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## Editorial

Although we have had a relatively mild winter compared with last year, we have seen a few hard frosts towards the end of January. If you use oil for your heating and would like to join the village oil buying group then see the article for details on page 42.

Again there are a couple of organisations seeking volunteers. The Harbury Surgery Patient Participation Group will be looking for a new Chairperson during 2019. If you are interested in running a stall at the Christmas Fair (it's never too early to think about these things!) then there is an opportunity here as well.

The monthly Councillors' Corner held in the Library is proving to be successful and is running throughout 2019. In May the ten seats on the Parish Council are up for election. If you are interested in being a parish councillor there is an opportunity to find out more about the role at an event to be held in Southam on the 7<sup>th</sup> February.

Beware burglars and thieves are about; for more information see the article in the Ladbroke section.

In this edition we are running the first of a local businesses profile series. If you run a business in Harbury, Ladbroke or Deppers Bridge and would like to be considered for a future article please contact the editorial office.

Apologies for the poor quality of the local bus timetable in last month's edition of the magazine, however it has been reproduced for this month.

Finally, we extend our condolences to the families of Charles Catt and Leslie Jones.

## Harbury Diary

### FEBRUARY 2019

- |     |   |  |
|-----|---|--|
| Sat | 2 | Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Hereburgh Morris  |
| Sun | 3 | <b>PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE (CANDLEMAS)</b><br>Holy Communion, 9.00am (Said Service)<br>'Little Saints' Service followed by breakfast, 10.30am,<br>Tom Hauley Room<br>Evening Service for Candlemas, 6.00pm<br>Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall |
| Mon | 4 | Upholstery Class, 9.15am, Village Hall<br>Martial Arts, 5.30pm, Village Hall   |
| Tue | 5 | Pilates, 9.30am, Village Hall<br>MeetingPoint Lunch, 12.30pm, The Crown Inn (booking required).  |


- Tues 5 Junior Theatre, 5.00pm, Village Hall  
Heritage Room open, 6.30pm - 8.30pm, Harbury School  
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 6 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park -  
Norton Lindsey with optional pub lunch - pre-booking required  
(4½ miles)  
Mothers' Union Communion and meeting, 2.00pm, Tom Hauley  
Room  
Inspire Dance, 4.30pm, Village Hall  
Ballroom Dancing, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 7 Storytelling, 9.15am, Village Library  
Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am  
Village Hall Committee, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Fri 8 Harbury School PTA Quiz Night, 7.30pm, School Hall
- Sat 9 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid  
of Harbury Pre-School
- Sun 10 FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**  
Holy Communion, 8.00am  
Holy Communion and Children's Church, 10.30am  
Messy Church, 3.00 - 5.00pm, Tom Hauley Room  
Youth Group, 7.00 - 8.30pm, Tom Hauley Room  
Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall
- Mon 11 Upholstery Class, 9.15am, Village Hall  
Martial Arts, 5.30pm, Village Hall
- Tue 12 Pilates, 9.30am, Village Hall  
Junior Theatre, 5.00pm, Village Hall  
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 13 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park -  
Stoneleigh - may be snowdrops (flat 3 or 4 Miles)  
Away Day, 10.00am - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room  
Inspire Dance, 4.30pm, Village Hall  
Ballroom Dancing, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 14 Storytelling, 9.15am, Village Library  
Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am  
Harbury WI, 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room – Members' Evening
- Sat 16 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid  
of Harbury Mothers' Union
- Sun 17 THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**  
Holy Communion, 8.00am  
'Saints' Alive' Informal All Age Service, 10.30am  
Evensong, 6.00pm  
Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall
- Mon 18 Martial Arts, 5.30pm, Village Hall
- Tue 19 Holy Communion, 7.30pm  
Harbury Society talk, 7.30 for 8.00pm, Sheila Wolfe -  
Here Come the Girls, Tom Hauley Room
- Wed 20 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park -  
Broadwell - Leamington Hastings - more snowdrops?  
(flat 3½ miles)

- Wed 20 Connections (Dementia) Café, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room  
ADVERTS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE TO 36 MANOR ORCHARD,  
HARBURY OR EMAIL ADVERTISING@HLNEWS.CO.UK
- Thurs 21 Storytelling, 9.15am, Village Library  
Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am  
ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY PHARMACY,  
HIGH ST OR EMAIL ARTICLES@HLNEWS.CO.UK BY 5.30PM
- Sat 23 Councillors' Corner Session, 10.00 - 11.00am, Harbury Village  
Library  
Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid  
of Harbury Friends  
Harbury Village Cinema presents, 'King of Thieves', doors open  
6.15pm, film starts 7.00pm, Village Hall
- Sun 24 SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**  
Holy Communion, 8.00am  
Holy Communion and Children's Church, 10.30am  
Youth Group, 7.00 - 8.30pm, Tom Hauley Room  
Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall
- Mon 25 Upholstery Class, 9.15am, Village Hall  
Martial Arts, 5.30pm, Village Hall
- Tue 26 Junior Theatre, 5.00pm, Village Hall  
Holy Communion, 7.30pm  
Julian Meeting, 8.00pm
- Wed 27 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park -  
Chipping Warden - Danesmore (5 miles)  
Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room  
Inspire Dance, 4.30pm, Village Hall  
Harbury Liberal Democrats Meeting, 7.30pm, The Shakespeare
- Thurs 28 Storytelling, 9.15am, Village Library  
Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am  
Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, Farley Room Village Hall

## MARCH

- Sat 2 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid  
of Guides & Scouts Support (GASS)
- Sun 3 SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT**  
Holy Communion, 9.00am (Said Service)  
'Little Saints' Service, followed by breakfast, 10.30am,  
Tom Hauley Room  
Laying on of Hands Service, 6.00pm
- Mon 4 Harbury Village Library AGM, 7.30pm, The Library
- Tue 5 MeetingPoint, Tea and Coffee, 2.00 - 4.00pm, The Crown Inn  
Heritage Room Open, 6.30pm - 8.30pm, Harbury School  
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 6 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park -  
Bretford (4½ miles)  
Mothers' Union Communion and meeting, 2.00pm, Tom Hauley  
Room  
Ash Wednesday Communion Service at All Saints' Ladbroke,  
7.30pm

- Thurs 7 Storytelling, 9.15am, Village Library  
Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am  
Harbury Folk Club, 8.00pm, Village Club
- Fri 8 Harbury School PTA Quiz Night, 7.30pm, The School
- Sat 9 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Parkinson UK Leamington Spa Branch
- Wed 13 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park - Snitterfield with optional pub lunch (4½ miles)

Refuse Collection Rota			
	Deppers Bridge	Harbury, Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge outlying properties	Collection Week
February	Wed	Fri	
	6	8	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	13	15	Grey Bin
	20	22	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	27		Grey Bin
March		1	Grey Bin
	6	8	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	13	15	Grey Bin

	<h2>From the Rector</h2>	<p><b>Reverend Craig Grocock</b></p>
<p><b>All Saints HARBURY</b></p>	<p>The Rectory, Vicarage Lane, Harbury ☎612377 ✉kankudai43@aol.co.uk</p>	

The supreme happiness of life

I have been enjoying the BBC's adaptation of 'Les Misérables'; you may have been following it too. Victor Hugo, who wrote the book, once said; 'The supreme happiness of life is the conviction that we are loved'.

St. Valentine's Day is with us once again this coming month, the traditional day when people will make a special effort to declare and express their love for someone.

Valentine (so legend says) was a Roman in the 3rd century who was thrown into prison for refusing to give up his Christian faith. Whilst in jail he had fallen in love with the jailer's daughter (silly man!) and left a farewell note for the girl and signed it "From Your Valentine". Of course this didn't go down too well with the powers that be and poor Valentine got the chop!

In 496 AD Pope Gelasius I set aside 14th February to honour Valentine and over time 14th February became the date for exchanging love messages and St. Valentine became the patron saint of lovers (oh, he is also the patron saint of beekeepers . . . but that's another story!)

Love expresses a wide range of emotions. We can use the word glibly, casually and throw it around so easily without thinking. As Christians however, we can learn something from Valentine in believing that love is expressed most profoundly when it's sacrificial. By this we mean a love that gives without counting the cost and doesn't demand anything in return – unconditional love in other words. Jesus showed this type of love when he gave his life unconditionally – sacrificially – on the cross, the perfect and most complete example of love.

I believe it is true, as Victor Hugo reminds us, that we all need to know that we are loved - that we are wanted and we are special to someone. Remember though, whether you get a Valentine card or not this month, that to God you are deeply loved and will always be special for just being the person he made you.

God bless.

## From the Registers:

### *Funerals*

3<sup>rd</sup> January                  Charles Catt (78 years)

22<sup>nd</sup> January                Leslie Jones (75 years)



## From the Churchwardens

**Liz & Michael**

Spring may not be upon us but a bit of clearing out needs to happen. The lost property box (in the vestry to the left when you enter church) is positively groaning with abandoned stuff. Have you mislaid coats, glasses, umbrellas, jackets or gloves? If so, please take a look in this box and TAKE IT AWAY! The deadline for demolition (or taking to a charity shop) will be Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February. There is no logic to this date but leaving it until St Jude's day takes us to October by which time we will, no doubt, have accumulated more items.

The children's corner has been enlarged and a group led by Ros Baldwin and Lesley Jones are planning four banners for the walls in this area. Plans for this are in the information area and anyone with sewing or embroidering skills is being sought. Is that you? Please tell us if you would like to take part in this major project to beautify the church.

New notice boards have been fixed to the walls in the information area. (If anyone can make use of the three panel temporary boards that have been there please contact Liz.) Suitable boards will also go up in the children's area to display the work done in Little Saints, Messy Church and Children's Church.

If you have any queries or would like to volunteer to help out at Church please do not hesitate to contact either of us.

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



## Mothers' Union

Gillian Hare

Our New Year party was the usual happy occasion – a “guess who?” quiz involving a mix of inspiration and cheating – and tea, naturally!

Now our programme continues with a meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> February when we have ex-Diocesan President Felicity Howatson to speak about Mary Sumner who founded Mothers' Union.

On Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> February we shall be running the coffee morning in the Tom Hauley Room – your support will be appreciated.

And on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March we are asked to bring a favourite poem or prayer to discuss and share.

Our meetings are in the Tom Hauley Room and start with an informal communion at 2pm followed by the meeting at about 2.30pm. Visitors are very welcome.

## Ladbroke News & Diary

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

### FEBRUARY

#### Sun 3 PRESENTATION OF CHRIST

Baptism and Family Communion followed by refreshments,  
10.30am

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

Tue 5 Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Wed 6 Table Tennis, 7.30 - 8.30pm, Village Hall

Thurs 7 WI, 7.30pm, Village Hall

#### Sun 10 IV BEFORE LENT

Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am

Wed 13 Table Tennis, 7.30 - 8.30pm, Village Hall

#### Sun 17 III BEFORE LENT

Holy Communion (BCP), 9.00am

Mon 18 Homegroup, 8.00pm, 2 Hedges Close

- Wed 20 Table Tennis, 7.30 - 8.30pm, Village Hall  
 Wed 20 ADVERTS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE TO 36 MANOR ORCHARD,  
 HARBURY OR EMAIL ADVERTISING@HLNEWS.CO.UK  
 Thurs 21 ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY PHARMACY,  
 HIGH ST OR EMAIL TO ARTICLES@HLNEWS.CO.UK BY  
 5.30PM  
**Sun 24 II BEFORE LENT**  
 Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am  
 Wed 27 Table Tennis, 7.30 - 8.30pm, Village Hall

## MARCH

- Sun 3 SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**  
 Baptism and Family Communion followed by refreshments,  
 10.30am  
 Mon 4 Pause and Pray, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Church  
 Tue 5 Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall



## Ladbroke Church News

**Peter Rigby**

We have just passed “Blue Monday” – allegedly the most depressing day of the year – and a few people have mentioned to me how much they dislike January: cold, damp and most of all, dark. But walking towards Church on the evening of our first “pause and pray” event at the beginning of the month I was struck by the lights shining out, illuminating the stained glass windows, a reminder that it only takes a small light to banish the darkness and that at Christmas we have just celebrated that “the people that walked in darkness have seen a great light”. “Pause and pray” is now on the first Monday of each month, from 7.00 - 8.00pm, all welcome.

The days are now getting longer and it will soon be spring. Easter is late this year so Lent will begin on 6<sup>th</sup> March (Ash Wednesday) which we shall as usual mark with a special service at 7.30pm.

Slightly further ahead, our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (equivalent to the AGM) will be on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm. Anyone wishing to have the right to vote needs to be on the Electoral Roll, which according to Ecclesiastical Law has to be renewed every six years - and this is the year! This is therefore an advance notice that everyone's membership will lapse unless they sign up afresh. Forms will be available in Church up until the APCM, so please take and complete one and return it to our PCC Secretary (Joan Perry) or one of the Church Wardens so that you can participate in our decision making going forward.

## From the Registers

### *Baptism*

2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018

Frederick John Ellis Dedman





## 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>*

**Self-build home plots at the end of Windmill Lane:** Two staff from Landstrom Group came and talked about their proposals, which have been discussed at high level with SDC already. Apparently, of 110 applications to the self-build register across SDC, 22 have no location preference and 39 are for the Southam area. Langstrom "specialise in helping landowners bring forward their land for the promotion of self-build development" and their proposal for Ladbroke "aims to meet a portion of self-build demand by providing a windfall number of serviced self-build plots on the edge of Ladbroke which shall be marketed directly to those people on the register with a local connection." The site they identified as ripe for development is the triangular field on the left at the end of Windmill Lane before the by-pass. The proposal is for four plots, each slices of an arc with a common, hard surfaced, entrance court adjoining Windmill Lane. Each plot is a similar size with the building zone towards the front and a rear garden backing onto the by-pass. Purchasers would buy after outline planning was agreed but each would employ an architect and submit their own specific planning application, though there would be certain restrictions eg max height, minimum number of parking spaces etc. There were lots of questions from our councillors and answers to most of them.

- A "local connection" means the plots would be offered first to people on the register with a Ladbroke connection, but after that anyone from SDC area.
- Self-build means the owner has full control over what is built; they are not expected to do the building work themselves.
- There are conditions on how long after purchase the home must be built (otherwise the plot has to be given back) and the new property cannot be sold on straight after completion, it must be retained for several years.
- Langstrom were aware that Ladbroke is now classed as below category 4 for development, the site would need change of use from agricultural land and that a right of way goes through it - they said the footpath would be redirected straight down Windmill Lane, now ownership of the boundary has changed.
- Windmill Lane is too narrow for a lot of additional traffic and parking, especially multiple contractors, plus the "The Pound", the adjacent common land must be protected from vehicle damage - as well as widening the lane alongside the site for limited parking during construction the plots might be released in a staggered way....but would this mean the road was dug up repeatedly for infrastructure work?

Landstrom expect to submit for outline planning permission within two months and our County Councillor (Cllr Stevens) believed that SDC would agree to the proposal if Ladbroke Parish Council supported it.

After that item, the meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> January returned to its usual topics.

**Smells:** The Environmental Agency (EA) had visited a local farmer and the slurry pit would be covered. Residents were reminded that if anyone is concerned about smells they should contact EA direct and not complain to the Parish Council.

**WCC:** Not much different from previous reports, but a reminder that pothole money needs to be spent before the end of March, so notify them now if you have any.

**Ladbroke Precept:** After a great deal of debate and a split vote this will increase by £500 to maintain adequate reserves; on average this increase is less than 10p per week per home and it's the first one in five years.

**Planning:** There was support for the change of use at Starbold Farm to allow Greenleaf Nursery to relocate and no representation on planned tree works at Woodcutters Cottage, near Ladbroke Hall nor for the conversion of a barn at the Old Rectory into a home (councillors observed there was mention of the main house possibly becoming a wedding venue in future but that was not the subject of this application). SDC had granted permission for the new entrance and disabled toilet at the Village Hall.

**Highways and Footpaths:** The new grit bin was in place and filled with salt. Zoe and the others in the Footpath Group were commended on being so enthusiastic and proactive.

**Flooding & Drainage:** The landowner was aware of the tree down in the stream; concerns about clearing the silt building up under the bridge continue.

**Village Hall & Millennium Green:** Quotes have been requested from building contractors for the new entrance etc, the Burns Night event is sold out and all is quiet on the green.

**Broadband:** This month's request for a completion date from CSW met with a response that translates "we're doing our best but don't know!" Cllr Stevens has asked that the issue goes to WCC's Scrutiny Committee.

**HS2:** Councillors have attended various meetings, the Independent Construction Commissioner's visit confirmed that despite opposition if HS2 and the contractors stick to the Environmental Statement (ES) and Construction Code of Practice (CCP) objectors cannot stop them. Councillors were concerned that if the budget is tight then corners will be cut, work done outside the ES/CCP and by the time complaints are investigated it will be too late to change. Cllr Stevens said that early works to define the final price for London to Birmingham would continue but he assumed the Government would then make a final decision on Phase 1.

**Street lights:** The order to convert to LEDs has been placed.

**Speeding:** It was thought there would be enough volunteers for infrequent speed gun checks in the village. As the kit is expensive, the clerk will investigate if we can share Ufton's.

**Burglaries:** see item on page 13. There had been two burglaries in the village on consecutive days, and some suspicious activity eg people driving slowly around Hedges Close saying they were looking for houses to rent.

**Next meeting:** 13<sup>th</sup> March 7.45pm.



## Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge Women's Institute

Carol Lane

Our first meeting of the year was held on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> January when member, Betty Winkfield, brought to life some of her experiences as a midwife in the 50s.

Betty explained how the training and qualification was administered at that time, when 50% of babies were born at home. Ten deliveries had to be observed before she could begin to assist the midwife and gradually become fully qualified.

Betty vividly recalled one night when she had the responsibility of two mothers-to-be, both in labour and both expecting twins. To make matters worse, all other beds were busy in the cottage hospital that night so she tended to them in the corridor! She managed to deliver first one and then the other, labelling the babies as first born and second born. Betty described it as a real initiation ceremony.

Betty compared the conventions at the time she was practising with what happens today: for example the gas and air was in a suitcase, too heavy to be carried on the bicycle so the father was sent to collect it and bring it to the home when needed. Talking of fathers, their presence was not welcomed – or even allowed - while the delivery was taking place.

Instruments would be boiled in a saucepan to sterilise them at the house, whereas now all instruments are single use.

It is very rare for a woman not to have had ultrasound scans during pregnancy so twins, multiple births or defects are detected early in the pregnancy. In the 1950s if an abnormality was suspected late on in the pregnancy an X-ray image might determine the diagnosis, leaving the family very little time to assimilate the impact of the news.

In the 50s, having given birth, it was expected that the mother would stay in bed for three days and even this was progress from lying in for two weeks. Obviously this gave rise to more DVTs (deep vein thrombosis). Now the mother and baby are often home on the same day.

Food rationing was still in operation and nursing mothers would be allocated extra meat, cheese, eggs, milk, cod liver oil and cheap orange juice. If the mother was anaemic she was allowed Guinness from a nearby factory.

Betty was bombarded with questions on a topic in which most women have a direct interest - which she fielded with knowledge and experience!

In the business meeting which followed, three new members were welcomed and given information packs.

Suggestions for an outing in August were asked for, so please give it some thought to help the committee.

### Dates for your diary:

Coffee morning in Tom Hauley Room - 18<sup>th</sup> May. Please save items for the book and bric-a-brac stalls.

Cats at Spa Centre. A group from the WI will attend between 9<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> April. Please let Sue Moore know if you are interested.

By the time the next magazine is distributed we will have had a demonstration of willow weaving on 7<sup>th</sup> Feb, then, starting at 7.30pm in Ladbroke Village Hall on 7<sup>th</sup> March, we will have a talk from a representative of the Royal National Lifeboats.

All are welcome.



## Ladbroke Matters

David Wright

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



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

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



Don't forget that you can hire the Village Hall for your party or celebration at a very reasonable rate (£15 per hour with a 20% discount for Ladbroke residents). We have a kitchen, and room for up to 80 people. To book your special occasion contact Nicky (tel 815196 or email nicolalewis24@tiscali.co.uk)

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

**David Wright**

## **Ladbroke Matters Millennium Draw for December 2018**

£50	Elaine Taylor	£50	David Rose
£25	Sue Lord	£25	Simon and Jackie West
£25	Derek and Colette Batty	£10	A and H Dowdeswell
£10	Helen Hay	£10	Heather Crompton
£10	Mary Coley	£10	Roger Plaskett

Many thanks to all who continue to support Ladbroke Matters and all best wishes for 2019.

**Margaret Bosworth**



## **Ladbroke General Section**

### **Burglaries and How to Avoid Them**

In early March there were two burglaries in Ladbroke on consecutive days. Both were forced entries, at dusk, when the residents were out and the contents of drawers were tipped out in the search for valuables and money. In the second case the burglars were seen leaving, 999 called and the police came quickly with tracker dogs. The thieves apparently ran down the Millennium Green, hid under the bridge there before going along the brook to the next bridge where their accomplices picked them up.

Advice from the police, apart from having a dog and a burglar alarm is don't leave easy access into your home, the key on the inside of doors nor cash in sight or in drawers. From talking to the victims there is further advice - if you have CCTV make sure the batteries have not run out, ensure critical info on your laptop is backed up and don't keep items that are precious only to you (irreplaceable photos, handmade gifts from children...) in the same box as valuables, just in case they steal the whole box.

Beware too, of distraction robbery where one person asks for help while the other takes your bag - this has happened at the Tesco car park recently; also there have been thefts of cars, where the thieves took car keys from just inside the house door in local villages in late January.

Phone 999 to report a crime in progress and 101 for suspicious activity.

**Jackie West**



## Heritage Matters

There has been a lot happening recently as part of the initial stage of the project to repair Ladbroke's All Saints Church, which is supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund. The work to accurately define the repairs included a spectacular abseiling survey of the tower stonework last month.



A small group of us has been investigating many more activities to encourage broader community interest and involvement. These are aimed at engaging not just local people but schools, care homes and support groups, visitors, scout and guide groups and a wide variety of special interest groups such as local history societies, photography clubs, walking and rambling groups in the wonderful heritage of Ladbroke's church, village and natural environment.

To update everyone we will be holding another information evening at Ladbroke Village Hall on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> March 2019. Drop in any time between 7-9pm if you are interested in getting involved or simply learning more about the project. There will be a brief talk outlining the activity proposals at 7:30pm. Wine and nibbles will be available. All welcome!

**Nicky Lewis, Jackie West, Linda Doyle & Caryl Thompson**





## Harbury Parish Council

Linda Ridgley  
Harbury News Correspondent

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

### January 2019 Meeting Report

This is the time of year when the Councillors approve their next Budget - not a very exciting subject, but one that seems to take a long time to agree. There were also grants to approve from the money remaining from this year's budget.

£1,000 went to the new Carnival Committee, for entertainment and hire fees and a similar amount to the PTA for outdoor play equipment. There was already money set aside for the architect's fee for the latest Village Hall improvements. The Council is promised £30K from various Section 106 payments and has until 2024 to spend it!

The recently revived "Harbury Football Club", which wants to be accepted again as "Harbury Albion", was granted a waiver of the pitch hire, subject to a peppercorn £1 payment while they are raising funds. Councillors also agreed a grant of £200 towards their hire of the Village Hall changing rooms. Paul Winchester has offered to help the Club with other fund raising.

Progress on agreeing a lease for the other sports clubs which use the playing fields courts, etc is still bogged down. The latest iteration does not make clear who owns the "Sinking Fund", or exactly how the land is to be leased to the clubs. The draft will be sent to the Parish Council's solicitor for clarification.

**Planning** matters still haunt us. Harbury Society made a vigorous attempt to convince the Parish Council to make objections to the "Variation" of planning permission at the Dovehouse Autos Site. The houses were not built to the approved plans; have an additional first floor room; parking provided is inadequate as is the "landscaping" and garden space. The Council agreed to maintain its previous objection.

They made "No Representation" on a garage conversion at Greenhill; reductions of trees at Dennys Close; removal of two sections of hedgerow at Harbury Fields Farm and the felling of an elm and six conifers at The Old Orchard, Mill Street.

They spent more time on the plans for two bungalows for "elderly or disabled" at Water Tower Holding. Chairman Tim Lockley wanted a "cast iron legal agreement" that a footpath would be created from the site to link to Hall Lane. Gradually however, Councillors argued that as the site was outside the village boundary, the buildings would be so isolated as to make the site unsuitable for the elderly or disabled. Cllr Summers also had concerns about the sewerage system.

The Chairman told his fellow Councillors our approved Neighbourhood Development Plan gave them grounds to object to the plans for a building by the entrance to Farm Close, but did not know when it would go to the SDC planning committee.

Cllr Chris Gibb reported an interest free loan and grant application to the Carbon Trust would enable the Energy Group to help the School install solar panels. This would bring the School £4,000 a year, but only if they first gained the landlord's consent.

Cllr Gibb made a very strong complaint to our County Councillor about the chaos caused by changes to the bus timetable and the routes. Drivers did not know where the new routes went and had "kicked passengers off" in the wrong places; for which he blamed Stagecoach. If its service did not improve the company would be summoned to attend the next PC meeting.

Cllr Ekins also had something to say about HS2 road closures which were "unpredictable" and were directing heavy lorries over the Deppers railway bridge, despite the HGV ban there. He warned that this was just a taste of the disruption we would suffer. At present HS2 was only digging trial boreholes. When the electricity cables for the tunnelling work were being installed, local roads would be shut for much longer.

**Burial Grounds/Chapel** Cllr Ekins said Severn Trent wanted £1,400 to provide a water supply to the Burial Grounds. This is bizarre, as it appears there was a connection years ago and the pipework is still in place. However, until this dispute is resolved, the urgent work to repair the Chapel will not take place as the Council does not want to remove the present water butt.

Following several complaints, as an interim measure, the Village Hall car park barrier will be closed at 7pm when there are no events taking place at the Hall or on the playing fields.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February, 7.30pm, Farley Room 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

## Parish Council Elections 2019

Harbury Parish Council has 10 seats and they are all up for election on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019. **Nomination forms will be available from early March** so if you are interested in being a councillor, now is the time to give it some serious thought.

The parish council provides a range of local services and is regularly consulted on all planning matters, transport and highways issues and many other things, too numerous to mention here. Being a councillor can be a very interesting and satisfying way to serve your local community. Please look at our minutes and agendas on our website for a flavour of the kind of things the parish council is involved with.



No special qualifications are necessary as some basic training is provided but you will need access to email and the internet and you must be able to regularly attend parish council meetings on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month. Applications from all members of the community are welcome, including our younger residents and people who have recently moved here.

To find out more about what being a parish councillor entails, please come along to a **free event on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> February 2019 from 6.30pm to 8.30pm at The Grange Hall, Southam, CV47 1QA**. Speakers will include officers from the Warwickshire Association of Local Councils as well as experienced local parish clerks and parish councillors. Can't make the 7<sup>th</sup> February? Then please call in to the parish council office for an informal chat. We will be very pleased to meet you!

**Harbury Parish Council**

## Neighbourhood Plan

**THANK YOU** to all of you who voted on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November in the referendum. There were 874 votes and 822 recorded a 'yes' vote in favour of the Neighbourhood Plan. This was a turnout of 41.65% and, because more than half of those voting were in favour of the plan, it means the parish will be protected from over development until 2031.

**THANK YOU** to members of the Steering Committee and the Parish Councillors who went out and encouraged people to vote and for their hard work over the last four years.

**Councillor Pat Summers**

	<b>Harbury Women's Institute</b>	<b>Mary Thompson</b>
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At our meeting in January we welcomed Heidi Meyer who is the 33<sup>rd</sup> Master of The Lord Leycester Hospital in Warwick and the first woman Master.

She told us about the history of the hospital. The chapel was built over the town's west gate in 1123 so that travellers could pray for their safety on the perilous journey to Stratford upon Avon. In 1300 Thomas Beauchamp spent a lot of money to renovate the chapel but after a political struggle with Richard II he had to forfeit his property, including the chapel. The chapel was given to the Guild of St George who decided that the chapel wasn't big enough and put up the buildings that we see today - banquet hall, guild hall, master's house and the medieval courtyard.

The buildings were a seat of civic power but also looked after widows and orphans of the town. Thanks to the effort of Thomas Oken, the buildings survived the dissolution of the monasteries during Henry VIII's reign. Elizabeth I gave the hospital to Robert Dudley, Earl of Leycester who turned it

into a hospital for the care of wounded soldiers, particularly from Warwickshire and Gloucestershire. The hospital still houses retired soldiers today. The eight Brethren live in self-contained apartments; they can stay as long as they can live independently and their wives can live with them. The Brethren don't pay for their accommodation but have to work for a set number of hours running tours, the ticket office etc.

Heidi then told us how she became the Master two years ago. She became a British Army officer in the 1970s and served as a 2<sup>nd</sup> lieutenant for six years. She then went to America where she got a degree and married an American. She worked in the Office of Defence at the Pentagon, mostly involved with conflict in the Balkans, Afghanistan, Turkey and Rwanda. She then went to work in Kabul working on post conflict stabilisation - a very dangerous occupation. She came to Warwick after working for NATO in Turkey for three years. She found the change quite daunting - the Master's house is very cold! She is now running the business of the Lord Leycester Hospital, preserving the heritage and taking on ceremonial responsibilities. She is working hard to improve the tourist experience to raise much needed revenue.

On the following evening, we held our New Year Party in the Village Hall where members provided a splendid buffet. We were entertained by Steve Allen who turned himself into Eli and entertained us with tales of 19<sup>th</sup> century history using a clever combination of photographs, film and folk songs. A very enjoyable evening was had by all.

On the 16<sup>th</sup> January 12 members visited the CWR studios in Coventry. We were taken round the studios by Jusna Begum who was full of information about the BBC as she also works at the TV studios in Birmingham for part of the week. We were able to go into the studio where Brody Swain was broadcasting his afternoon show - anyone listening at 2.45pm would have heard Harbury WI mentioned and a cheer from those present. We saw the production teams working and went into the radio studio where they can link up with other BBC stations. Finally we went into a small TV studio where we heard about link ups with "Midlands Today" and other local programmes. This was a really interesting and enjoyable afternoon; we shall listen to the radio with a lot more insider knowledge now.

During our centenary year we have been gathering up institute archives, including scrap books. Some of these have now been deposited in the Heritage Room situated in Harbury School - open on the first Tuesday of the month between 6.30 and 8.30pm.

Our meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> February is our Member's night. We shall be entertained by members and celebrate the end of our centenary year with prosecco and puddings.

We will be running the cinema on 23<sup>rd</sup> February when the film will be "King of Thieves" starring Michael Caine, Jim Broadbent and Tom Courtenay. Tickets should be purchased from the chemist by 20<sup>th</sup> February.



## Harbury Theatre Group

Ali Hodge

### Under Milk Wood

Our May production, "Under Milk Wood" by Dylan Thomas, will be something of a departure from our normal offering. As it was written as a play for voices, we will be creating the atmosphere of a live radio studio, with the cast reading from scripts. It has been wonderful to hear from a number of people not normally involved in Harbury Theatre Group productions who would like to take part. One lady wrote *"I absolutely love Under Milk Wood. I've never forgotten seeing it when I was at school and being completely mesmerised. I went back and saw every performance!"*

Bob and I are keeping an eye on the weather in West Wales so that at the first hint of sunny days we will drive over to the coastal town where Milk Wood is thought to be set, to collect authentic images for back projection. Thomas resettled in Laugharne with his family, after the Second World War, finding the concerns and loves of the inhabitants a balm to the horrors of war. He used to sit in the bar at the "Brown's Hotel" and absorb all the gossip and tales of the town's characters. I wonder how many of those inhabitants recognised themselves in the characters in Under Milk Wood?

There is still time and plenty of parts for anyone else who fancies being involved. You will not be expected to learn lines as we will be performing it, as Thomas originally intended, as a radio play. Performance dates are **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May** on stage in the Village Hall. There will be several rehearsals beforehand to help with speaking the verse and to meld the music and photos into an atmospheric experience. Please contact me [ali.hodge4@gmail.com](mailto:ali.hodge4@gmail.com)



### Folk Club

Deborah Ellis

With Christmas over for another year, and having celebrated the New Year only a few days before, we had our first Folk Club of the year. Tonight's theme (and number 410) was 'Family and Friends'. I had also read on social media that this year, 2019, is the centenary year of the Village Club.

To start the evening Deb began proceedings with "Liverpool Lullaby" and then handed over to Rik who sang about "Three Drunken Maidens" who were sisters and came from the Isle of Wight. He then told us some fabulous stories about his upbringing and the use of Cockney between him and his friends. He then sang "Crazy World" which had a chorus for the Harbury Chorus Engine, which was all about family life. Then Sue sang a wonderful visual song about "When Father Painted the Parlour" and decorating nightmares. Then she performed the "Grandparents Song". Up came Robin whose first song was by Ralph McTell, "First and Last Man", which was rather

spiritual and ethereal too. His second song was by John Denver called "Poems, Prayers and Promises" with Don on guitar. Laura (a Spa Strummer) played her guitar and sang a Gary Jones song, "A Child is Born", which had a beautifully simple chorus. Her second offering was "Miner's Dream of Home" which was about a miner who had been away from home for over 10 years and had been dreaming of home. The Harvesters sang about "The Night They Drove Old Dixie Down" and "I Don't Believe You've Met my Baby". Our final performer for the first half was Don who sang about a family member developing dementia with "I Get Lost in my Home Town", where they are seen arguing with ghosts and not recognising members of the family anymore. He finished with an Eddie Reader song, from her album of Robbie Burns songs, with "Wild Mountain Side".

The second half was begun with the Harbury Folk Club Choir and "My Dancing Day" from their recent appearance at Harbury Church's annual Christmas Eve Carol Service. Their second offering was a Roger Jones song from the musical "The Inn Crowd" and "For to us a Child is Born". Peter McDonald followed that with "The Friend" written by Alan Richardson from Warwick folk club. This song was about 'meeting' a friend called Trevor in a bar. His second song was a Scottish song by Lionel McClelland called "Come and Spend a While Wi' Me". Then I continued my run of Peters. Pete Grasby sang a John Connolly song. "Widow Maker" with how difficult it is in raising a growing lad. Then "Mother's Day" and how we all love ours the best. Then without re'pete'ting myself I introduced Peter Mason who sang about leaving people behind and "Brothers". Keith Donnelly sang a song *not for public consumption* in the shape of a song for Bill Bates 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday and then "My Sister, Laura and Me". He also told us of a secret trip he made to Ullapool to visit relatives but, when he got there, he found that they had made a similar trip to Leamington Spa on exactly the same date. Rumble-O sang about "Three Jolly Fishermen" about work colleagues/friends and, in jest, sang "Here comes the Sun".

The third half was begun by Debs who sang "Summertime" and read one of her poems called "Mum" which she wrote for a friend's Mum who had died. Des finished off the evening with "The Cherry Tree Carol" about Mary and Joseph and then "Shallow Brown" which was a rousing finish to the evening's entertainment.

The raffle raised £92.00 for the Missing People charity.

For the next Folk Club on 7<sup>th</sup> February your hosts will be Ted and Sue Crum and the theme is: "Cheery songs for dreary days".



**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.

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## Harbury Twinning Association

**Tony Thomas**

On Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> January the Association held a Fête des Rois (twelfth night) celebration at the home of June and Davis Eaves who once again were kind enough to host the party and for which we are all very grateful.

The evening commenced with a photographic quiz set by David who challenged us to identify the interesting locations of the places he had photographed in the U.K. and abroad.

We then enjoyed the delicious Galettes des Rois (the three kings' cake which is associated with the festival of Epiphany in a number of countries), and for which we must thank the members who had baked them.

The evening concluded with quizzes, set by Sally Stringer and June Eaves. This celebration, once again, proved to be an excellent way to spend a cold January evening.



## Harbury Heritage Room

**Bill Timson**

# T H E N & N O W

The next article in this series looks at a familiar view from the village centre. The photograph shown on the next page, taken from our extensive collection in the Heritage Room, is looking down from High Street to the start of Mill Street in the early 1900's.

In the foreground on the left, is Phoenix House, once a butcher's shop and not the only butchers in the village. At one time, this was run by Mr Alcock and later it was the Cowley Family, with the slaughter house in the buildings in the back yard. In the early 1980's a well known Harbury resident, Tony Stubbs, bought the shop and turned it into a lovely private residence, discovering a feature inglenook which had previously been covered up.

On the right hand side we have a stone wall, part of which still remains and on this land was built the Co-op Store. During the Second World War, milk would have cost you 2d (old currency) a pint and a cottage loaf 4d. Also on the right is the old post office; it closed in 1947 and at that time was kept by Ms Cooper. The Taylors opened a new Post Office service in Church Street in 1948. The old post office continued as a newsagents run by John Howard, the Kraynems and finally by Mick Kane. The end elevation of 'The Old Stonehouse', now simply called 'Stonehouse', can be seen, where a 400 year old bake oven was discovered during renovations. Beyond that there were some hand operated petrol pumps, worked by two sisters, both known as Miss Warwick.

On the left, at the junction of Chapel Street and the start of Mill Street, the terraced houses seen here were demolished in the 60's and replaced with the current shop now housing the post office and the flats. Beyond that you can see the Shakespeare public house which is still in business today.



The same view as it appears today is shown below .



For more details and information do visit **The Heritage Room based in the Primary School. Open first Tuesday in the month from 6.30pm.**

You are welcome to visit at a more convenient time by emailing [harburyheritage@gmail.com](mailto:harburyheritage@gmail.com) and letting us know your preferred date/time.



## Harbury Heritage KID'S Corner

It's CHIPPY here again!

The answer to the Listed Building competition last month was The Manor House in Park Lane.

There were several correct entries so I had to pick one out of an empty peanut shell! The winner now has chocolates!

This month's competition is all about The Blue Plaque Trail.

Around the village you may have noticed some blue plaques which are to commemorate Harbury men who died during the First World War. You can find out more by visiting The Heritage Room based in the Primary School.

Anyway, all you need to do is tell me which house/building (the address) this plaque shown below is on. Walk around the village and you will find it!



If you know, then email your name, age and answer to: [harburyheritage@gmail.com](mailto:harburyheritage@gmail.com) by 28<sup>th</sup> February. Age limit is 11 years old.

Make sure you have permission from a parent / carer to do this.

**GOOD LUCK! There will be a prize for the winner!**

## Harbury's First Female Parish Councillor

Marion Evelyn Garrard was born in Kensington, London on 21<sup>st</sup> February 1870. In 1893 she married Gordon Lyon Bland and shortly afterwards they moved to Ince House in Leamington. Gordon Bland was a director of Lucas & Co, Brewers, and in 1897, at the age of 28, he was elected as Mayor of Leamington.

The Blands were a wealthy family. When Gordon Bland died in 1913, aged just 45, his estate was valued at more than £72,000 (about £8 million in today's money). Shortly after being widowed, Marion Bland moved to Greenhill, Harbury – a now demolished residence at Greenhill Farm opposite the Great Western pub in Deppers Bridge. As a wealthy widow, only in her 40s, Marion Bland had the time, connections and the resources to become involved in local community activities. She founded a Day Nursery in Leamington during the Great War to look after children whose mothers had to work while their fathers were in France. She was president of the ladies' section of the Leamington Swimming Club, and in 1918 founded the Harbury branch of the Women's Institute.

In March 1925 Marion Bland stood for election to Harbury Parish Council at the annual Parish Meeting, held in the Wight School. She was the first woman ever to stand and was elected, just. She came sixth out of twelve candidates, with the top seven being elected. The Parish Council minutes do not reveal much about what she actually did as a Parish Councillor, but she served on the Cemetery Committee and voted on resolutions and motions, just like any other councillor. In October 1926 she tendered her resignation as she was leaving the parish to live in Wellesbourne. The chairman accepted her resignation 'with regret.'

Mrs Bland continued to be socially active until her death in 1939. She served on the council of the Leamington High School for Girls, and was elected as the President of the Warwickshire Federation of Women's Institutes in 1931. The only known photograph shows her cutting the 21<sup>st</sup> birthday cake for Harbury WI shortly before her death.



Marion Bland was a pioneer, bringing a female voice to parish government for the first time. Not until after WWII would Harbury elect its second female parish councillor.

**Tim Lockley**





## Harbury Energy Initiative

**Bob Sherman**

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**Wood burning stove - Morsoe Squirrel**

### **Burning issue - wood stoves**

Do you own a wood stove? Over a million of us do and it isn't so surprising. A good wood stove produces lots of heat efficiently and gives a wonderful cosy feel to a home. But how green are they? The government has recently picked on home fires, in company with diesel engines, as a target for legislation in order to clean up our air. Why should that be? Logs are, after all, regarded as almost 'carbon neutral', particularly if they are sourced locally, because the carbon released is no more than the carbon captured by the living tree. We do need to keep on planting trees to compensate. However, log burning stoves are not all 'green' - especially if you burn green wood.

But you wouldn't, would you. It seems unlikely that out here in rural Warwickshire we will be subject to regulation. The main problem is in urban areas where air pollution is currently dreadful - even locally in Warwick and Leamington Spa. The problem is not so much the carbon emissions as the tiny particulates in wood smoke that, just as from diesel, pollute the air and can cause serious breathing problems.

It all depends what sort of fuel you use and how you burn your logs. Open fires may look pretty but they are inefficient and definitely polluting. A good quality wood stove is cleaner and much more efficient, especially if it meets the HETAS Ecodesign Ready standard, which ensures qualifying stoves have the lowest emissions possible, better than most gas or oil-fired heat sources. Even so, you need to use an appropriate fuel. Wood is far preferable to coal but should be of seasoned hardwood dry logs with a moisture content ideally below 20%. 'Kiln dried' logs are expensive but have an extremely low moisture content and burn fiercely hot - and rather quickly. But, of course, it nearly always requires electricity to heat the kiln which therefore releases more carbon. How do you balance air quality against climate change?

My advice, therefore: If you are thinking of getting a wood burning stove check out the HETAS website for approved makes first. If you already have one, be careful what you burn.

### **Switched on school - PV panels**

We are creeping ahead with our project to get solar panels on to the school. By the time you read this we should have everything in place pending sign off by the County Council, who act as landlord. Chris Gibb, who has worked on this with me and INECO Energy over many months, wants to ensure this

installation not only saves money for the school and lowers the carbon footprint but also provides an educational resource. We are hoping that pupils will be able to access real time and historical data from the panels via the school IT system.

Meanwhile HEI has been invited to work with the PTA on their scheme for an outdoor classroom. I didn't think I would be going back to school at my age. And I shall probably get homework.

### **Switched on communities - sharing knowledge**

Just to make sure we have something to keep us occupied, HEI is planning an event here in Harbury on 27<sup>th</sup> April. Our aim is to bring together local community groups working on the low carbon agenda, representatives from parish councils and from community building committees to share experience on sustainability measures and see what we can learn and borrow from each other. It will be in the Village Hall and open to all as well as to invited participants - assuming there will be room for you all. We have the support of the RSA (Royal Society for the encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce) in delivering this. If you have never heard of the RSA, as we hadn't, you may well be surprised at their history, reach and effectiveness in bringing people together to deliver "21st Century enlightenment". That's not, I am certain, the slogan they had in 1754 when they were founded by William Shipley but it fits now. They lay claim to the first use of the word 'sustainability' in 1980. Two of us were so impressed that we joined. Please note the date in your diaries.

	<h2>Harbury e-Wheels</h2>	<p><b>Bob Sherman</b></p>
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### **Harbury Villagers given helping hand to get mobile by the WPH Charitable Trust**



The WPH Charitable Trust has awarded £500 to Harbury e-Wheels.

Working closely with organisations such as local schools, churches, doctors' surgeries, children's centres, hospital departments and local authority children's teams, Harbury e-Wheels serves people of all ages who have been referred for help with transport

Co-ordinators of the free service say the money will help pay for the hire costs of Harbury e-Wheels' regular cars for a month, benefiting dozens of residents in the village and surrounding area in that time.

Hiring two electric Renault Zoe cars from the Harbury branch of E-Car Club at a cost of around £8,000 a year, Harbury e-Wheels serves any resident within a 15-mile radius of the middle of Harbury.

It is staffed by a team of 22 volunteers, some of whom double-up on roles within the organisation. There are 12 drivers, six co-ordinators, seven board members and an administrator.

With no salaries, vehicle maintenance, repairs or general running costs to consider the service is free to residents although donations are regularly offered and accepted.



**Hugh Tottle (fourth from left) and Bob Sherman (sixth from left) with other volunteers from Harbury e-Wheels and the two Renault Zoes.**

Bob Sherman founded Harbury e-Wheels with fellow resident Hugh Tottle in November 2015. Since then demand has continued to spiral as locals deem the service an excellent alternative to car ownership. In 2017, 700 trips were made for 152 passengers - completing 1,320 hours of free transport. During the first full year the average number of hours per month was 50 to 60 but this has now more than doubled.

The service is open to anyone of any age and from all walks of life, although young people under 16 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Bob said: "We mainly get elderly people who might not be able to make the quarter-mile walk to the doctors' surgery, but we also have single parent families - often young mums - who are looking at courses, training or counselling.

"We may also take people to court cases or job centres and there are also a lot of people who come to us with temporary difficulties, such as a broken arm or after an operation. People of all ages use us for such a wide range of reasons, especially with fewer buses serving Harbury year on year and with many people in the area who are on low incomes and unable to afford regular, lengthy bus trips.

"It has proven to be such a popular service that we try to limit people to one round journey a week unless there are exceptional circumstances."

Bob issued his thanks to the WPH Charitable Trust.

He said: "There is no doubt we could not run Harbury e-Wheels without donations such as the £500 from the WPH Charitable Trust. It is an extremely generous amount and we are most grateful to the Trustees. The money will be of great benefit to many people not only in our village but in the wider community."

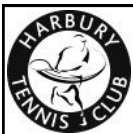
David Holt, Chairman of the WPH Charitable Trust, said: "Harbury e-Wheels is a fantastic cause serving many residents in and around the area who might otherwise be stranded.

"We are delighted to be able to support the cause which provides a lifeline for people in their everyday lives - simple things such as attending a hospital appointment are made all the more easier thanks to Harbury e-Wheels."



**Hugh Tottle**  
(co-founder and  
volunteer driver of  
Harbury e-Wheels)  
prepares to take  
three passengers to  
Nosh N Natter, a  
lunch time social  
club in Southam for  
isolated elderly  
people.

**Samantha H Clarke**



## Harbury Tennis Club

**Colin Mercer**

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

The weather was good for our traditional "Muffler Tournament", superbly organised by Tournament Organiser Peter Walshe, and here's his report:

"The 'Muffler' Tournament attracted a good entry of suitably dressed competitors ready to battle for the year-end trophy and celebrate in style with mulled wine that had lived in Mary and Keith Thompson's garage for three years (due to inclement weather cancelling previous attempts).

Karen Bristow played her substitute (son-in-law Craig Lenton) but to no avail, with a fourth place (out of four) in Group I. Not to be outdone, Chairman Colin Mercer took fourth place in Group II. Nice people don't always win. Which is not to cast newcomer Sarah Dodd and David Bristow (playing himself rather

than a substitute) as anything but nice. They defeated Caroline Morland and Chris Cousins in a close fought final whilst the rest of us guzzled goodies (including some delicious Chinese style flavoured sausage rolls created by Andy Smith).

So 2019 awaits with some fun tennis ahead in a great club with a growing bunch of friendly members. And only one bottle of mulled wine left, so new stocks will be needed for next year..."



The Banbury League matches have resumed after a short Christmas break, and pride of place goes to the Floodlit "B" Team who are top of Division 4 having won all nine matches played to date. They are the only team across all four divisions with a 100% record and seem certain to bounce back after relegation at the end of the last winter season. Their latest win was at Deddington where Eira Owen, Claire Callaghan, Nigel Eaton and Josh Marshall had a convincing win. The floodlit "A" team are finding life a little difficult and currently prop up Division 2 having drawn two and lost three of the five matches. There is now a very real prospect of both teams being in Division 3 next season, at least that will reduce the travelling!!

In the weekend format, the newly promoted "A" Team have lost all four matches and are bottom of Division 2. Despite that the matches have all been enjoyable and hard-fought, the latest being a 2-6 defeat at runaway leaders Banbury West End. Caroline Morland, Eira Owen, Colin Mercer and Ben Fish made the trip and at the midway point it was all-square with both the Ladies and Men's doubles being halved at one set apiece. The mixed doubles were also close but unfortunately the home team won both.

In Division 4 the "B" Team started the year with a match at Tysoe. Eira Owen, Claire Callaghan, Joe Robson and David Bristow enjoyed a very closely fought 4-4 draw.

So far this winter 18 different people have played in matches with Eira Owen and Helen Cooper having played for all four teams, great credit to Match Secretary Caroline Morland for her juggling/squad rotation efforts!

Our Winter/Spring 2019 coaching programme, delivered by *cool/sportz* coaches is going well and for Juniors caters for ages 4 to 16 years. Rob West runs sessions on Thursdays and Elizabeth Holding on Mondays. There are also sessions for adults on Monday and Thursday evenings and a Ladies' group on Friday mornings. All sessions are open to



members and non-members (small surcharge applies) and *coolsportz* offer a free introductory session. For more details please contact Lianne Candappa, [lianne@coolsportz.co.uk](mailto:lianne@coolsportz.co.uk) or phone/text her on 07919 104093.

Finally, we carried out a major service to our floodlights, replacing all 18 bulbs, cleaning lenses and checking electrical connections etc. The results have been amazing with a couple of members suggesting sunglasses should be worn!!!

	<h2>Harbury Toddler Group</h2>	<p><b>Lynne Barton</b></p>
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**Hi Everyone,**

Thank you for taking the trouble to read about our Toddler Group.

It's that time of year when we all get excited to receive our 'new pack' complete with its own calendar detailing all the wonderful things we have to look forward to through 2019. A new year, a new beginning.



Our very first session coincided with a teacher training day so we were very fortunate to catch up again with all 'our children' who had moved to their next phase of

education, grown up enough for big school but still enjoying making penguins, snowmen and a Sing and Sign with Julie Messer.

Suzi Millar has joined us as a new helper and has been made to feel very welcome by all the children and parents. We are delighted at how well she

has settled in - on the previous page she is shown assisting with the playdough.

Get Cooking with Anne Marie presented homemade Christmas bread, scrummy, spiced and easy to make for little hands, take it home to prove a little before baking in the oven and enjoying as a treat for afternoon tea.

Our Annual AGM will be held during the session on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February where all present can have a say on how the Group is going and share the financial report of our income and expenditure. As our good readers all know we are all spent out and need to secure some funds for this year so ..... another date for your diary is Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March when we will be hosting the Coffee Morning at All Saints Church in the Tom Hauley Room, 10 'till 12 noon. This is something we all love to do but rely on donations of homemade cakes and raffle prizes so please help if you can.



Toddlers is a place where we come together to have fun, meet new friends, learn the importance of how to share and be part of a wider family. It is just fabulous to see Mums, Dads, Nanas, Grandmas, Grandads all chatting together and giving of that most precious commodity, time, for each other and time for their children.

As the year progresses our resident Holistic Therapist will be easing stressed shoulders; we will be dancing the session away with our lovely Miss Lorraine; we will be exploring Space - the final frontier, making secret dens and - very hush hush - a princess has been invited to the Group.

### **Come and join us**

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

We are based at the Scout Hut, High Street, Harbury, CV33 9HW and meet at 9.30am saying bye bye at 11.15am. Thinking of coming along or need more information? Please do ring Lynne on 01926 612748 or email [lynnebarton@btinternet.com](mailto:lynnebarton@btinternet.com)



## Harbury Pre-School

Staff & Committee

**A new term:** It was lovely to welcome all the children back fresh from their Christmas break. We enjoyed hearing about the adventures they had experienced over the holidays as they shared their stories during circle time.

We are especially delighted to welcome some new faces to our Pre-School family. The new children have made themselves at home and it has been lovely to see some of our existing children take them under their wing and help them to settle. We hope that they enjoy their Pre-School journeys.

Since Christmas was still very much in the children's minds, our role play area remained as a 'Christmas home corner' with a mini Christmas tree and cosy fireplace (with fireguard) so that they could enjoy re-enacting some of their experiences of Christmas.



At the children's request, they made a 'television' out of cardboard boxes, painted it and added 'buttons'. The children were then asked what they would like to 'watch' so we located some pictures from some of their favourite programmes; Paw Patrol and football being the firm favourites!



**What is the weather today?** That is the question that the children have been thinking about this term. We have been singing weather-related songs and thinking about some of the different kinds of weather that we experience during the different seasons.

We have been discussing how we can prepare ourselves for the

weather and the children thoroughly enjoyed using umbrellas in the rain and dressing up warm and cosy in their coats, scarves, hats and gloves for the frost.

Our role play area has since become a winter clothing shop stocked with a variety of coats, hats, scarves and gloves so that the children can 'buy' items from the





'shopkeeper' and continue to dress up whilst practicing some of their fine motor skills.

**Winter:** At the time of writing, Harbury has yet to experience a significant snowfall but this hasn't stopped our Pre-School turning into a Winter Wonderland.

Our small world area is home to a collection of polar animals and the children have been building 'icebergs' for them to walk on.



The children have been fascinated by the ice in our exploratory area. We have been exploring its texture and temperature and looking at how and why ice melts and turns into water. We have been investigating how we can speed the process along by rubbing it in our hands or even by adding salt.



To add some variety, the children have been using brushes and paints to add colour to the ice.

Our walls are becoming covered in some beautiful wintery pictures as the children have been busy painting their snowy scenes. The children have given us some fabulous language as they create their paintings:

'It's snowing on my picture and it's ice on the water' (Niamh)

'Ice is made from water.' (Dylan)

'I painted a snowman. It has long arms!' (Chloe)

**Enquiries:** Some of our sessions are now full so if you are thinking of enrolling your child, please get in touch to find out more or arrange a visit: e-mail [enquiries@harburypre-school.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@harburypre-school.org.uk) text 07907 598461 or look at the web site [www.harburypre-school.org](http://www.harburypre-school.org) You can also find us on Facebook.



## Harbury School PTA

**PTA Committee**

Even with the short, frosty days, we have two events planned for this term where we welcome your support.

**Join us for the PTA quiz night on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February from 7.30pm** at the School Hall with legendary quizmaster TJ providing the questions.

The cost is £25 for a table of 4-5 (including Indian snacks), please register your team at [harburypta@gmail.com](mailto:harburypta@gmail.com) and you can pay by cheque payable to "harbury school pta" at the school, or pay online at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/harburypta/>

We have space for 20 tables and refreshments will be provided by Cana Wines to stimulate the grey cells. Please join us for a fun evening.

### **Clothing drive**

If you are planning a spring clear out of your wardrobe, please keep all your unwanted clothing, textiles, shoes etc, as in February we will be doing a village drop of labelled bin bags for kerbside collection/school textile bin to raise funds. Every year we receive £300+ for our unwanted textiles and we are hoping to double that with a village push, so watch this space for dates and further information

Last term we raised £6,000 in total with parent, community and business support. We paid £1,500 to the school to fund three WoW days (special enrichment activities/outings for the children), the Infant Christmas party, handwriting pens and a long list of other items, and so banked £4,500 towards our Infant Playground fund. We are slowly getting there!

Please join us for the quiz night - thanks in advance.

[harburypta@gmail.com](mailto:harburypta@gmail.com)



## Village Hall Update

**Geoff Thorpe**

The Christmas update having been somewhat brief, the New Year came in with a bang. To put it another way someone kicked the kitchen door in one night. A bit of sad, mindless vandalism that we could do without and mercifully a rarity for the Village Hall. We did have another breakage to start the year, sadly one of the regular badminton players slipped and broke a shoulder, our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

On a happier note the WI Cinema's first show of the year was "Mamma Mia Here We Go Again", a sell out and hugely enjoyable. The next performance is "King of Thieves" on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Nothing to do with Robin Hood

but a film based on the Hatton Garden jewellery theft of 2015. To avoid disappointment please don't leave it until the last minute to buy your tickets.

The booking level remains very high and recent enquiries come from a Toddler Group, a Leamington based theatre group, a jazz band who have booked for two concerts in the spring and a drummer wishing for a quiet place to practise!!

Many of you will know of or will remember Henson Bamford, an artist who lived in the village and drew the original village map for the front cover of the Harbury and Ladbroke News. His daughter lives in Southam and has given the Village Hall a considerable number of prints and drawings he made of various village buildings and scenes. The Dove House, the Church, the letterhead for the Harbury Society amongst other things. Watch this space!

As this goes to print we look forward to the Southam Rotary Burns' Night and the Folk Club concert, both will no doubt be as good as ever, the concert especially showcasing the amazing musical talent in the village.

Plans for various improvements to the hall are advancing, apart from new flooring, doors and windows for the Farley Room, plans are being drawn up for a new front door, entrance, disabled access and a widening of the drive. Another space to watch!



## Harbury Village Library & Biblio's Café

Janice Montague

What a difference a year makes! This time last year we were contemplating our major refurbishment, but we have now become accustomed to the bright, uncluttered space which is the new layout. Visitor numbers are up, but we would like to encourage even more of you to come along and take advantage of what we can offer. Not just loads of books and great coffee, but here are some other things you can do in our Library that you may not be aware of:

- Buy a work of art for your walls, or original greeting cards by local artists
- Take advantage of quiet afternoons until 5pm for study space, free wi-fi and public access computers
- Borrow a **Microbit** and create your own computer code
- Browse our online newspaper archive
- Research your family history with the free **Ancestry** software
- Print or photocopy in black and white or colour, and laminate A3 or A4 documents
- Bring a pre-schooler and join in **Tunes and Tales** on Thursday mornings

- Borrow a trail around the landmarks in the village, or buy a booklet on local country walks
- Pick up leaflets about local leisure, educational and other activities and services
- Try out a new board game to take away and play
- Book a tennis court in the Playing Fields: £4 an hour
- Take a book to keep or exchange from our Book Exchange shelves
- Enquire about volunteering in the café or behind the issue desk and learn new skills
- Follow us on Facebook and Instagram to find out about special events like ***Meet the Author*** and ***Murder Mysteries***

We will be holding our **AGM on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 in the Library**. Everyone is welcome, so come along and find out exactly what has been going on this past year in your community-run Library and Café.

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**Harbury Village Club & Institute**

**Judy Morrall**

The festive season is long gone now and January is speeding along. It was so nice to read the two lovely thank you letters in the January edition of Harbury and Ladbroke News concerning the OAP party in December. Good to get some positive feedback and appreciation so that we know we are fulfilling our responsibilities and looking after our members.

Thankfully no further accidents with the pots along the wall to the entrance of the Club. All of the plants are coping well with our very strange weather and are really colourful as are the plants at the entrance to the drive. Again I have received some very nice comments about these, thank you. The WI tree sapling is thriving too.

At our recent committee meeting we welcomed Andy our new treasurer from 1<sup>st</sup> January and he has soon got to grips with the nuts and bolts of the job (excuse the pun couldn't resist!). The previous treasurer is in the process of putting all records together for our financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December. These will then go to our new accountants in Southam so we will not be experiencing the problems we had last year. Once these have been completed we will then be able to give an exact date for the AGM. We enjoyed a busy December with increased revenue so hopefully more of the same over the coming months.

The flyers have now been printed and will be inserted in the February Harbury & Ladbroke News. Plus some will be left in the library for visitors to our village and posters will be displayed around the village. Once the caravan park, Harbury Fields is open again in March, flyers and a poster will be taken to them. We often get visitors from there to the Club. Our aim is that, after all the excellent work that Janet has done, this will result in an influx of visitors, new members and bookings for our concert room. Please come and have a look at what we can offer and enjoy a drink at very reasonable rates and good company. We are still investigating a card machine - more of that next month. We are listening to your ideas and following them up.

We approved four new members, it is working already! Also two new bookings. The cyclists who had expressed an interest in using the Club in May are now no longer proceeding but all is not lost as our regular cyclists who visit us in May have confirmed their visit, so we will see lycra - hurray! A preliminary date for your diaries - we will be holding our Easter family bingo on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April. It was a huge success last year and we promise more of the same.

We do need more members on the committee. Andy is keen on this too and will be chatting to the various teams who use our Club in next few weeks. I too will be approaching some of you. We just would like to know what we can do for our members and any ideas or suggestions that you may have. Only one committee meeting a month so not at all onerous. Plus, as we will be celebrating 100 years in December we would like any thoughts you may have. Time to put your grey cells to good use. I want to be a bit ambitious with my planting in pots and on the drive and make a 100 logo from flowers and plants; sounds good in theory but it will work. So as you can see, we intend to make our mark this centenary year and have already started. If you do want to contact us don't forget that you can do so on our email address which is [harburyvillageclubandinstitute@gmail.com](mailto:harburyvillageclubandinstitute@gmail.com)

I have processed about 180 memberships and there is a box full waiting for you to collect. Instead of leaving your card behind the bar from one year to the next please make 2019 the year that you use the club more regularly. I will be at the Club on Friday nights for the bingo and some Sunday lunch times. You do not have long to renew your membership and don't forget it increased this year to £12.50 full membership and £5.00 OAP. Our club rules state that you have 28 days from 1<sup>st</sup> January then a further 28 days therefore 25<sup>th</sup> February is the last possible date to renew, after that I will write to advise that membership has been cancelled and I do not want to have to do this. End of lecture!!!

Whilst processing the cards I have had two donations as well which is brilliant and I have written to thank members for their kindness, very much appreciated. Also once again I have had some really kind and supportive comments and at this rate if I wore a hat, I would need a bigger size. Seriously thank you everyone and I look forward to seeing everyone over the coming months. Looking at the weather we will have to purchase some more salt for the car park soon just in case we need it - hope not!



## Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery

Christine Dakin

Great news, I now have a part-time trainee/helper. The daughter of some friends has unexpectedly come back home after living away for some time so it's someone I know and like. She is young and keen and easy to work with, this should mean the garden will get a lot more attention this year.

I'm often asked how to deal with certain pests, in particular slugs and vine weevil. We have been using nematodes to treat all the plants in pots for 3 or 4 years now and the results are very good although the application is a bit of a chore. We buy a pack of 50,000,000 (no that's not an error) which gets diluted. This has to be done in the spring and then again in the autumn. These can be bought online (in smaller quantities obviously) as can different nematodes for slugs. This is an environmentally friendly way of dealing with the problem.

Mice are another problem. They eat some bulbs and they nibble foliage and flowers too. I sometimes put traps out to catch them but there is usually a cat which might pounce on them. Things like sweet peas and fritillarias are potted up then put in trays out of reach of mice until the plant is a decent size and can be planted. I also do this with broad beans. I'll write more on this next month.

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



## Nature Notes

John Hancock

On the morning of Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January we woke to a hard frost. The temperature had dropped to -5°C overnight. Coupled with some evening rain, this produced a glassy surface on untreated surfaces. It took several hours of daylight and strengthening sunshine to melt. The clear skies came a day late for those wishing to see the lunar eclipse. Cloud obscured it in our area but pictures from other parts of the country have been spectacular.

Tricia Scott is a member of the Warwickshire Bat Group. Last summer she led some of Warwick District U3A Natural History Group on an evening walk through St Nicholas Park close to the River Avon. Armed with bat monitors, members enjoyed echo locating some species which were hunting for prey – midges, moths and other insects — as dusk gathered.

Bats are mammals (i.e. they suckle their young) in the order Chiroptera (meaning hand wing). The earliest fossil bat recorded is from the Eocene which is some 50 million years ago. They may have been around much longer, as moths, which could pick up ultrasound and thus avoid bats, were in

existence 75 million years ago. Probably bats evolved from 'jumpers and gliders' and they became nocturnal to avoid predation.

There are 1300 species of bat worldwide (20% of all mammals are bats). There are many more species in the tropics with a fall off in cooler climates like ours. Here in Britain there are 18 species. The smallest is the Pipistrelle weighing in at about 4-7 grams with a wingspan of 18-25cms. Our largest is the Noctule which can weigh up to 40 grams with a wingspan of 33-45cms. Bats of different species can fly 50 kms on foraging expeditions and 2000 kms on migration. Some can reach a maximum speed of 160 kms per hour when hunting. They are not blind but rely on echo location to hunt. They have an exceedingly strong larynx and use it to emit pulses of sound some 200 times per second. They then use their ears to collect the sounds bouncing off their prey.

All British bats eat insects so planting night scented flowers such as Honeysuckle, installing a pond and allowing a bit of wildness in the garden are key factors in encouraging insects and therefore bats.

If driving at night this time of year, you are likely to catch pale moths fluttering through the beams of your headlights. They are winter moths (Operophtera brumata) which must have some sort of anti-freeze in their bodies. Their evolutionary niche means they at least avoid predation by bats. Female winter moths are flightless. They live near the base of a suitable tree during the day. At night they crawl up the trunk releasing pheromones to attract a mate.

Walking over the frosted fields in north Oxfordshire recently with the sun close to the horizon was a delightful experience. Shadowed by a giant might describe it. The ironstone villages of Shutford, Epwell and Shenington are quiet places although only five miles or so from Banbury. The soil is almost orange in colour being so rich in iron. That mineral was gathered from vast opencast pits up to the middle of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Today, apart from areas where the roads run above the surrounding countryside, there is little to alert the traveller to the area's industrial past.

Now snowdrops are a common sight and daylight hours are stretching out. Plenty of time for winter's blast but we've turned a corner.

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## General Section

### Young Persons Award 2018

This is the final winning entry of our writing competition. Congratulations to all of the five winners.

John Holden - H&L News

#### There is Nothing Sweet in Parting's Sorrow

My mind is a mirror  
it is the same as me, and easy to break.  
As the bullets ricochet through my skull  
it is my mind, first, that aches.

A thousand pieces of clear delicate glass  
lay shattered on the floor  
If my mind is a mirror, then I don't want  
to look in it anymore.  
Take it away, I scream and cry, because I  
don't want this body any longer.  
Into the choking, snarling, fog of war  
the air thick and sombre.

We are the ashen corpses  
strewn on the streets.  
If only we had been born to different souls  
whose future was less bleak.  
We are the statistics you hear on the news  
and TV screens.  
*140 children in Syria gassed to death  
by chlorine.*  
This war torn country threatens to  
rip  
me apart,  
but inside dreams of escape fill my head  
and my heart.



A golden city with scarlet buses passing by,  
 where only the bodies of peacefully deceased lie.  
 Me and my friends will take the jobs all your citizens hate,  
 and struggle to reach the border  
 before it's too late.

Before Brexit stomps down with an iron curtain,  
 and leaves thousands dead (and even more  
 morally burdened).

How *could* you turn your backs on the innocent weak? Don't you realise it is  
 simply shelter and peace that we seek?

Don't you know what we've been through, and where we come from? Just to  
 clean your floor and wash your toilet with much aplomb. We will do anything  
 to be a part of British society, I swear.

As you would in our shoes, sprint from ISIS' lair.

My fractured mind clings to these wildest hopes  
 as I tumble to the ground.

With my last wish being my mother and baby brother  
 are found.

I think of my mother who I hope will  
 get to the border and cry,  
 as she remembers me, her daughter, and  
 our forced early goodbye.

*by Sophie Green (age 19)*



## Royal British Poppy Legion - Poppy Appeal 2018

The total amount forwarded to RBL from **Harbury and District** (including Chesterton and Ufton) in 2018 was £3,072.68. The collection for last year was boosted by the amount raised by the sale of tickets for the splendid Poppy Concert held in the Village Hall (£460.00) and the £99.92 which the WI gave from donations received for the much appreciated tea and cakes at the interval. There were also increased collections at Harbury and Ufton churches - £902.31, as the congregations remembered the 100 years from the end of World War 1.

The total amount received from the District almost mirrored the amounts forwarded to the Royal British Legion in previous years, although there were no house to house collections in Harbury, Chesterton and Ufton parishes still arranged door collections organised by Lynne Smith and Ann Ainscow. In previous years, I was able to manage all of the requirements needed to find 30+ volunteers and fill the R.B.L. boxes with poppies, wrist bands, car poppies etc. I only managed the paper-work involved in ordering all the necessary products, including wreaths this year, so I was very grateful to

family members for making up and delivering the boxes and to Liz McBride who counted all the money received from each source and collated all the details required by R.B.L.

In the coming years, it would probably be a good idea for someone to take over the whole procedure, as I did several years ago after taking over from Mike Bishop who had run all the parts of the operation from home or with his ex-serviceman friends at the Harbury Club.

I hope there is someone in the village who might feel able to volunteer as a PAO (Poppy Appeal Organiser) for the future years? I would be pleased to hear from anyone who feels they could take over from me for the 2019 collection. I could provide all the assistance needed to get someone else started. Please ring 612305 if you feel interested - I should be pleased to hear from you.

**Chris Finch**



### **Oil Delivery Group - updated**

It is several months now since I co-ordinated a group purchase for the delivery of oil from RIX Petroleum Ltd. However, when I recently ordered oil for our own use, the manager, Paul Doherty, mentioned that several of the original group were still using the company's service and ordering oil individually.

He said it would be possible to reinstate names from the list of the last group of members, if people were still interested in bulk purchase in order to gain the advantage of a discount/litre from oil ordered at any one time. If anyone would still be interested in re-starting the scheme, I would be happy to act as the contact for anyone who wished to gain the benefit from group purchase.

For the time being, I would use our telephone with answer machine facilities to take any enquiries. As before, I would then return the call from anyone who had signalled an interest and would wish to return to the original set-up. My telephone number is 01926 612305, but **PLEASE BE AWARE THAT OUR ANSWER MACHINE CUTS IN VERY QUICKLY**, but I will be able to pick up any message and return a call to 'start the ball rolling.'

**Chris Finch**

#### **March Edition - Harbury & Ladbroke News**

**Adverts to:** 36 Manor Orchard, Harbury or e-mail to [advertising@hlnews.co.uk](mailto:advertising@hlnews.co.uk) by 20<sup>th</sup> February

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# HARBURY & LADBROKE NEWS



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## Christmas Fair 2019

I have manned the Christmas crafts stall at the Christmas Fair with help from Mrs Hughes for the last four years, making many of the gifts, including bunting and tree decorations ourselves throughout the year.

Last year, thanks to Knitwits, we had a whole table of knitted goods which sold extremely well and I would like to thank them and everyone else who made something for the stall.

I think this year I would like to have a rest from Christmas crafts so we will be looking for another person to both man the stall and to provide crafts for it.

I know it is very early in the year but never too early to start thinking about Christmas. Please phone me if you would like more information and I can put you in touch with the organisers.

**Carol Jackson**  
**612107**



## Harbury Village Show

Although you may not be able to get too much done in gardens and allotments yet, I'm sure lots of you will be planning for the coming growing year. I've been doing some "spring cleaning" of our archives and found the first evidence we have of a horticultural show in Harbury.

### Harbury Horticultural Society 1<sup>st</sup> August, 1910

In 1910 the society had 24 patrons some with familiar names - Pirie, Sutcliffe, Verney and Thornley and even included a lord (Lord Willoughby de Broke). There were 16 on the committee - all male! The rules of entry to the annual show are almost identical to those we have today - although late entries would not be entertained **"on any pretence whatsoever."**

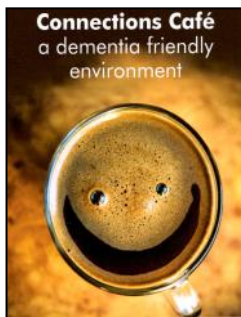
Prizes were awarded by judges for a large number of classes for flowers, fruit and vegetables, including nine classes just for potatoes. However there were only three cookery classes and no craft at all. Prizes ranged from 3/- (15p) for first prize to 1/- (5p) for third prize. However allowing for inflation since 1910 the first prize is equivalent to about £17 today! Children were asked to present a collection of wild flowers and grasses.

Perhaps the biggest difference was that the schedule included "Dancing to commence at 4 o'clock" (not sure what this involved!)

On checking our trophies we found that we have mislaid one. This is the Chris Finch cup for children. If you have one lurking at the back of a cupboard or weren't sure who to return it to, we would love to have it back. Please email me at [enquiries@harburyvillageshow.uk](mailto:enquiries@harburyvillageshow.uk) and we can collect it.

Date for your diary - Harbury Village Show - 14<sup>th</sup> September 2019

**Village Show Committee**



## Connections Café: for those with a dementia diagnosis and their carers

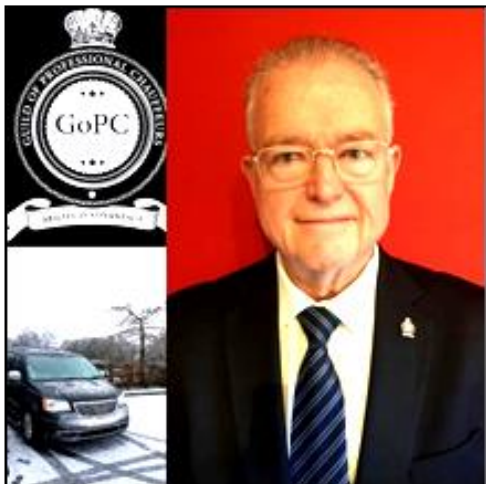
For the past three years, we have run a monthly café in the village for people with a dementia diagnosis and their carers. Each two hour session involves games, puzzles and singing accompanied by drinks and cake, plus the chance to talk and access information in a supportive and friendly atmosphere. It is held in the **Tom Hauley Room behind the Church from 2-4pm on the third Wednesday of every month**, and we extend a warm welcome to newcomers. There is no charge and no need

to book a place, but if you require further information or help with transport to get there, please phone either Jill (612483) or Janice (612340). Our next session will be on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2019**, and we look forward to seeing you there.

**Janice Montague**

## Local Business Profile – BCD (B Chauffeur Driven)

*The magazine is looking to run a series of local business profiles of those based in Harbury, Ladbroke and Deppers Bridge to help with promoting their services. The businesses do not need to be current advertisers in the magazine – although new advertisers are always welcome! If you wish to be considered for a profile, please contact the editorial office in the first instance - details on front page.*



Do you know we have our very own **Chauffeur Service** right here in Harbury? **BCD** are based in Harbury and bookings from residents, as far as possible, are always given priority.

They say history repeats itself. Derek's working life began in South Africa in the early 1970's where he drove the Barclays mobile bank into the remote tribal regions to service their customers' financial requirements.

As technology took a hold Derek found his niche and expertise and began working in IBM where he enjoyed the challenge of keeping abreast with the fast-moving and ever-changing technical world. In 1996 Derek, with his wife and four young children, left Africa to continue working in IBM, Warwick.

In 2003 Derek decided he had 'done his bit' for the corporate world and wanted to pursue one of his great loves which is driving. Having made this decision, he decided he wanted to not only drive but also serve his customers as a chauffeur.

Being ambitious Derek felt there was one more step to make and that was to work for himself.

He became part of a national chauffeur franchise and then in 2009, along with several chauffeur colleagues formed **BCD – B Chauffeur Driven**.

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## Harbury and Bishops Itchington Patient Participation Group

The group met on 14<sup>th</sup> December at Harbury surgery with Drs Wood and Wilkinson, and Asim Arif, Practice Manager.

There was nothing to report on the **proposed new surgery** at Bishops Itchington. No decisions have been made; work is still in progress.

**Staffing:** Dr Sarah Chard started with us in October. There are three new secretaries and one new receptionist. There has been increased practice nurse time to cover for the loss of Mrs Snowden.

**Patient records:** The aim is to see 40% of patients registered online; 16% are at present. Visit the surgery website to register.

**Flu vaccine uptake:** 73% of registered over-65s have received the vaccine at the surgeries this year. 47% of 'at risk' patients were vaccinated; half of pregnant mothers and 62% of children aged 2-3. People with chronic diseases are not always taking up the offer, for many reasons; they may not accept their vulnerability or suspect that the vaccine will affect their condition.

Improved **appointment reminders** by text have led to a slight drop in missed appointments, but there were 121 missed appointments in November, for example. Missing an appointment denies others an opportunity to see a health professional.

A recent national news item highlighted potential risks in combining some so-called **complementary medicines** with conventional medicine. While our Doctors are aware of these treatments, it's up to patients to read the information sheets packed with prescribed medicines, to avoid conflicts.

There will be a revolutionary change to **cervical screening** in February. While the smear test procedure will be the same, samples will be tested for human papilloma virus, a simpler, speedier procedure than before.

**Blood testing** at Warwick Hospital is working well, with few delays.

**Evening surgeries** at Bishops Itchington are seeing 15-20 more patients than before. The surgery sizes are adequate at present, but the service may change with increased numbers.

I will stand down as **chair of the PPG** during 2019. We are looking for a person to undertake this role. I am happy to discuss it with anyone who is a registered patient of our surgeries.

The next meeting will be at Harbury surgery on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> March at 12.30pm.

**John Stringer, PPG Chair. 613214**



# Harbury Bus Timetable from 5<sup>th</sup> January 2019

## BUSES FROM HARBURY TO LEAMINGTON

	665	665	665	665	501	665	665	665
Days	Mon-Fri only	Mon-Sat	Mon-Sat	Mon-Sat	Sat only	Mon-Sat	Mon-Sat	Mon-Sat
Southam Bowling Green	0622		0928	1118	1245	1318	1638	
Harbury Post Office	0639	0741	0945	1135	1302	1335	1655	1810
Leamington Parish Church	0656	0802+	1006	1156		1356	1716	1829
Leamington Upper Parade	0700	0815	1010	1200		1400	1720	1833

	64	64		67C	67C	67C	67C	67C
Days	Fri & Sat only	Fri & Sat only		Sun only	Sun only	Sun only	Sun only	Sun only
Southam Bowling Green	2124	2259						
Upton House					1138	1338	1538	1738
Harbury Post Office	2140	2315		1023	1223	1423	1623	1823
Leamington Parish Church	2203	2338		1048	1248	1448	1648	1848
Leamington Upper Parade	2156	2331		1052	1252	1452	1652	
Cubbington				1113	1313	1513	1713	

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	665	501	665	665	665	665	665	665
Days	Mon-Fri only	Sat only	Mon-Sat	Mon-Sat	Mon-Sat	Mon-Sat	Mon-Sat	Mon-Sat
Leamington Upper Parade	0705	0848	1015	1210	1410	1535*	1730^	1840
Leamington Parish Church	0709	0852	1019	1214	1414	1539	1734	1844
Harbury Gamecock	0728	0910	1038	1233	1433	1558	1755	1905
Southam Bowling Green		0927	1055	1250	1450	1615		1922



## BUSES FROM LEAMINGTON TO HARBURY CONTINUED

	64	64	64	67C	67C	67C	67C	67C
<i>Days</i>	<i>Fri &amp; Sat only</i>	<i>Fri &amp; Sat only</i>	<i>Fri &amp; Sat only</i>	<i>Sun only</i>	<i>Sun only</i>	<i>Sun only</i>	<i>Sun only</i>	<i>Sun only</i>
Cubbington				0915	1115	1315	1515	1715
Leamington Upper Parade	2025	2200	2335	0937	1137	1337	1537	1737
Leamington Parish Church	2028	2203	2338	0941	1141	1341	1541	1741
Harbury Gamecock	2043	2218	2352R	1006	1206	1406	1606	1806
Upton House				1042	1242	1442	1642	1842
Southam Bowling Green	2059	2234	2359					

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**Alan Guy & Andrew Patrick**



### LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

#### **Dear Editors**

*I would like to thank everyone for their support for my coffee morning for the Children's Air Ambulance on 19<sup>th</sup> January. I received many generous gifts of raffle prizes, cakes, produce and bric-a-brac. As a result I was able to send £360 to the charity. A special thank you to my team of helpers.*

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**Sharon Hancock**

#### **Dear Editors**

#### **A New Problem on the Millennium Green, Ladbroke**

*As a responsible dog owner I am perplexed by the increasing habit of people who go to the trouble of 'picking up' after their dog and then decorating surrounding bushes and trees with the full bags. This is starting to happen on the Millennium Green in spite of a convenient dog waste bin.*

*I would appreciate any information regarding the culprits.*

**Alan Lord - Chairman Ladbroke Matters**

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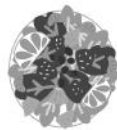


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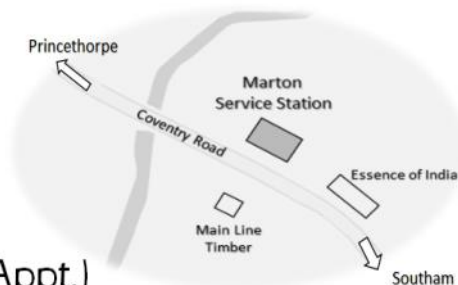
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