for your special occasion contact Nicky (tel 01926 815196 or email nicolalewis24@tiscali.co.uk)

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

Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club

Draw for August 2018

£50	Betty Winkfield	£50	Jo Horne
£25	John Liverton	£25	Chris Ennew
£25	Pauline Long	£10	Kip and Mif Warr
£10	Tracey Lochhead	£10	Margaret Bosworth
£10	Jill Norgate	£10	Clive Coleman

Margaret Bosworth

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Articles to: Harbury Pharmacy, High Street or e-mail to articles@hlnews.co.uk by 5.30pm, Thursday 25th October



Ladbroke Photography Club

Kip Warr

Each year we mount an exhibition for the John Turner Festival in Southam. Our way of choosing photographs for this purpose is famously democratic; member brings their favourite images to the meeting and we vote to select at least one picture for each person. There is no set theme so we had horses and reflections and beaches and birds (lots of birds) and abstract scenes and rivers and many more besides. The festival is on 3rd November and we encourage you to go and see our display.

The reason we had so many birds on display was that we had been to Birdland at Bourton-on-the-Water. The birds make such wonderful subjects. Some because of the brilliance of their plumage, such as the parrot and golden pheasant, others because of their strange shapes (pelicans and flamingos) or endearing habits (penguins) or because they made us laugh like the two shown here...



Pelican - his bill can hold more than his belican by Jennie Daniels



Look at me when I'm tweeting by Geoff Farmer

Our next meeting will be on 2nd October when we shall look at photos taken at Bishops Bowl Lakes and learn about night photography in preparation for a competition on 7th November. Visitors and guests are welcome at our meetings; for more information see our website (tinyurl.com/ladbrokephoto) or contact jackieszone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk



Ladbroke General Section

The Bell Inn, Ladbroke



Sunday 16th September 2018 was our last service at The Bell Inn as the business owners. We made it our challenge five years ago to take on this pub and breathe new life into it. From a business that was barely trading to the thriving establishment that it is today, we have achieved everything we set out to do plus a whole lot more! We therefore felt the

time was right to sell the business, spend more time as a family and start to explore new opportunities for the future.

We have given our all over the last five years; it's been a tough struggle at times but at others it's felt like the best job in the world! Above all though, it has been the people we've met along the way, who've supported us and helped us make a bigger and better business, that we really need to pay tribute to.

The Bell Inn is now under the new ownership of Rob and Susanne Ryan. Many of our team will be staying at The Bell so we're sure you'll get the same warm welcome as before and we hope you support Rob and Susanne as you did us.

Thank you for your support, custom and friendship over the last five years.

Huw, Ruth, Harry and Freddie x

(We've put together a webpage depicting our journey over the last five years, if you'd like to have a look visit huwgriffiths.weebly.com)

Further Memories from Betty

Many things happened in the 1950s - King George VI died in 1952. I remember that I was at home in Castle Bromwich standing in a queue for fish! It was the fishmonger who had the radio on when it was announced at about 10 o'clock in the morning. It was a very sad occasion. There was nothing on the radio for several days except for news and solemn music. Princess Elizabeth was visiting Kenya with Prince Philip at the time. She had to break her visit and come home - as Queen.

I was in London the following year, though, for the Queen's Coronation, which certainly lifted the spirits - we were still recovering from the war. Some things were still rationed although other things had been released. I think the clothing coupons were almost the last to be freed.

Televisions were on the scene - big boxes with little screens. The hospital was issued with them just for the Coronation.

How I managed to be off duty at the time, I don't know. I was a student midwife then. My friend, Mary Lambert, and I plus hundreds of other people spent the night in The Mall. The whole atmosphere was exciting even though it was a drizzly night and everything was wet! Round about midnight - must have been timed - there was a stop press edition of the newspapers. Edmund Hillary had reached the peak of Mount Everest. The papers were free.

The people camped round Trafalgar Square using the papers to sit on and when they had all gone home the whole area was just a black, horrible, mushy mess.

We heard the Coronation on loudspeakers. We did see some people going down to the Palace to be in the procession - they all got a cheer. All we really saw was a glimpse of the carriages in the procession through a gap between the people in front of us. The road was lined with policemen who had been issued with barley-sugar sweets to sustain them. They were handing them out to children who were at the front with them.

It really didn't matter that we didn't see very much - the whole thing was so exciting - one big happy family - no nasties at all. I'm sure we all cheered when the Queen was crowned. There was a fly past over the Palace. The Royal Family was out on the balcony as usual after the ceremony. The difficult bit was getting free of the crowds to get home. I wouldn't have missed being there for the world.

After passing the first part of my midwifery training, I went to Bromsgrove Hospital in Worcestershire to do the second part - six months - three months in the maternity unit and three months on the district in Redditch.

Most babies were delivered at home then. The equipment we used was all boiled in a saucepan at the house. Newspapers and/or brown paper were used on the floor and under towels on the bed. We had 'gas and air' (oxygen and nitrogen) which came in a cylinder with its tube and mask attached in a box something like a suitcase. It was all fairly heavy - impossible to carry on a bike! The father or a friend had to collect this.

Somewhere about this time I had passed my driving test and was provided with a county car which made life a lot easier.

I worked in Redditch for about a year after I had qualified as a midwife. During this time I had to work as relief nurse/midwife in the next village, Headless Cross. As of now, a lot of building was going on to replace the houses bombed out during the war - so Headless Cross had grown.

The maternity department was very busy especially as there were only two of us to cope! We would have to leave each other notes saying where we were and what general nursing duties we had or had not managed to fit in. Meal times didn't exist! We had a saucepan which contained a stew which just had vegetables or meat added to it as necessary. I remember Jay's comment 'If this is still here next week I shall take it outside and bury it!'

I stayed in Redditch for a year before training as a Queen's District Nurse in Worcester. The Queen in question was Victoria!

After working for Worcester County Council for about 18 months I left to get married.

A Farmer's Wife!

Betty Winkfield

10 Things You Should Know by Now!!!

Sorting through my late mother's paperwork I came across a number of amusing quips, here are a few of them. If you have others to share with readers, please send them in and we will print the best ones.

- If you had to identify in one word why the human race has not achieved, and will never achieve, its full potential, that word would be meetings.
- A balanced diet is a biscuit in each hand.
- For every action there is an equal and opposite government programme.
- You should not confuse your career with your life.
- Experience is a wonderful thing. It enables you to recognise a mistake when you make it again.
- Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.
- If you have melted chocolate all over your hands you are not eating it quickly enough.
- Middle age is when broadness of the mind and narrowness of the waist change places
- Junk is something you've kept for years and throw away three weeks before you need it.
- If you look like your passport you probably need the trip.

Jackie West

Tour of Britain Cycle Race

On the first Wednesday of September, Stage 4 of this 1140km professional mens cycle race came through our patch, with the competitors pedalling up the bypass towards Southam. Having recently moved Prestige Photography's base to Ladbroke, Russell Griffith had just a short stroll to capture the action on camera as it sped by.





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 or obtained from the Parish Clerk Tel: 01926 614646

Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting 20th August 2018

All Councillors excepting Janet Thornley were present along with about ten parishioners.

Under Public Participation various concerns were raised about the “amended” Spitfire application to develop the Orchard/Paddock behind Wissett Lodge.

These included:-

- difficulty of finding the latest plans on the DC planning portal, which were in amongst the previous submissions;
- County Highways objection that garages are too narrow to meet the regulations;
- use of artificial stone and the “Thatched Cottage” to be built at the entrance;
- cramped nature of the terrace of houses on the western boundary;
- loss of the veteran ash tree.

Cllr Rutherford thought previous objections were still relevant and Chairman Tim Lockley cited Harbury’s over-achieved housing totals, increased traffic, and the impact of the proposed development on the Conservation Area and biodiversity, but he was less keen to retain the veteran ash tree.

Cllr Gibb highlighted errors that overstated the public transport links and bus availability and the fact that the developer had not considered the importance of the Conservation Area and Wissett Lodge - a Listed Building. There was no need identified for the planned 4 and 5 bedroomed homes.

The Chairman agreed with these points and those the District’s Conservation Architect had also raised and pointed out that there were not enough car parking spaces for visitors. Cllr Gibb thought this would lead to parking on the footway and at the entrance to the site, posing access difficulties for emergency vehicles.

Summing up, the Chairman explained that this would be Spitfire’s final chance to gain permission. He intended to reiterate all previous objections and would also include those from the extraordinary meeting and circulate to Councillors to agree and send a final objection to the District Council.

Other Business

The Chairman was pleased with the positive report from the Inspector of the Neighbourhood Plan which, subject to some minor amendments, could then go to referendum.

The Government requires Stratford District to produce a Strategic Housing Lane Availability Assessment for potential further housing growth. In response the District highlighted four potential peripheral sites which it assessed had potential for development. These were:

- Land north of David Wilson Home's site in Bush Heath Lane;
- Trice family's Farm Yard in Mill Street;
- Paddock at the top of Constance Drive;
- Land off Bush Heath Road beyond Percival Drive.

The Chairman could see no errors in the assessment of these sites, but Cllr Gibb asserted the information on public transport was incorrect as Harbury did not have a two hourly bus service - there was an afternoon gap of four hours. The district would be made aware of this.

September 2018 Meeting report

So what was on the menu this month? Well, as usual planning: Mr Andrews' latest application for a self-build property on one of the old paddocks of Harbury House. As the Chairman explained, although Harbury has overachieved its housing target by 20%, Government decrees that "Self-Build" homes get special consideration. Despite the applicant's efforts to gain Cllrs' support, the decision was to follow normal practice and make "no representation", neither supporting or objecting to the proposal.

Councillors had sympathy for the proposal to replace derelict barns at the Water Tower with two small bungalows at an affordable rent (80% of "market" rent) for local elderly or disabled residents. However, they were concerned it was so far from the village centre and facilities. As before the Chairman stressed the village had overachieved its housing target and the site was outside the village envelope, so they objected.

They advised the Ivy Lane resident who has to revise his planning application that a five bedroomed house has to provide three on-site car parking spaces. They said the "Oakfields" site needed a litter bin and also agreed that the noticeboard there should be turned round. There was concern that heavy plant was being parked too close to the oak trees and could be damaging them.

The referendum on Harbury's long awaited Neighbourhood Plan is on 29th November in the Village Hall. It is interesting that now 'Approval' only needs a 'majority' vote.

We are getting two bonfires this year. The usual one organised by GASS on the playing fields and a bonus bonfire beacon at Chesterton Windmill in remembrance of the ending of the First World War on the 11th November. Cllr Gibb has organised a bus service to get residents to the site as there will be no parking provided.

District Councillor Harris alerted Councillors to growing concerns about maternity services throughout the region. She feared they have “capacity issues” locally and at Banbury and Oxford such that Government had instructed all three facilities to work on a solution. However, the imminent GLH and HS2 construction could disrupt transport locally and to the alternatives.

Indeed HS2 is causing more concern amid reports that both the Deppers Bridge Road to Southam and Ufton Road will have roadworks at the same time from 27th October. Tim Lockley spoke for all when he said that it was not acceptable for HS2 to make such decisions without thinking how residents would be affected. Cllr Gibb revealed HS2 had consulted Stagecoach! Our County Councillor was asked to find out from Highways what was planned.

Other bits and pieces

Playing Fields - Cllrs seem to hold contractors partially responsible for the graffiti that children sprayed on equipment and Cllr Summers said they had taken away the key to the bollards.

Burial Grounds Chapel - A survey is needed on the percolation of rainwater before a soakaway is constructed and there are other problems to be solved including repairs to the roof. But the Clerk is getting a quote for installing a water supply and tap.

Allotments - no decision yet on allowing non villagers to rent plots.

Lighting - responding to a Heber Drive resident's request to change the lamp in a street light, Cllrs decided they would only accede to this if they paid a contribution to the cost.

Damage to The Pound - Cllrs complained that Warwickshire County Council had not responded to their calls for repairs.

Village Showcase - The Chairman is keen for all village organisations to come together to display their purposes in the Village Hall in February and he agreed the PC should pay the hall hire.

Next Meeting: 25th October 7.30pm Farley Room of the Village Hall.

Current Parish Council members contactable via the Parish Office are:

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



Harbury Society

Linda Ridgley

We had a lovely sunny day for our walk round Alcester, an attractive old market town, with a wide range of shops and buildings from C1300 to the present day. It was a coaching hub and still retains a remarkable number of pubs.



People appreciated the architecture; especially in Henley Street and Butter Street; the Church - most was rebuilt in Georgian times - and the flowers; everywhere were hanging baskets, tubs and beautiful gardens.

The Market Hall, a magnificent sturdy building, has a hammer beam roof (pictured right), but the best was Malt Mill Lane (below left), a narrow street of timber framed and jetted Tudor buildings.



I took the party into the area behind the Lane where they were amazed to see the OAP's complex, a mix of old and relatively new accommodation together with a Social Club. Residents are so proud of their homes (and little gardens) that they actively invite visitors to explore and they have a small archive room with photos and historical information about the area. Members asked why we can't have such a facility in Harbury.



Our next event is a talk on the work of the Harbury Energy Initiative by Bob Sherman on Tuesday 16th October 7.30pm in the Tom Hauley Room. Our Coffee Morning is on Saturday 27th October, also in the Tom Hauley Room from 10am until noon.

At our meeting on 13th September we welcomed Janet Wroe and Janet Gee who entertained us with a presentation on Fun with Antiques. We were divided into four teams and were invited to value eight items - Music Hall Programmes, Dinky Tanker lorry, three ten shilling notes, two Indian goblets, a model locomotive, a pocket watch, a glass bottle and a Dick Barton annual. It proved to be a noisy but fun evening as we debated the value of the various objects.

On 18th September, sixteen members made their way to Warwick to visit the Mill Garden in Mill Street Warwick. This is a peaceful garden that is next to the home of the late Arthur Measures - now run by his daughter and son-in-law. We spent a very pleasant hour in this beautiful garden which is surrounded by views of Warwick castle and the River Avon. Most of us then adjourned to a local tea room before we headed back to Harbury. Our thanks to Jean Appleton for organizing the afternoon.



On 21st September 48 members and guests gathered in the Village Hall for our annual Harvest Supper. We were entertained by the four Daft Dames which was greatly enjoyed by everyone. Thanks to Lin Hayes and her band of helpers for providing an enjoyable meal.



On 11th October we shall hear Marilyn Payne talking about "Save the Children Now and Then". New members and visitors are always welcome.

We will be running the village cinema on Saturday 13th October when the film will be "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society" 6.15 for a 7pm start. Tickets should be purchased from the village chemist by Wednesday 10th October. £10 to include fish and chips and ten raffle tickets; £5 for film only and five raffle tickets. If there is space non-food tickets may be purchased on the door. We had originally advertised the film as "The Bookshop" but the

rights holders have delayed availability dates so we had to change the film. We know that a few tickets had already been sold and they will be valid for the changed film. If you don't want to see "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society", please phone Chris Rutherford on 613757 for a refund.



Harbury Theatre Group

Geoff Allen

In November the group will present a story from *Intimate Exchanges*, a play by Alan Ayckbourn. *Intimate Exchanges* as a complete play gives eight major story lines with 16 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 plays (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). In *Intimate Exchanges* Ayckbourn explores if not all, at least very many of these what ifs, presenting different versions depending on how characters (re)act in certain situations. I think you will enjoy our choice of direction and follow our characters through the development of the play.

Performances in the Village Hall are 22nd, 23rd and 24th November 2018.



Folk Club

Sue Hartland

The theme for 406th edition of Harbury Folk Club was 'The Garden'. We had fewer performers than usual, but it was still a very varied and enjoyable evening.

Ian and Sue opened the evening with 'Let the Mystery Be' and 'Down by the Willow Garden'. Don continued the theme with 'The Garden of the Dead' and 'The Banks of the Roses'. Rik sang 'Secret Gardens of the Heart' and 'Chickens in the Garden'. Ragged Round the Edges (same band different name) performed 'Who's Garden Was This?' and 'Flowers in the Rain'. Margaret, accompanied by Peter on piano sang beautifully about 'A Proper Sort of Garden' and Peter followed with one of my favourites 'The Lover's

Heart'. Norman closed the first half and had us all in hysterics with 'In the Garden' (how does your garden grown/groan?) and 'Everything is Fresh Today' he was assisted by Viv, complete with the appropriate visual aids!

Sue and Ian started the second half with 'Garden Party' and Martin followed with 'Tortoises' and a very funny Les Barker song called 'Compost Bin'. Rik continued with the popular 'The Seeds of Love' and then Sue C demonstrated 'One Potato, Two Potato' and Ted sang 'The Wanton Seed'. Next, we were treated to very accomplished versions of 'Summertime' and 'The Water is Wide' from Lynne Briggs, a visitor to the Club from Australia. Peter performed 'Garden Valley' and then Poacher's Pocket closed the evening with 'The Last Tree Standing' and 'Weary Winter'.

The raffle raised £70 for Cancer Research UK which is the charity Ian chose for his recent Great North Run half marathon, so thank you for adding so generously to his sponsor money.

Next month it is Ted and Sue's turn to host the evening and the theme will be 'Clothes'.



On Sunday afternoon on the 9th September we held our annual barbecue and boules tournament. The Village Club car park was again the venue and a good time was had by all. The excellent meat packs were supplied by the butchers in the Acorn Store in Southam and the members brought salads and desserts in abundance. There were twenty boules participants, arranged into four teams of five. With two boules each there was up to 20 boules on the rink at the conclusion of each end and so determining who had pitched each boule was not easy. During the afternoon we were joined by Rosemary Harley's daughter Wendy who had brought two colleagues from Colombia and introduced them to traditional village life. We invited them to join in the barbecue and to have a go at boules. They thanked us for our hospitality and said they thought the village was delightful.



After five fun matches and because the final ended in a draw, we resorted to a one boule each play-off. The winning team, shown on the previous page accepting the Robin Barnes cup, was; Tom Smith, Andrew Patrick, Sharon and John Hancock, and Imogen Megeney. Unfortunately, Imogen had to leave before the presentation so is not in the photograph.

We have arranged the following for the rest of the year:

Friday 12th October, 7.30pm in the Tom Hauley Room. The French film; *"The Chorus"*. £5.00 which includes snacks.

Thursday 16th November, 7.30pm in the Tom Hauley Room. The Annual General Meeting followed by cheese and wine. We are a community activity that operate under the auspices of the Parish Council therefore the meeting is open to all residents of Harbury and Deppers Bridge.

Friday 14th December, 7.30pm. In the Tom Hauley Room - Christmas Party.

Saturday 5th January - Fete des Rois - which we will be celebrating a day earlier than usual, but this is the day it is celebrated in some countries.

	<h2>Harbury Energy Initiative</h2>	Bob Sherman
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The long wait

Having been a gardener for over 40 years, I have learnt patience. You need it for grant applications. But we wait not much longer. Thanks to the support of the players of the Postcode Lottery and the Postcode Local Trust the battery energy storage system is now set to be put in place. Should there be bunting, fanfares and champagne? Crowds of jubilant residents? Just lay it on and I'll come.

The new battery system for the Village Hall goes in soon, thanks to a grant from Postcode Local Trust awarded in June. We applied in April, awarded in June, money received in September. And now the installers have come



to assess the setup on site before installing as soon as we can be fitted in.

There can be few village halls in the UK with battery storage and energy optimiser system linked to solar panels. Despite the wait, HEI has enjoyed working with the Village Hall on this innovative project. We think that we will be in time with the installation to benefit from the last of the autumn sunshine, saving yet more cost to the hall. The battery will not only be useful in storing solar energy but also be able to charge up when electricity is cheaper at night for use in the day when tariffs are higher.

You will now be able to use the Village Hall with no pangs of conscience. Alright, so you didn't actually have guilt feelings but you can now retrospectively have a few at my invitation.

Solar school

Our next projects are all a bit more challenging or long term. The most immediate is a renewed effort to get solar panels on to the school. During the summer holidays, Chair of Governors, Alan Bennett, and I met with someone from INECO, specialists in rooftop solar for schools. They now have proposals to make to the governors before we take our plan to the county for agreement. This is likely to be the biggest hurdle.

Hurry while tariffs last

There is some urgency in this as the Feed in Tariff for renewable energy generation ends on 31st March 2019. If you have been vacillating about installing panels on your own roof, now is the time to decide. There is likely to be a rush of applications from now on in order to benefit from the last vestiges of government support for domestic renewables. There is even talk of stopping the payments for domestic energy supplied to the grid, assumed to be 50% of all the generation from panels. It is probably quite a lot higher than that in reality. This will mean, as far as I can see, that householders supplying renewable energy into the grid will actually be subsidising their local network.

Chinese solar road

The Chinese may be the world's greatest polluter but they are also great innovators. I was intrigued by a story of a trial stretch of 'solar road' that they have installed, strong enough to take heavy traffic but generating energy at the same time. Ultimately they hope this surface will be able to recharge electric cars and trucks as they pass over it.

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	<h2 style="margin: 0;">Harbury Heritage Room</h2>	<p style="margin: 0;">Nigel Chapman</p>
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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 date will be 6th November. Also, there will be a Sunday afternoon opening in the near future, which may be more convenient for some.

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of Women's Suffrage, Tim Lockley has been researching local goings-on at the time. Below is a synopsis of what he has uncovered regarding the movement locally.

Centenary of Women's Suffrage

Women were given the right to vote in 1918. Well, some women were. The **Representation of the People Act 1918** granted women the vote provided they:

- were over 30 years old

- owned or occupied land with a rateable value over £5
- were married to a man who owned or occupied land with a rateable value over £5

The effect of this change in Harbury can be seen in the electoral registers. In 1915, Harbury had 268 registered voters, all men. In 1920, Harbury had 707 registered voters, 260 (36.7%) of whom were female.

Harbury and the suffrage movement

While Leamington and Warwick had active suffragist societies, with regular meetings, there is little evidence of the involvement of Harbury women. The first (and only) suffrage meeting in Harbury took place in July 1914. [Leamington Courier, 10 July 1914]

WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

FIRST MEETING AT HARBURY.

Last Friday evening a successful meeting of the local (Warwick and Leamington) branch of the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies was held in the schoolroom at Harbury. This was the first woman suffrage meeting held at Harbury, and there was an excellent attendance of men, women, boys, and girls.

The Rev. C. W. Weston presided and sounded a genial note of welcome and sympathy in his opening remarks. The following resolution proposed by Mrs. Streeter and seconded by Mrs. Dykes was passed *nem. con.* "That this meeting of men and women of Harbury deploras the Government's delay in dealing effectively with the women's question which is causing so much unrest throughout the country, and calls upon the Government to introduce a Government measure for the Enfranchisement of Women."

Mrs. Streeter spoke at considerable length on the many aspects of the Woman's Movement, showing in a convincing manner that it was no sex war, but a movement for the betterment of men and women alike, and therefore one for the uplifting of the race. She gained the interest of her audience at once, and held their sympathetic attention throughout the whole of her address. A vote of thanks to the chair and speaker was proposed by Miss Blanch Leppington and seconded by Dr. Pirie.

Among others present were Mrs. and the Misses Dunn, Dr. Mary Weston, and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hill.

Despite 'an excellent attendance of men, women, boys and girls' none of the people mentioned by name in the article actually lived in the village. It is more likely that this was an attempt to spread the idea of women's suffrage to a nearby village by activists in Leamington. It is hard to measure the impact this might have had on women in the village.

Suffragists were most likely to be either urban woman (of all classes), or middle to upper class rural women. Harbury didn't have many of these sorts of women. Aside from some of the surrounding farms, the only large houses in the village were the Hall, Harbury House, the Manor House, Montgomery House, and Temple House. The vast majority of homes had only two or three rooms, sometimes housing a family of eight or even 10 people. There were perhaps no more than a dozen wealthy women in Harbury during the 1910s, women who had the leisure time and the means to become activists.

Harbury's first female voters



Women marching in Stratford-on-Avon in 1911

Most of Harbury's female voters in 1920 (78.8%) qualified for the vote via their husbands. Often their husbands were employed at the Bishop's Bowl quarries or on the railway, the two major employers in the parish. Others were tradesmen (bricklayers, blacksmiths, tailors carpenters, etc), farm workers and general labourers. Only a very small number of husbands were in 'middle-class'

occupations (policeman, doctor, postmaster or station master).

Husbands' occupations:

Labourer	8	7%
Trade	28	25%
Cement Works	32	28%
Railway	9	8%
Professions	8	7%
Farmer / market gardener	26	23%

Most of the 21.2% of women who qualified for the vote in their own right were widows, who now were heads of household. Widows Emma Haynes, Caroline Philpott, and Elizabeth Warwick, for example, each managed farms on the outskirts of the village. Some widows were now wealthy women:

Marion Bland (Greenhill), Helen Osbourne (Harbury Hall) and Edith Montgomery Martin (Montgomery House), each of which had 'private means' with no need to work. Most widows, however, had to work to earn money to support themselves and their children. Elizabeth Hillyard in Park Lane Terrace was a dressmaker, Mary Ann Burbidge in Mill St was a midwife, Emma Townsend in Pump St (now Crown St) and Hannah Seeney in Binswood End were both laundresses, while Mary Walker living in Highfield Cottages near the Great Western Hotel mended bags for the cement works. Only a very small number of women were unmarried and lived independently but they included sisters Mary and Alice Blick, who co-owned the blacksmiths in Binswood End, nurse Hannah Blackwell, aged 67 in 1920, and school teacher Jane Bustin, aged 43. These two women, coincidentally, lived next door to each other in Farm Street.

What impact did women voters have?

It's very hard to be certain. Harbury was in the Rugby parliamentary constituency, a swing seat that had swapped regularly between the Conservatives and the Liberals. It is possible that those standing for election began to court the female vote, and we know that women did exercise their new voting rights – 85% of registered voters cast a ballot in the 1924 general election for instance. It is also true that some prominent Harbury women, Marion Bland for example, were leading members of the Conservative Women's Association that had been prominent in campaigning for the vote. Between 1918 and 1945 the Conservatives held the Rugby seat continuously (apart from 1923-4 when the Liberal candidate benefitted from there being no Labour candidate) suggesting that the female vote perhaps bolstered Conservative support overall. But without sophisticated polling, which didn't exist back then, this remains conjecture. We also do not know how many adult women failed to qualify for the vote, since we would need the 1921 census to compare with the electoral roll, and that will not be released until 2021.

Tim Lockley



We welcomed back our Scouts after the summer break for another term of fun, skills and adventure helping them acquire some skills for life, part of the refocused ethos and new scouting identity.

As part of being a scout, they have the opportunity to participate in a range of activities and challenges that develop skills and understanding about themselves and the world around them, not only parts in isolation and these are recognised through badges and awards.

For a scout the highest award is the Chief Scout Gold Award and I am pleased to report that two of 1st Harbury scouts Joe Quinney and Daniel Dimmock were presented this award by Andy Law,



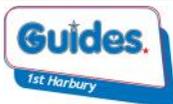
Assistant District Commissioner Scouts, Leamington District on 13th September 2018. This award involves completion of nine challenge badges including a Leadership, Teamwork and an expedition challenge, together with a number of individual activity badges.

A big well done to Joe and Daniel on this significant achievement and we wish them well with their next adventure as they reach the age to move on in scouts and hopefully become founding members of a proposed Harbury Explorers unit.

We are encouraged that some more scouts may follow their lead and also earn this award. Notwithstanding that it's more important to see young people getting involved in scouting and enjoying the opportunities that are available to them.

A big welcome also to our newly invested scouts and those just joining us from the cub section.

Paul Quinney
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	<h2 style="margin: 0;">1st Harbury Girlguiding Groups</h2>	<p style="margin: 0;">Kayleigh Barrett</p>
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"Happiness comes not from what we have but from what we give and what we share." Lady Olave Baden-Powell

1st Harbury Girlguiding groups are looking for new members to inspire and be inspired by our girls, and if you are reading this – you are exactly who we are looking for!

Volunteering with Girlguiding gives you a chance to share your skills and knowledge, and to empower girls and give them new experiences. You can also volunteer with Girlguiding as part of a school project, or schemes such as the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

You choose the volunteer role that matches your skills and time; from admin support, to unit helpers and assistant leaders, there is a role in Girlguiding for you.

Rainbows (aged 5-7), Brownies (aged 7-10) and Guides (aged 10-14) all offer something different for our volunteers; why not call and arrange a taster session to see what we get up to?

Want to volunteer but already have lots going on? Why don't you sign up with a friend, and set up a "job-share"?

If you have two hours a week to spare, then Girlguiding voluntary work is for you! Our groups' meetings take place as follows:

Rainbows: Tuesdays 5.30pm-6.30pm

Brownies: Mondays 5.45pm-7.00pm

Guides: Mondays 7.15pm-8.45pm



For all enquiries please contact: Kayleigh Barrett (Brownie and Guide leader)
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For more information about Girlguiding, please visit:

www.girlguiding.org.uk

www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/become-a-volunteer/register-your-interest

 <small>GUIDES AND SCOUTS SUPPORT</small>	<h2>Guides and Scouts Support</h2> <p>Laura Harris</p>
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Preparations are already in full swing for this year's bonfire and fireworks spectacular!

GASS (Guides and Scouts Support) in conjunction with All Saints Church will be hosting the event on the Village Hall playing fields on Saturday 3rd November to celebrate Guy Fawkes Night and raise much needed funds for all of our village uniformed groups.

- Gates open at 5:30pm, access will be via the Village Hall entrances **ONLY**.
- For safety reasons, members of the public are not permitted to enter from behind the bonfire and through the firework display area so the **gate to Ridgley Way will be locked**.
- The bonfire will be lit at 6pm, fireworks display at 6.30pm. Arrive in plenty of time to pick up your food, buy hot drinks and make your way across the field.
- Tickets will be on sale at Harbury Pharmacy and Harbury Village Library from early October until Thursday 1st November.

- Advance tickets **only** will include a hotdog and a KitKat - £5.00 for adults, £3.00 for children.
- Entry on the gate £5 for adults and £3 for children. Under 3s go free.
- Mulled wine and hot chocolate will be on sale on the night, however, we offer food with advance tickets only.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Garden refuse and scrap wood collection service

All donations of garden rubbish and other wooden items, such as fence posts, pallets, shed panels, benches will be gratefully received and collected **from your door** by our team of volunteer bonfire builders.

1. Complete the slip enclosed with this magazine
2. Deliver your slip and a **generous** donation to the Courtyard house, Harbury Hall or 5 Park Lane before Friday 2nd November.
3. Leave your pile of bonfire material within easy reach of the roadside on the morning of Saturday 3rd November.

Please do NOT to deliver to the Village Hall car park or playing field yourselves as it may cause danger or obstruction and slow down our carefully planned operation.



Waterloo Fields saw pre-season training and cricket matches continuing over the summer months.

A refurbishment of the kitchen was completed courtesy of Leamington Builders Merchant under the guidance and support of club sponsor Euan Bennett from the village.

The showers were re-sealed and the hedge cut back adjacent to the clubhouse.

A recruitment drive was undertaken around the surrounding towns and villages which brought both new and old players to the Club in such numbers that the Club has entered a 2nd XV team in Warwickshire League 3 under the captaincy of Adrian Exton.

The services of a new physiotherapist has been secured by the Club and we welcome Joanne into the fold. We are also pleased to announce that the Club has retained the services of Head Coach Ben.

The first pre-season match was held at Princethorpe College on a bright and sunny Saturday 1st September. Four 20 minute sessions were played with Harbury scoring a total of seven tries against three.

The first four Sundays of September recorded some 170 players arriving at the Club to sign up and play for the U6/7s and each age group through to the U14s.

Harbury opened up their league season with a home game against Greyhound (travelling almost 80 miles from Hereford) on Saturday 8th September. Taking their opportunities when they came together with good support play and some stout defence saw Harbury winning 49-0. A bright start to the season.

The following week, the 2nd XV opened up their league season with a home game against Alcester's 2nd XV. The visitors started the game at pace and after five minutes ran in a converted try. Harbury gathered themselves and soon took command of the game and went on to a convincing win 57-7.

On Saturday 22nd September, the 2nd XV travelled the short distance to Rugby to face Old Laurentians 3rd XV. Following the morning rain, the ground had at least softened to some degree making the tackles a little easier to make/take. Whilst the opposition included a few beefy opponents that liked to go on some bullocking runs, the visitors took to their task and tackled with impunity. As in earlier games, the players took their opportunities when they came and ran out deserved winners 0-36. With two wins under their belt sees them top of the table at this very early stage.

Forthcoming fixtures

29th September – 1st XV away to Kings Norton. 2nd XV – Home against Atherstone 2nd XV Cup game.

30th September – 28th Annual Mini Festival. Welcomes teams from Alcester, Leamington and Balsall & Berkswell. U13s will host the event. U14s away to Old Silhillians.

6th October – 1st XV home to Old Wheatleyans. 2nd XV – Away against Atherstone 2nd XV League game.

7th October – U13s & U14s home to Old Coventrians

13th October – 1st XV away to Newbold 2nd XV friendly.

20th October – 1st XV away to Pershore. 2nd XV – home to Coventry Welsh 2nd XV friendly.

21st October – All Mini age groups home to Barkers Butts. U13s away to Leamington.

27th October – 1st XV home to Redditch – VPs day.





Harbury Tennis Club

Colin Mercer

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



First of all it's Quiz Time for all on Sunday 21st October! Doors open 7pm, starting 7.30pm sharp in the Village Club. The Tennis Club Fun Quiz to whom ALL are welcome (not just Tennis Club members) – get your friends and family together in teams of four for a great night out (£20 a team). Delicious sandwiches supplied, prizes for the winners and no tennis knowledge required! To book your team in: Contact Peter Walshe on 07770 641437 or peter.walshe@kantarmillwardbrown.com.

The Club completed its Banbury Summer League fixtures with two wins. In the Midweek format, Harbury needed a win against third placed Kings Sutton B to guarantee promotion to Division 3. This match saw Adam Crossling make a welcome return to Harbury and with Josh Marshall made up one of the youngest men's No.1 and No. 2 pairing for some time! The match was also Debs Brookes' last match before she heads off to pastures new in Wales – she'll be sorely missed, but a club tour is already being planned! Eira Owen, Sue Panton and Nigel Eaton were the other team members on the night. Their combined efforts saw Harbury secure a fine 7-2 win to move into top place and nervously waiting the outcome of nearest rivals Brackley B's final match. Unfortunately Brackley had a 9-0 win to become Division Champions by a single point!

In the Mixed Division of the Weekend format, Harbury's final fixture against Priors Marston B was effectively a play-off for the "wooden spoon" position. Caroline Morland, Karen Bristow, Joe Robson and David Bristow were too good for the visitors and ran out 6-2 winners. That should be enough to keep the visitors at the bottom of the league although not mathematically certain as at the time of writing they have two games to play but need to win both by 8-0 score lines to catch Harbury, so not counting our chickens yet!

In the Rugby and District Mixed League Division 1, Harbury's final home match was against Rugby 2. Caroline Morland, Sue Panton, Adam Crossling and Josh Marshall put up strong resistance against a very strong team but eventually lost 2-6. That confirmed Rugby 2 as Division runners up and leaves Harbury with one match to play, with an outside chance of overtaking Nuneaton to finish in third place.

It's been a really enjoyable summer season with most matches being played in wonderful weather. No rest for the wicked as they say and by the time you read this article we'll have played our first winter league fixtures!

Our Autumn coaching programme delivered by coolsportz coaches Elizabeth Holding (Mondays) and Rob West (Thursdays) has started and for juniors caters for ages 4 to 16 years. For adults there are sessions on Monday evenings with Elizabeth and with Rob on Thursday evenings.

Rob also has a Friday morning session for ladies. The programme is 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 or phone/text her on 07919 104093.



A new term: As I write this, we have completed the first month of the Autumn Term and what a busy and enjoyable month it has been!

Our new starters have had their inductions and have settled exceptionally well into Pre-School. They have quickly picked up on our Pre-School routines and it has been lovely to see them explore their new surroundings and make new friends over the short time that they have been with us.

It has been equally enjoyable to welcome back all our returning children who have been excited to tell us all about what they have been doing over the summer holidays.

All about me: Our topic this half term has been 'All About Me'. The children have brought in photos of themselves as babies and we have all enjoyed trying to guess who is who!

The children have then been studying their faces in the mirror and producing a 'self-portrait'. They have provided us with some fabulous language alongside their portraits, for example,

<i>'I need white for my eyes. My tongue is pink. But I can't do plaits'</i>	<i>'I have green eyes, I don't know what colour my hair is. I drew a line. 2 ears, eyebrows.'</i>	<i>'It's my face, me draw it. My mouth. I'm drawing my lips now.'</i>
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Outside play: The extended summer weather has provided ample opportunities for outdoor play. The climbing frame is always a firm favourite and the children have enjoyed using the steps and the slide. When the weather has been less kind, the frame has been converted into a covered 'den' which is led to some fabulous imaginary play.

Over the summer, our apple trees have produced some gorgeous red, juicy apples.



The children have been harvesting the apples and then have cut them up and we all enjoyed them for our snack! Some of our parents have kindly donated

some fruit for snacks so the children have been enjoying a wide range of different tastes and flavours this term.

Creative play: The walls of our Pre-School are already covered with some of the super artwork that the children have been creating.

As well as their self-portraits, the children have also been busy with the paints; mixing colours, painting with rollers and 'shape painting' with different shaped objects.

Collages have also been popular and the children have enjoyed accessing materials of different textures and colours to cut and stick onto their paper.



Baby Visitor: We were especially delighted to welcome Annabelle's baby brother, Edward for two visits to our Pre-School this month.

The children were captivated and enjoyed learning about how babies are different to us, what babies need and how we can look after them. To support our learning, our role play area has been transformed into a 'baby clinic' where we can feed the babies, change the babies, measure the length of the babies and write or type some notes on the babies using the keyboard or clipboards.

Looking forward: The Committee have some exciting fundraising events coming up this term.

Please visit our website for details.

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



After a calm summer recovering from the Circus, we have submitted our annual accounts to the charity commission and with all your support and help, have raised over £19,000 this year! This money will buy the 32 new computers for the School Computer Suite. Daily access to computers is key for our young learners for the following reasons:

1. Online safety, children will have the opportunity to learn how to protect themselves in the digital world, where the majority of their future social interaction will be online in a safe environment. This is particularly key for children who do not have access to a computer at home.
2. Digital skills, being at ease and confident in computer skills is paramount when applying for jobs, and more and more secondary school homework and learning tasks are carried out on computers requiring digital fluency.
3. Enriched learning opportunities, having access to computers enriches the academic learning in the school, for example the ability to search for information on a new topic, be creative (eg creating blogs), develop material (eg presentations, ebooks) and will also support the school code club.
4. Provide a learning environment where both boys and girls can be curious and foster an interest for STEM subjects. (This is particularly important for girls who make the decision to follow a STEM career or not as young as 13-14)

The school have now asked for our support to raise funds for the following:

- Purchasing and installing an infant outdoor playground
- Purchasing an electronic whiteboard
- Tablets for in classroom learning
- Creating an outdoor learning space/stage in the junior playground

This all adds up to £35k+ and so our work is not done yet!

Next month we will be launching the Harbury 250 Club, this is where for just £2 a month, all numbers will be entered into a monthly lottery, with 50% of the total monthly income given to the three lucky winners, and 50% to school funds. Watch this space for more details!

You can help us by placing bags of unwanted clothes and shoes in the recycling bin (just through the school gates off school lane on the right hand side) or give as you shop online by signing up for easyfundraising.com,

and selecting Harbury primary school. We have over 90 registered users who have raised over £2k during the past 18 months alone!

Save the date - the famous PTA quiz will be held on Friday 9th February, something to look forward too with the long nights!

If you would like to learn more about what we do or want to get involved, please contact us on harburypta@gmail.com



Village Hall Update

Geoff Thorpe

At last, the “great news” I announced last month about the grant for a battery storage system to make greater use of the electricity generated by the photovoltaic panels is about to come to fruition. The batteries will be installed in the first week in October. This should have happened before but apparently the “slow boat from China” was even slower than expected!! Anyway, the batteries are here now!

The WI Cinema last month showed **Finding your Feet** which was absolutely brilliant, Imelda Staunton, Celia Imrie, Joanna Lumley and Timothy Spall all for just £10 including fish and chips!!! One or two struggled with the food as they were still laughing!

This month the WI are showing “**The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society**”. Starring Lily James, Michiel Huisman, Glen Powell, Jessica Brown Findlay, Katherine Parkinson, Matthew Goode, Tom Courtenay and Penelope Wilton. I know nothing about this film but then I knew nothing about **Finding your Feet** and it was great fun. So, buy your tickets from the chemist and join us on Saturday 13th October.

Our thanks to Rob and Libby of CANA for their help in providing the cinema bar.

As usual the booking levels are good and with the nights drawing in we look forward to many seasonal events. The GASS Bonfire Night on 3rd November, the Theatre Group production in late November, various Christmas Fayres, hopefully more of the recent Pop up Markets, the Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch, The WI Party, Burns Night and the Folk Club Concert in the New Year and of course the monthly WI Cinema, to name a few! A big thank to all those who work so hard organising so many events in the village.



Harbury Village Library & Biblio's Café

Janice Montague

As the nights are drawing in, what better time for our second **Murder Mystery** in the Library? Put the date in your diary now - Thursday 22nd November at 7.30pm - and see further details elsewhere in the magazine.

With the start of the new school term, Biblio's café has reverted to its usual opening time of 9.15am on Wednesdays – Fridays, 10am on Saturdays,

closing at 12 noon. The half hour of songs and stories for pre-school children, **Tunes and Tales**, begins at 9.15am each Thursday morning, so mums and other carers can come along for the enjoyable singalong session (after the school drop-off for older children) and enjoy coffee and cake with friends and new acquaintances afterwards. Come and join us!

There is also good news for anyone with an old library book or two lurking under their bed or on their bookshelves: from 8th - 21st October there will be a **Fines Amnesty** for *all* books or other material returned during that period, so do please look out any such overdue items and return them to us.

We try to ensure that our book taste reflects what our borrowers want to read, including bestsellers and topical biographies. For instance, we had the new Robert Galbraith (aka J.K. Rowling) novel starring Cormoran Strike on our shelves within days of publication. Popular books will disappear off the shelves quickly, of course, but you can always go to our website www.harburyvillagelibrary.org.uk and reserve the book, either from our own Blue Label collection or from the Warwickshire CC stock, and the book will be put aside for you on our reserved shelf when it comes in. We are open five full days a week, from 9-5 weekdays, and 10-12 on Saturdays.

As the Library is an entirely voluntary community enterprise, we are always looking for new volunteers, with or without existing skills, to help on the issue desk or baking for or serving in the café. If you can spare some time to help us continue to run this successful undertaking, please contact us as below.

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Murder Mystery Evening



On Thursday 22nd November in Harbury Village Library, starting at 7.30pm, there are sure to be some funny goings-on. A world premiere of **'The Whistlebury Murder'**, written by local authors John and Rob Stringer, will take place with the help and brains of the audience to solve the riddle of 'who dunnit?'

Tickets are £5, to include a glass of wine and light snacks, and can be obtained in the Library from the middle of October.

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.



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



Harbury Village Club & Institute

Judy Morrall

Hello again everyone, it doesn't seem a month since my last article. We have had some excellent feedback from the various events that have taken place in the last month both inside in the concert room and outside. There has been a hog roast and petanque outdoors and a charity afternoon fundraiser indoors, plus the regular monthly folk club, the ukulele group and various meetings. On a Monday evening recently there were four separate activities taking place which is incredible. The bar staff work extremely hard to ensure the success of these events and a big thank you to them. Good to know that more villagers are making use of our facilities.

As you know, I love to hear about how the club used to be and what happened where etc. The other Friday after the bingo session I went into our tiny office and learnt from a fellow bingo player that it used to be a bar and the concert room was used for snooker and much more. I'm sure that a lot of our members remember all the changes that have occurred over the last 40 years or so. Talking to members around the village it was suggested that we hold some sort of open afternoon and show the hidden rooms and ask someone to tell us about the previous usage. Also, it would give villagers who are not familiar with the club the chance to look round, sample our excellent range of drinks and maybe even join. Watch this space, as they say.

The task of watering is slowing down to a trickle, pardon the pun! Last time I went to tidy up the plants, dead head and water I took my broom as the birds have been very busy removing the moss from the tiles on the roof and it was littering the path. Also, after the recent very windy weather, lots of leaves congregated around the doorways so these were duly swept up as well. The plants should last a few more weeks when I will replace them with appropriate winter and spring colour to enhance the front of the club throughout the darkest months. The grass is now looking much greener and I saw a couple of cyclamen plants coming up under the trees at the top of the car park so these will multiply and should look even more stunning next year. I intend to plant lots of bulbs in the next two months also.

I was successful in my application for a grant from the Parish Council for £370.20 to replace the present lighting over the pool table and in concert room with LED lights which will be more economical to run. A letter of thanks has been sent to the Council. The pool team have an electrician and will carry out the removal and installation so our thanks to them also. Talking about lighting, Bob has been able to purchase some modern lights for over the snooker tables at a very reasonable rate saving at least £500 and will install these very shortly. Once more a huge thank you to Bob. The games machines have been replaced as stated last month by newer and smarter ones. The juke box will shortly be taken away. Do come along and see all of these changes and enjoy our new range of beer and lager on tap.

By the time you read this, members should have received the flyer, delivered to your door by committee members, which Janet has kindly produced

re a proposed quiz night and your thoughts on any other form of games that you would like us to arrange. Please complete the tear off slip with your responses as once we receive these the committee can assess them and we can proceed accordingly. Our last committee meeting was not as long as the previous one as not so much on the agenda. Finances were discussed and the various forms circulated. The quote for new key fobs was voted on and agreed and I have sent the cheque and am awaiting a new supply. We approved another three new members and four more new bookings which is fantastic. Final details for the OAP Xmas party which is on 4th December were verified. Various routine matters were discussed too mundane to report on and the next meeting is on Monday 22nd October at 7.30pm. As before we do need a few new members on the committee so please consider doing this. It's not onerous at all just one meeting a month but it would be lovely to get some fresh ideas etc. Please think about it and phone me if you want to talk about any aspect. Either that or it is the press gang!!!! Not really!!

So next month there will be quizzes, parties, a christening party, as well as the regular meetings, groups, bingo, darts, pool, snooker, crib and dominoes, so a busy month ahead. No need to sit at home and watch boring TV why not come along and enjoy any of our range of activities in good company and the bonus of not having to drive far or a nice walk.

Everyone I speak to about the club and what I write about it has been so encouraging and supportive and I am so appreciative of all your kind comments. Harbury is a super village with great facilities and a great sense of community it is also a very nice village to live in and be a part of.



Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery

Christine Dakin

When does your gardening year begin? Is it in January? No, I thought not, it will be too cold and wet probably. So maybe it starts for you in April or May? The weather should be warmer and you will feel like being outside. My year starts September/October. There is so much to do right now. Cuttings can be taken, plants are being divided up and potted up ready for next year. Bulbs have been ordered and will be planted as soon as they arrive. There are many changes planned in the garden for the autumn months. Removing some things which haven't done well, moving other plants which are in the wrong place and planting new plants. This is the best time for planting....the soil is warm, plants won't need watering and they will make a good root system through the winter. Doing some of these jobs now means there will be more time to enjoy the garden next year.

It will soon be time to rake up fallen leaves. If you don't have a compost bin they will rot down in black bin liners then you will have some very useful compost to add to the garden in a year's time. A useful tip to help it rot more quickly is to add some grass cuttings to the leaves.

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



Nature Notes

John Hancock

Now the Hirundinidae - Swallows and Martins have left for warmer climes where their insect prey is still on the wing. Sand Martins are the first of the family to arrive often as early as mid-March when they may be seen hawking over stretches of inland water. The building boom of the last 60 years with roads and houses centre stage has required much sand and gravel extraction. This, in turn, has provided excellent nesting sites. The bird can excavate their nest tunnels, which are some 60-70cms long using beak and feet, at the rate of 8-10cms a day. At Brandon Marsh there is an artificial nest complex, made using drainpipes, which can be viewed from the comfort of a bird hide.

Those icons of summer, the Swifts, have long gone. In fact they only reside on these islands for some 16 weeks a year compared with Swallows who are here for 6 months. Their abrupt departure intrigued early naturalists. Gilbert White was almost convinced they must hibernate. He made requests in Selbourne of various country folk to search likely sites such as hollow trees and ancient barns. One theory ran that they lay dormant in mud at the bottom of ponds. Since the 18th century, patterns of migration for such birds have been scientifically proved.

Walking up Mill Street at the beginning of September I saw a commotion against one of the walls in a patch of Valerian. It was an impressive Humming - bird Hawk-moth. (*Macroglossum stellatarum*) I watched it hover and feed from the tiny florets of the Valerian using its long proboscis. This large day-flying moth is a regular immigrant with a flight period of June to November. It has been seen in Warwickshire since the 1940s and is now an annual visitor. Other nectar sources are Buddleia, Honeysuckle and Jasmine. Its caterpillars feed on various Bedstraws and Wild Madder. The Latin name for the family known as Hawk-moths is Sphingidae. This refers to the sphinx like attitude that some caterpillars adopt with the head and foot segments reared up presumably to deter predators. Many of the larvae, such as those of the Elephant Hawk-moth, are brightly coloured and have a horn on the eleventh segment.

Wild flower sightings have dropped off now and seed heads are more the order of the day. There is still plenty of ragwort, thistles, dandelion-like flowers and tiny Scarlet Pimpernel. In our front garden, the copper beech has produced an abundance of seeds collectively known as mast, an ancient word derived from Old English 'maest' meaning food. Together with other forest trees such as Oak, the annual glut was a bonanza for foraging animals such as pigs. As we do not have any pigs, I am reduced to sweeping them up and barrowing them to the compost heap.

I am in correspondence with Mrs Kathleen Wetton, once a local resident, who now lives in St Columb, Cornwall. She is not so nimble these days but nevertheless gets an enormous amount of satisfaction watching the birds and

animals that come into her garden. Hedgehogs are a particular delight as are foxes and the antics of crows. Kathleen is sent the Harbury and Ladbroke News and keeps me informed of what she has seen.

On 12th November, Warwick District U3A Natural History Group is meeting in the Tom Hauley Room from 10.00am to 12 noon. David Brown from Charlecote will be giving an illustrated talk on Butterflies and Moths. David is the author of 'The Larger Moths of Warwickshire' published by Atropus. He has been County Recorder for Larger Moths since 1971. At first a primary school teacher, he continued his career in higher education and has tutored adult classes at both Birmingham and Warwick Universities. He also conducts residential courses throughout Great Britain for the Field Studies Council and Adult Residential Colleges Association. Do come along to hear David speak. Having been taught by him, I can vouch for his qualities and know you will not be disappointed. A charge of £2 includes light refreshments.

We have had the first frost of this autumn. Whatever the weather throws at us I hope you have some special wildlife moments. Please share them with me on j.hancock43@btinternet.com



General Section

Holiday at Home (6th – 10th August)

In August, Holiday at Home was held in the Tom Hauley Room behind the church and we hope everyone that came had a lovely time.

Each day began with refreshments followed by a "Thought for the Day", then during the morning, holiday makers could spend time doing jigsaws, playing board games, joining in with craft activities or simply reading the daily newspapers. A diversion from usual routines as well as a chance to enjoy spending time with old friends and possibly new ones, in a relaxed and welcoming environment.

The lunches were enjoyed by all and the chance to be waited on, and a break from home cooking and the washing up was appreciated.

In the afternoon, the varied entertainment was always something to look forward to, followed by a cup of tea or coffee, cake and then games and jigsaws could be continued before heading home.

We would like to sincerely thank everyone who volunteered their time to help out, donated food or provided the entertainment during the week. Holiday at Home would not work without you. Thank you.

This was Sue Boniface's last Holiday at Home so we would all like to take this opportunity to thank her for all her hard work and commitment. Sue was instrumental in setting up Holiday at Home in 2011 and we hope she now enjoys a well-deserved rest.

Away Days

During the winter months, once a month on a Wednesday we run Away Days, in the Tom Hauley Room, which are run along similar lines to Holiday at Home. The next Away Day is on Wednesday 10th October (10am-4pm) and then as follows: 14th November, 12th December, 9th January, 13th February, 13th March.

Lunch will be homemade soup and a pudding. There is no need to book for an Away Day either just drop in for a drink or stay for the day we will be pleased to see you. There is no charge, however donations towards the cost of the day would be appreciated.

If you would like to find out more about Holiday at Home or the Away Days please do contact Sue Field 07530 949482 or Gill Guilford (614206).

Sue Field & Gill Guilford

Harbury Village Show



A big thankyou to everyone who entered and came to Harbury Village Show this year. We knew it had been a difficult year for growers and were a little apprehensive as to whether people would have much to “show”. However, we needn’t have worried because you supported the show in so many ways. There were plenty of vegetables on show so well done to all the growers. The fruit and flowers were magnificent. But what was particularly great were all the entries for the other classes. The sewing and needlework classes were overflowing and for the photography we had double the number of entries. As for the baking classes – it was a terrific show. (19 chocolate marble cakes!)

In particular we were so pleased to see the number of entries from children increase as well. They did brilliantly and the garden ornaments were outstanding.

On the day of the show (8th September) lots of you came to the Village Hall to see the skills and produce on show and to have a cup of tea and a cake. It was a great atmosphere and really showed the “spirit” that there is in the village of Harbury. Talking of which, we would like to thank Bob Sherman who did a marvellous job of presenting the prizes (and to Margaret Commons for polishing all the cups!). The external judges commented on the high standard of all the entries which made judging particularly difficult.

As a committee we enjoy planning and organising the show and it is so rewarding when so many of you respond to this village event. So, time to start planning for next year – Saturday 14th September 2019.

Village Show Committee

Harbury Village Show - September 2018

Photos taken by: Brian Young



2018 Writing Competition - 5 to 12 year olds

We are pleased to publish the four winning entries in this year's writing competition. The entries which were mainly all hand written have been transcribed exactly as submitted and are published below. Congratulations to all of the entrants. The Harbury & Ladbroke News Young Person's Award closed on the 30th September and will be judged during October.

The Secret Garden

Once lived a mighty Mountin and on top of that was a icstrordinary castle and under that castle was a ancient garden. It had been around for decaids, years, months.

In that garden was a icstrordinary Muraculs creacher and do you no what that creachur was.....a UNICORN!!! Whith very daindrus power only three unbeatable powers the First power was speed second was invisibleness third is invinceceableness.

The garden was deserted the garden was full of berrys, nuts, apples, banas and oranges.

Only one person knew about this secret garden the princess each morning she slipped threw a brick wall in her bed room and she went down a slide and in to the garden something was wrong because the statue the Unicorn was allwise standing on all the time had gone sonnbody had taken it and left nothing but small foot prints.

She followed them to the berry bush and found the statue on a stool behind the berry bush put it back where it belonged.

Joe O'Keefe (aged 7)
1st Prize in the younger section

The Secret in the Garden

The crooked cucumber grew in the shape of a shoe. it had spikes. It looked blue. My garden is full of weeds and flowers. It looks like a tree tunnel.

Eshan Ambrose (aged 5)
Highly Commended in the younger section

The Secret in the Garden

Once there lived a little boy called George. He had a very nice house, but what facinated him was the nextdoor neighbour's house. In their garden, there was a keylock. George was always suspicious about that. He wondered if there was something hiding, a mythical creature maybe. George was begging to explore.

But one day George was so impatient to explore that after lunch he just hopped over the fence to nextdoor and got himself told off. His mother locked him in his room for two hours. He was grumpy. To entertain himself, he started to read. After an hour, he got tired and instantly fell asleep. After two hours, his mum discovered the secret, he was sleeping! She left him there until the morning, but at the morning, he was gone. His mum struggled to find

him until he popped out of the garden door. He had been doing something outside.....Read on for more.

Well, George was outside finding something important... the shiny, golden key for the shiny, golden lock. Or that's what he imagined, it was rusty and brown, he didn't really think it was the right one but he knew it was worth a try. And so he went inside to hide it.

George's mum, Jaquillin, was full of curiosity. At first, she knawed her toast and started asking the questions. George answered them all but not truthfully. He kept lying, and actually go away with it, until his pocket glowed, the key!

George was so frustrated that he actually ran upstairs and hid in his little sister's bedroom. He investigated the key and found out it was no longer rusty and brown, it was golden and shiny, just how he'd imagined it! Straight away, he realised it was imagining the world behind the key and it was a magic key to match the magic keyhole. But just as he remembered it, his mum was coming up the stairs. But by then he had crashed into her, key in hand, ignoring the footsteps of his mother. The key came tumbling into the air, spinning as it did. And landed back in George's pocket. George raced passed his mother and jumped downstairs, three steps = one jump. Once he was downstairs, he flew magically, key burning into wings, over the garden fence.

George was worrying now, all he had was a bunch of wings and not a key. But finally, the wings turned into the key and George turned the key and inside was an evil fairy. He and George made a deal, if George found something he couldn't do, in 10 tries, he would be locked back, if he didn't, evil would reign over Blackhall City, which was where he lived. If he didn't make the deal, then the same would happen if he failed. So, George set to work, he asked the fairy, "Can you make my house into a castle in less than ten seconds." The evil fairy did it, George tried again and on the ninth try he still couldn't find something.

"The naughty boy's gonna have to fail, aren't you, wretched little brat," the evil fairy cackled. George raced to his castle home and asked his little sister for one of her curly hairs. She asked why and George explained. George came back to the fairy and gave him the hair. He said "Make this hair straight in under 3 seconds." He was struggling and he finally gave up. "My life is over". George locked the evil fairy in and the danger stopped. George held a party with hedgehogs and squirrels and other animals. His nextdoor neighbour joined too.

Hannah Stanley (aged 7)
Highly Commended in the younger section

How I saved the Secret Garden

The first thing that you should know about me is that my grandma is Mary Lennox and she found the secret garden 85 years ago, in my house and this is the story of how I saved it... As I waited outside my grandma's bedroom, a room that could bring the most joyful or the most terrible news, I tried to forget about the possibility that I might be losing her by picking the nail varnish off my fingers — it always drove my mum mad but I needed something to take my mind off whatever was going on in that room.

Just then, the door opened and Dr. Jefferson beckoned me in; I looked for Ruth, my older sister, but she had disappeared — as usual. Nervously, I entered the room, still picking my nails; I couldn't bear to look at all the cables and tubes sticking out of my grandma.

'Lizzie?' she whispered, as I sat down on the edge of her bed.

'Yes,' replied, trying to keep the wobble out of my voice — she looked so weak, not like my grandma at all.

'I have a secret that you must only share with Ruth, understand?' I nodded.

'There is a gate that lives in your garden but it is covered in ivy. It is dying; behind that gate is a single flower that is bigger than all the others - it will be a distressing shade of grey. You and Ruth need to work together to bring that flower back to life. You remember now.'

'I will. I promise.'

After I'd told Ruth, we headed to the garden. Searching through the overgrown weeds and bramble, I suddenly realised that the bush I was staring at wasn't a bush at all: it was an ivy covered gate! I yelled over to Ruth and together we scraped away the greenery with our hands until the gate finally showed itself.

'It's locked!' I told Ruth as I frantically pulled it back and forth, attempting to open it.

'Don't worry! I have been picking locks since before I was born. Do you have a hair pin?' she asked. Looking at her with shock, I gave her mine and within a matter of seconds she had the gate unlocked.

'Well! Let's not stop now Rue! We've got this far!' I said, taking her hand and leading her into the dead garden.

'Right! We are looking for a flower that is bigger than every other flower.' I explained.

'I think I found the flower!' Ruth shouted, after a few minutes. I ran to have a look and there in front of her was a massive flower — grey, just like grandma said it would be.

'Well? What do we do now?' Ruth asked.

'Grandma said to bring it back to life, so we need water . . .'

'Well - we need to go back to the manor then!'

Just then we heard mum's worried voice, yelling at us to go back to the house — it was grandma.

The day I was dreading had finally arrived - it was time to say goodbye. As we all sat round her bed, I leaned closer and whispered, "We found the flower." As her eyes closed, her face filled with happiness and joy.

Ruby Jackson (age 12)
1st Prize in the older section



Festival of Remembrance

"Lest We Forget - Harbury Festival of Remembrance to mark 100 years since the end of the First World War".

Friday 9th November, 7.00pm - 9.30pm, Harbury Village Hall.

An evening of music, poetry and song as we remember and celebrate as a village together.

Featuring Galanos House Choir, Warwickshire Young Voices, Band of the Castle Guards and Harbury Folk Club Choir including wartime 'singalong'.

This is a date for your diary!

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Revd Craig



Sunday, 11th November 2018—Chesterton Windmill Bonfire Beacon, 7pm

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Harbury & Chesterton Parish Councils



Royal British Legion – Poppy Appeal 2018

As last year, poppies will be available in Harbury from the following places:-

- Harbury Village Club and Institute,
- the Fosse Garage,
- Harbury Fields Caravan Park,
- the pubs and shops which remain open,
- Harbury Primary School.

In Ufton there will still be a house to house collection and a box placed in the White Hart, whilst Chesterton will also hope to have a local collection around the houses.

The RBL has a suggested list for donations - a wooden cross £1.50: a dated enamel pin or bracelet can be a £2 and a car poppy £5.

In Leamington there is usually a poppy shop opened in support of the annual collection and there is a magnificent array of pottery, tea towels, jewellery, printed shopping bags any of which will make a lovely Christmas present for one of the family. If you want to have a look at the full range of products go to www.poppy.org.uk

Chris Finch



Christmas Shoeboxes

Yes, it's that time again! The great shoebox packing morning will be on Friday 2nd November in the Tom Hauley Room from 10am to noon. Please bring packed boxes wrapped in Christmas paper and good things to go in them. Or just support a very good cause by coming in for a cup of coffee.

The charity handling them this year, TEAMS4U, are more flexible about contents. Please check with the leaflets in church or in the library so that nothing unacceptable has to be left out.

Gillian Hare



Harbury Craft Fair - Saturday 10th November 2018

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

This is our 10th 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 seven nights' 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 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



Quiz in Aid of Warwickshire Vision Support

Following the success of our quiz in aid of Warwickshire Air Ambulance last year, we are holding another quiz in aid of a different local charity - Warwickshire Vision Support.

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The quiz will take place on Sunday 2nd December in the Village Club at 7.30pm (Doors open at 7). Entry costs £20 for a team of four which includes nibbles, sandwiches and festive bites.

Make sure you join us for this fun start to the festive season by booking your place by contacting: Sue Ward at suard@hotmail.co.uk or on 01926 612576.

Sheila Burt, Angela Cook, Sue Ward, Pat Whorton



Harbury Ballroom Dancing group: New Dancers Required

Ever had that **Strictly** moment and wished you could swirl or twirl on the dance floor?

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Dance classes are held on Wednesday evenings in Harbury Village Hall. The beginners' group is at 7.30 - 8.30pm with the intermediates' group joining at 8.15pm.

You do need a partner to dance with and costs are likely to be around £10 per couple per evening, but it's a non-profit group so the more couples we have the cheaper it will be.

For more information email us at jomulley@doctors.org.uk. Please check before you turn up as we tend to book for sessions of five weeks with a few weeks break in between.

Jo Marston



Bumps and Bundles

Bumps is still going well, lots of new faces joining us after the summer break. We have a new mat for the babies to lay on too.

We are on the look out for some more people for the rota of helpers. If you are free on a Tuesday morning once or twice a month and you would like to help making drinks for our new parents, please contact me on 611914.

Bumps is on every Tuesday between 10.30am and 12.00 noon in the church room - it's a very relaxed group, aimed for 0-3 years.

Kelly Jones



Wednesday Walks

If you are new to the area or newly leisured, why not try out the Wednesday Walkers? A great way to enjoy fresh air and exercise, discover new countryside and make new friends. This is not a structured group – no membership fee or committee, and everyone is responsible for their own safety. Just turn up at 9.40am at the Village Hall car park with suitable footwear and a drink for half time. Details of each walk are on the diary page of this magazine; each lasts about 2½ hours as we don't rush. Or phone 614809 if you want to know more.

Gillian Hare



LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors

The last two editions of Harbury News have contained letters to the editor in which people have questioned the accuracy of Mrs Ridgley's report of the parish council meeting versus the official minutes.

I would like to explain to people that Mrs Ridgley is acting independently and the parish council is not responsible for the content of her report which is her own personal interpretation and paraphrase of what was discussed. It sometimes contains inaccuracies and occasionally is published out of sync with the latest parish council meeting and therefore does not always agree with the official minutes of the meeting.

Anyone who is interested in what happened at the parish council meeting is strongly recommended to read the official minutes which are published on our website as soon as possible after the meeting. This is the accurate and legal record of what was discussed and the decisions made. The minutes are recorded by our minute secretary and their accuracy is approved by the council at the next parish council meeting. Anyone who does not have access to the internet can obtain a paper copy from the parish council office.

I would like to add that anyone raising a query or making a formal request to the council, will always receive a direct communication from me following the relevant meeting to inform them of the result.

Alison Biddle PSLCC
Clerk to the Council

Dear Editors

As the person who reports on the Ladbroke Parish Council meetings I note with interest the correspondence about Harbury Parish Council reports.

The press are invited to open meetings and I'm sure local volunteers, like Linda and me, who try to summarise all the key points for village magazines

have an accuracy rate as good or better than our commercial counterparts attending town or county council meetings and reporting on just one or two aspects. Like the other members of the public present we do not have all the background information and we can only report what we hear but we strive to feedback our perspective to fellow residents who were not present, both what was said (sometimes not given in the minutes) and the decisions made. As you read at the start of each report, it is not the official minutes, these are taken by the clerk, checked by the councillors and after approval made available by various means. I think Harbury residents should be very grateful that Linda Ridgley has attended and reported on their council meetings over many, many years. If anyone would like to share the task with me at Ladbroke please let me know, I'm interested to know what is said at the parish council but it is quite time consuming to be the volunteer reporter and I would love to share the baton with someone else.

Jackie West
Editor & Ladbroke PC Correspondent

Dear Editors

Very many thanks.

*The Doctors without Borders (Médecins Sans Frontières) Coffee Morning on Saturday 22nd September raised the fantastic total of £512.55 including £155 donated beforehand. **Very very many thanks to all who contributed so generously.***

Revd Ann Mulley

Dear Editors

Thank you to everyone who donated/contributed to my "Headshave & Fun Day" charity event, (Oliver's Eye Gaze).

The total raised as of 17th September was £1916 with donations still to come.

Once again, many thanks.

Gillian Bowell and Family

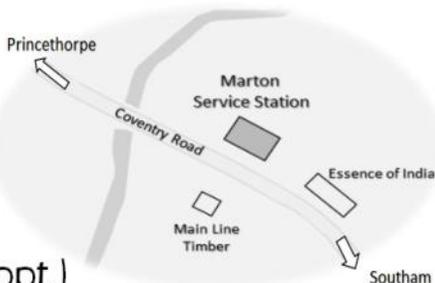
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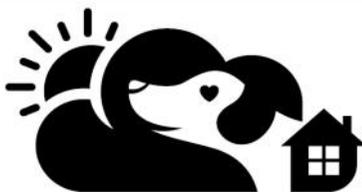
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5.00pm - 5.45pm

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6.30pm - 7.15pm

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Adult Ballet
1.45pm - 2.45pm
Prima Ballerinas (3-4yrs)
4.00pm - 4.30pm
Grade 1 Tap (10-11yrs)
4.15pm - 5.00pm
Intro to Ballet (5-6yrs)
4.30pm - 5.15pm
Grade 2 Tap (12-13yrs)
5.00pm - 5.45pm
Pre-Primary Ballet (6-8yrs)
5.15pm - 6.00pm
Grade 4 Tap (14yrs +)
5.45pm - 6.30pm
Primary Ballet (8-9 yrs)
6.00pm - 6.45pm
Grade 3 Tap (13 yrs +)
6.30pm - 7.15pm
Grade 5 Ballet (15yrs +)
6.45pm - 8.00pm
Adult Tap (Adv)
7.15pm - 8.15pm
Inter Foundation Ballet
8.00pm - 9.15pm
Adult Tap (Beg / Inter)
8.15pm - 9.15pm

Grade 4 Modern (14yrs+)

6.30pm - 7.15pm

Grade 5 Modern (15 yrs+)

6.30pm - 7.15pm

Pointe Class (Beg)

7.15pm - 8.00pm

Pointe Class (Inter/Adv)

7.15pm - 8.00pm

Adult Ballet (no exp req)

8.00pm - 9.00pm

Saturday

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9.00am - 9.45am
Musical Theatre (4-8yrs)
9.00am - 10.30am
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9.45am - 11.15am
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10.30am - 11.15am
Musical Theatre (9yrs+)
11.15am - 12.45pm
Acro Gym (all ages)
11.30am - 12.30pm

Friday

Mini Movers (0-5yrs)
10.00am - 11.00am
Little Tappers (3-5yrs)
4.00pm - 4.30pm
Pre-Primary Tap (6-8yrs)
4.30pm - 5.15pm
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