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Editorial



Our photo shows Carnival King Archie and Queen Maddison at the head of the procession.

We would like to thank the new organisers for a very successful Carnival Parade and Fete. The Games Week leading up to the Carnival was also well attended and enjoyed by all. We have received a number of photographs of the Carnival and Wheelbarrow Race and we would like to thank Gael Conway, Adrian Giblin, Richard Lapraik and Ken Stephenson for these.

With the school holidays coming up, youngsters are invited to take

part in the Summer Reading Challenge at the Library, the first day will be Saturday 13th July. Stratford-on-Avon District Council is organising a series of holiday activity camps one of which is at Harbury School - details in magazine.

There is a plea for volunteers to take over organising the British Legion Poppy Appeal for Harbury and the local villages. If you think you can help please get in touch – please see the article on page 54.

Finally, we extend our condolences to the families of Gladys Ellen Gurden and May Sheasby.

Harbury Diary

JULY

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| Sat | 6 | Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Harbury Village Show
Harbury Theatre Group Juniors present, The 'X' Factory, 2.30pm and 7.00pm, Village Hall |
| Sun | 7 | THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
Holy Communion (Said Service) 9.00am
Little Saints Pets Service, followed by Breakfast, 10.30am - Tom Hauley Room
Taize Service, 6.00pm |

- Sun 7 Furniture Sale, 11.00am, Village Hall
Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall
- Mon 8 Upholstery Class, 9.15am, Village Hall
Martial Arts, 5.30pm, Village Hall
Harbury PCC Meeting, 7.30pm, Tom Hauley Room
Theatre Group Auditions, 8.00pm, Village Hall
- Tue 9 Pilates, 9.30am, Village Hall
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 10 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park -
Grandborough (3 miles - flat)
Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
Inspire Dance, 4.30pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 11 Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am
Harbury WI, 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room - Filming in Afghanistan -
An Adventure Story - Erika Stevenson
- Sat 13 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid
of Myton Hospice
Coffee and Cake with Harbury Lib Dems, 10.00am - 12 noon,
Harbury Village Library
Summer Reading Challenge run by Harbury Village Library begins
today
- Sun 14 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**
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 15 Martial Arts, 5.30pm, Village Hall
- Tue 16 Pilates, 9.30am, Village Hall
Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Wed 17 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park -
Fenny Compton to Burton Dassett (5 miles - hilly)
School Leavers' Service, 1.30pm, Church
Connections (Dementia) Café, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
Inspire Dance, 4.30pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 18 Holy Communion followed by coffee 9.45am
Jazz Club, 'A night of Jazz Accordion', doors open 7.30pm,
show starts 8.00pm, Village Hall, Tel: 07515 275655 for tickets
- Sat 20 Stagecoach **Special Offer** bus fares start today
Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid
of Harbury Mothers Union
Pizza Evening and Family Disco, 7.00pm, Harbury Village Club
**ADVERTS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE TO 36 MANOR ORCHARD,
HARBURY OR EMAIL ADVERTISING@HLNEWS.CO.UK**
- Sun 21 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**
Holy Communion 8.00am
Saints Alive, All Age Informal Service 10.30am
Evensong, 6.00pm
Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall

- Sun 21 Theatre Group Auditions, 8.00pm, Village Hall
 Mon 22 Martial Arts, 5.30pm, Village Hall
 Harbury PCC Meeting, 7.30pm, Tom Hauley Room
 Tue 23 Pilates, 9.30am, Village Hall
 Holy Communion, 7.30pm
 Julian Meeting, 8.00pm
 Wed 24 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park -
 Frankton - Marton with optional pub lunch (3½ miles - flat)
 Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
 Thurs 25 Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am
 ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY PHARMACY,
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 5.30PM
 Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, Farley Room, Village Hall
 Sat 27 Councillors' Corner Session, 10.00 - 11.00am, Harbury Village
 Library
 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid
 of Southam Bowling Club
 Wednesday Walkers Lunch in Tom Hauley Room, menu orders in
 Church
Sun 28 SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
 Holy Communion, 8.00am
 Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall
 Holy Communion and Children's Church 10.30am
 Mon 29 Martial Arts, 5.30pm, Village Hall
 Tue 30 Pilates, 9.30am, Village Hall
 Holy Communion, 7.30pm
 Wed 31 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park -
 Napton (4 miles - one hill)

AUGUST

- Thurs 1 Holy Communion followed by coffee 9.45am
 Folk Club, 8.00pm, Village Club
 Sat 3 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid
 of Knitwits
Sun 4 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
 Holy Communion (Said Service) 9am
 Celtic Service, 6.00pm
 Heritage Room open 6.30 - 8.30pm in Harbury School
 Tue 6 MeetingPoint Holiday Lunch, 12.30pm, Crown Inn (booking
 required)
 Holy Communion, 7.30pm
 Wed 7 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park -
 Hilltop Farm (4½ miles)
 Thurs 8 Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am
 Sat 10 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid
 of Air Ambulance
 Chesterton Scarecrow Competition
 Sun 11 Chesterton Scarecrow Competition

Refuse Collection Rota

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

From the Rector



All Saints
HARBURY

Gemma Took (Reader)

A Thin Place - a pilgrimage to Iona

In the middle of May, twenty-two people from All Saints, Harbury and St. James, Southam, went to Iona, an island off Mull, which is itself an island, off the coast of Scotland. We called it a pilgrimage, because to get to Iona we took buses, trains, airplanes, cars, and when we arrived at Fionnphort on Mull to cross to Iona, all cars had to be left in the carpark. Only cars with permits, mainly for residents, are allowed on the island.

As we travelled through the west of Scotland, along lochs and through glens, we were overwhelmed by the beauty of Scotland in May, especially the carpets upon carpets of bluebells. We arrived at Fionnphort, the south west of Mull and had our first glimpse of Iona. It was a beautiful sunny day, the water surrounding the island was blue and the island was alive with colour. The weather remained good all week and we all came home with tans!

Iona is a very special place, a thin place. In 563, Columba arrived from Ireland with twelve companions, and set up a community there, growing vegetables, chipping marble from the quarry, (many churches altars boast of Iona) fishing and praying constantly. Iona is about living in harmony with God and the natural world, which defines Celtic Christianity.

The Romans, who brought the Christian Gospel to this far-flung outpost of the Empire, disappeared not long after, leaving this fledgling church to blossom in the midst of what was a pagan culture. The Celtic church recognised the

sacredness of all God's creation. It had a love of mysticism and poetry and many women were among their leaders.

One of the important aspects of the development of Christianity in Britain and Ireland, was, of course, that they were islands. Early Christian leaders, Columba, Aidan, Cuthbert, sought isolation in the wild and desolate places, away from what they saw as the encroachment of the world upon their faith. They wanted to centre their thoughts and their lives totally upon God, to be as close as was spiritually possible to their Creator.

And this is what the twenty-two of us found on Iona, a place of peace, solitude and time just to be. We were away from the distractions and hustle and bustle of modern life. We stayed in Bishop's House, worshipping in its small chapel, every meal prepared for us and our only chore was to clear the tables at the end of each meal.

We spent time together, had a communion service by the sea, went to the Abbey for services, took long walks and all this surrounded by the most beautiful countryside, sea, sheep, and birds, especially the noisy, but very shy, corncrake! On the Wednesday, nearly everyone came on a pilgrimage around the island, stopping and praying and meditating at all the sacred places.

Iona is known as a "thin place" and as George MacLeod, founder of the Iona Community described a thin place as "where only tissue paper separates the material from the spiritual". I can safely say, we all felt a special connection with our spiritual selves and brought it home to Harbury and Southam. It is so good to take time to stop and be. You don't have to be religious, just block out the world for twenty minutes a day. Try it and see!

A Celtic Prayer

Deep peace of the running waves to you.

Deep peace of the flowing air to you.

Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.

Deep peace of the shining stars to you.

Deep peace of the son of peace to you. Amen



From the Churchwardens

Liz & Michael

Thank you to all who helped set up, bake cakes and serve drinks on 9th June at Craig's farewell afternoon tea. It was great that so many people came along including our Messy Church families who joined in the fun - although one little boy complained it wasn't "real Messy Church" but perked up on seeing the strawberries and cream. To that little boy we promise it will be "real" Messy Church on Sunday 14th July.



We presented Craig with the wherewithal to buy a new laptop and to Su a hamper from Fortnum & Mason (see photo – she really liked this!). An olive tree has also been planted in their name in Palestine. A beautiful communion service followed which left us both sad at the parting of our ways and uplifted.

A closing prayer from the service was particularly thoughtful:-

"Almighty God, from whose love nothing can part us,

We thank You for this bread of life.

We are travelers and strangers in the world, like so many of Your people before us.

We trust it is Your voice we hear,

The call of the Spirit,

The cry of the Bird of Heaven.

We offer You our "yes" to risky living.

The sea takes us; where we do not know, but we gladly go. Amen"

And what now? We are blessed to have our team of retired (or not!) ministers - Ann, Bob, Derek and Martin and thank them for their ministry to Harbury

and Ladbrooke. The process to find Craig's successor is proceeding but there is little to report as yet.

All are welcome to our services - don't be a stranger, come and be with us as we worship together.

Please do contact either of us should you have any queries relating to church and if we can't answer we may well know someone who can.

Liz McBride (tel: 612421) and Michael Vincent (tel: 614806).

From the Registers

Baptisms

23rd June Charlie Ray Rendell

Wedding

1st June James Stringer to Jessica Field

Funeral

10th June May Sheasby (95 years)

Gladys Ellen Gurden, a long time resident of Harbury, and more recently living elsewhere, died on 19th June (aged 101). The funeral was held at Oakley Wood on 5th July.



We were captivated by our speaker at our June meeting. Sally James has been a champion player of Real Tennis (the game of King Henry VIII), and simultaneously trained as a BBC newsreader. She described her career, from local events on Westward TV rising to commentary on Prince Charles' first wedding and the Handsworth riots. She then became the first woman sports reporter on BBC breakfast – a controversial appointment at the time – and covered the Seoul Olympic Games.

We were interested to hear whether there was ever conflict between her career and her faith, and she touched on incidents with celebrities which required her discretion. A most interesting lady.

When you read this we shall, (I'm sure), have enjoyed our July outing to Charlecote.

Remember our coffee morning on 20th July, usual help, cakes and raffle prizes please.

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JULY

Sun 7 TRINITY 3

Family Communion followed by refreshments, 10.30am

Wed 10 Table Tennis, 7.30 - 8.30pm, Village Hall

Sat 13 Ladbroke Summer BBQ & band, 7.00pm 'til late, Village Hall

Sun 14 TRINITY 4

Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am

Wed 19 Table Tennis, 7.30 - 8.30pm, Village Hall

Thurs 20 ADVERTS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE TO 36 MANOR ORCHARD,
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Sun 21 TRINITY 5

Holy Communion (BCP), 9.00am

Mon 22 Homegroup, 8.00pm, 2 Hedges Close

Wed 24 Table Tennis, 7.30 - 8.30pm, Village Hall

Thurs 25 ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY PHARMACY,
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5.30PM

Sun 28 TRINITY 6

Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am

Wed 31 Table Tennis, 7.30 - 8.30pm, Village Hall

AUGUST

Sun 4 TRINITY 7

Family Communion followed by refreshments, 10.30am

Mon 5 Pause & Pray, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Church

Tue 6 Photography Club walkabout in Southam

Wed 7 Table Tennis, 7.30 - 8.30pm, Village Hall



Ladbroke Church News

Peter Rigby

On the last day of May, the Village Hall was packed as the church family and friends came together to say thank you to Craig and Su for their last 11 years with us. After a buffet meal we were able to (literally) sing their praises with eight witty verses written by Carol to the tune of All Things Bright and Beautiful, which you can read in full at the end of this article.

The number of people who wanted to come to the event, and their generosity in contributing to our farewell gifts, is testament to the high regard in which Craig and Su have been held by our community. We were able to present them with some new tailor made vestments (which will only fit Craig!), a pair of photo books of the Church beautifully put together by Jackie (one of the

windows and one of the people), a rose for their new garden and a significant amount towards the decorating bill for their new home.



There were more than 70 of us in Church on 9th June for Craig's last Sunday service with us, with bells rung and the choir present to mark the occasion. It was great to have all of Craig's family (Su, Jess, Elliot and not forgetting Gus the dog) with us, to be able to pray for them as they move on and for the Choir to sing

the Gaelic Blessing. By the time this edition is published, Craig will have been licensed to his new ministry as Vicar of St Andrew's Shottery - please remember him in your prayers.

So now we are into "interregnum", as the period between Vicars is called. We will be working with our neighbours at Harbury to create a "Parish Profile" – essentially the job description for our new Priest - and hope to be able to advertise soon. In the meantime, it will, as I wrote last month, be



"business as usual" with all our normal services and activities continuing. Either Rev Anne or Rev Bob will officiate at the majority of the Sunday services; if anyone from the village wishes to arrange a wedding, baptism, funeral or pastoral visit or wants to contact the church for any reason please get in touch with one of the Wardens, Peter Rigby (07711 494245) or Sue Moore (07770 786981) in the first instance.

Many of the Ladbroke congregation went to Shottery on 26th June to see Craig officially take the reigns of his new church. St Andrews was packed and Bishop Christopher led the service which was full of symbolism of the different parts of a C of E minister's role. They had a good sound system and we could hear every word, something we hope that will be the case too now at Ladbroke, though it may take us a few weeks to get used to the microphones. The system has a hearing loop so if you wear a hearing aid please set it to the T setting to get the full benefit.

A song for Craig and Su ... as sung at Ladbroke's farewell party to that well-known hymn tune:

Chorus:

***Su is bright and beautiful
Her smile could light your way.
Craig is wise and wonderful
We'll miss them every day.***

Craig's sermons are so pithy, Discerning right from wrong. The points are made so clearly They don't go on too long.	He cares for all his people He knows us all by name. He's with us when we need him And treats us all the same.
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He once joined Ladbroke Rockers As their invited guest. On guitar and ukulele He's really quite the best.	Su joined the Ladbroke Players She really stole the show. Craig ran the London Marathon And made us lots of dough!
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It's great when they're at functions, Their presence is a treat. They eat the leafy green things But don't give them the meat.	With bride and groom he's gentle He sets the mood just right. He tells them they must work at love To keep romance alight.
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The christenings are lively, Godparents in a row. Craig doesn't even seem to mind it When kids rush to and fro.	Craig says he has to leave us To tend to different folks. But we believe the reason is He's told us all his jokes!
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From the Registers

Baptism

3 rd March	Dillon Thomas Ciampa
5 th May	Geoffrey Charlie Taylor

Thanksgiving for Marriage

10 th April	Thanksgiving for the Marriage of Tony and Anne Poulter
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Marriage

1 st June	Marriage of Oliver Jenkins and Charlotte Pickin
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The June meeting was held on Thursday 6th when we welcomed Anne Marie Lambert to give us a demonstration of chocolate cookery. Anne Marie had had difficulty in finding us due to the road closures in Bishops Itchington and I admired the speed with which she set up the table and was amazingly relaxed and ready to go.

Anne Marie started by giving us her philosophy on cooking which is that cooking does not have to be complicated to taste good. It's all about the confidence to know what tastes good together and mastering basic techniques to make a few staple dishes which can be expanded into something else. She explained that, rather than strictly following recipes, she prefers to see what she has in her cupboards and concoct a dish from that.

She first chose to make 'energy balls' and combined oats, peanut butter and seeds together then used honey to bind it and make into small balls. Some of these were coated with icing sugar, others with cocoa powder, then Anne Marie showed us how we could make chocolate using ingredients we were likely to already have, which were butter, cocoa powder and icing sugar. It did involve a sugar thermometer and a lot of stirring but the result was a lovely glossy mixture which was used to coat the remainder of the energy balls. She also had some heart shaped chocolates which she had made that morning so there were plenty for us to enjoy with our coffee. They were very moreish!

You can find out more about Anne Marie at www.get-cooking.co.uk. You will see that 'Get Cooking!' also offers cooking parties for children and adults, private tuition and community events. Gift vouchers are available and I can guarantee that a fun time would be had at any of the events which Anne Marie was hosting!

During the business meeting which followed, Hazel thanked the members who had contributed to and helped with the coffee morning.

Members of the committee will be attending a workshop to learn more about social media and how to use digital means to improve communications.

Over the past few years the NFWI has been keen to encourage members to try new activities and initiatives, which have included golf and walking netball. The latest is for indoor bowling and the Warwickshire Federation is in partnership with the Bowls Development Alliance (BDA) to run a national bowling programme open to all WI members in England, with the aim of getting more women into bowling. Those who want to take part are put in

touch with a suitable local club and follow a six week fun bowls programme. Dianne is embarking on this course and hopes that others will join her.

Seven members joined the other WIs in the group for the annual meeting at Priors Marston where Paula Cornwall depicted the life of Lady Denman from her early childhood and remained in character while she answered questions.

The next meeting will be held on 4th July when Janet Oakey will talk about life in the Wrens.



Ladbroke Matters

David Wright

The Ladbroke Matters team look after the Village Hall and the Millennium Green. To help with this we organise regular fundraising events so that we can continue to offer both of these facilities for the benefit of our community. We hope to see you at some or all of these.



Saturday 13th July is the date for our **village barbecue** with live music. We are delighted to welcome once again the ever-popular **Above Average Weight Band**, with their magnificent selection of golden oldies (and newies) to get you up on the dance floor. The barbecue will be amazing too! Tickets for this extravaganza are £16 each available from Debs (07779 225105) or Nicky (815196). Doors open at **7pm** and there will be a licensed bar.



Looking further ahead we have a **Village Quiz Night** planned for **Saturday 28th September**. If you fancy yourself as a Mastermind, University Challenger or can beat The Chaser, put this date in your diary now.

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 nicolalewis1958@gmail.com).



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

Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Draw for May 2019

£50	Susan Moore	£50	Jo Rose
£25	Derek and Colette Batty	£25	Sue Lord
£25	Richard Walker	£10	Trevor Jay
£10	Alan Rylance	£10	Paul Taylor
£10	Andy Hay		

Margaret Bosworth



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

Annual Parish Meeting and Extraordinary Meeting - May 2019

An Extraordinary Meeting was held before the Annual Meeting. This was an opportunity for objectors to quiz the Parish Councillors and learn more about the intricacies of the planning process, relating to Gladmans plans to build even more houses off Bush Heath Lane.

Chairman Tim Lockley, gave clear and thorough explanations to residents' questions, on what was relevant in Planning Law. Between 2011 - 2031 our village had to provide 113 houses and we had already built 134. The current development at the Quarries on previously developed land was excluded from our housing total. Before our Neighbourhood Plan (NDP) had been approved we had few tools to fight off unwanted development.

The present application is outside the boundary of the village defined in our approved NDP.

Tim explained Gladmans plans were "Outline" and everything other than the access was "Reserved". This meant the developer would have to put in detailed plans at a later stage.

Gladmans were offering to provide a new Cemetery. There was an average demand for burials of 5-10 a year. Tim explained that land the PC had previously been offered was no longer available. Gladmans approached the PC who asked them to do a public consultation but they only made information available online.

Tim and Cllr Sam Allen went through all the NDP policies relevant to the application, explaining where and why there were reasons to make objections: Beyond our boundary; too few two and three bed houses; not meeting local housing need; too many dwellings per hectare; in the wrong place on the village edge; amateurish highways and transport plans (a fantasy bus to Banbury every 10 minutes!); poor access to the site and narrowness of Bush Heath Lane; not maintaining the rurality of the village; density; housing mix; inadequate flood mitigation and on and on.

We then had the Annual Meeting and the audience melted away:- (shame - wine and nibbles afterwards gave residents and Cllrs a chance to talk about the plans in more detail).

Tim Lockley, praised the work of the Parish Clerk. The Council was trying to replace what the "higher authorities (County and District) could no longer supply. Cllr Gibb explained the struggle to stop speeding through Deppers Bridge and the impossibility of getting the County to take action. Also, he was

trying to get the Stagecoach timings changed and he urged residents to use the online "Fix my Street" site to report potholes.

Sharon Hancock praised Steve Ekins for the playing fields improvements. He too was concerned about the speeding in Deppers and HGVs driving over the railway bridge. He and Cllr Gibb had provided residents with bin stickers warning drivers not to speed.

Cllr Janet Thornley reminded everyone they could bring concerns to Councillors' Corner, in the Library on the last Saturday in the month. Sharon Hancock gave a report on the Library and Café, which since it was taken over by volunteers, was flourishing and financially stable.

Bob Sherman said that following the Energy Initiative Group's (HEI) successful "Low Carbon" event, there would be a second event in Napton and possibly one in Kineton. Tim Lockley praised the group's "Sterling Work" and Bob's miraculous ability to secure Grant Aid! Cllr Gibb thanked HEI for the solar panels now installed on the school roof.

County Councillor Bob Stevens reported the County had lost five of its twelve Senior Officers. Only two of the Counties' Secondary Schools were academies. Southam School needed a new sports Hall. The Police Station site was to be used for housing for OAPs.

Council Tax had increased by 4%, half of that was to fund care for the elderly. He had some grant money to award and Cllr Gibb would like some to reduce speeding in Deppers Bridge! Bob told Cllr Thornley that the Fosse junction traffic lights work would start in September.

27th June 2019 Meeting Report

A depleted Council and a relatively short meeting at which I complained about anti-social parking on the pavement, on the yellow lines and on corners. Interestingly, Councillors have a similar problem with a resident who is refusing to desist from parking on Binswood End Green. They want the Police to "Speed Check" vehicles in Deppers Bridge and to discuss with them the congestion in the village centre and ask advice on how to protect our Greens. They have commissioned signs to be placed on Binswood End Green, but to my great disappointment they decided "no bollards for now!" but are looking into other ways to deal with antisocial parking.

The County Council is to begin repairing the damage done to Bush Heath Lane verges by the recent construction there. The potholes in the road are to be filled in but work will only be on the eastern side as the application for a "Variation" to legalise the changes to plans for Henrys has yet to be approved. Councillors complained that during development, the Harbury sign was removed by one of the developers.

We are in general a very community minded village and recently our care for Harbury, its facilities and its residents, has been recognised with the Queens Award for Volunteering for our volunteer run Library and Biblio's Cafe. Sally Stringer also received a medal from Samois for her work for the Twinning Association.

Andy Rutherford reported that repairs to the cracked tiles on the southern facing roof of the Village Hall were in hand and that there was progress in securing more funding for the Hall.

Our School, which is under financial pressure, recently updated parents on its plans to raise more revenue and cut costs to combat these difficulties. County Councillor Bob Stevens assured Cllrs that Southam College's budget for this year, and next, was secure. He was pleased to have had the opportunity to show the new County Highways Directors his patch.

Only one of the planning applications caused concern: the Appeal on refusal for a dwelling on the frontage of 1 Farm Close. The Chairman reported that not all of the statements in this Appeal were correct and Cllr Allen was deputed to provide Cllrs with a rebuttal of the application.

There was a long discussion about Network Rail's plans to "obliterate" the remainder of the Cutting SSSI, to the east of the Tunnel; not only for the damage to wildlife but also for the chaos this will further inflict on the village, which is already suffering from the HS2 road closures. Councillors will seek adequate road sweeping as this work is likely to be undertaken in the winter. The Chairman was concerned that there were "lots of unanswered questions" and he wanted assurances that there would be mitigation and improvements for the community, including the construction of a pavement to the village from the north-east side of the tunnel.

As to HS2: Deppers Bridge residents were already suffering from the road closures. The Chairman wanted traffic activated signs for Deppers Bridge as an attempt to stop motorists speeding through the settlement and feared that the residents would be forced to take their own action if the County did not heed warnings about road safety. There was no information about when HS2 work there would actually take place, only stock responses from the County. There seemed no co-ordination with HS2 on other road closures planned by County Highways yet the County Council had money from HS2 for mitigation such as Deppers' residents were seeking!

There are knock on effects of these multiple road closures. At present there is increased traffic on Ufton Road and bus services are disrupted. However:- GOOD NEWS! Until further notice there is a special bus offer for Harbury and Bishops - an Adult Return to Leamington of £5 from 20th July and for children it will be £4. For a family of 2 adults and up to 3 children it will cost only £10 return.

Our Parish Council wants a grant from the County for the resurfacing of the Burial Grounds path and had to convince Cllr Stevens that this was public land. There seems to have been no progress on repairs to the chapel itself and the saga of the tap continues. The water butts have been removed and a tap has been installed by the entrance to the Burial Grounds (a long way from more modern graves). However, Severn Trent declares the fixture does not meet its criterion and so demanding a further £140 to connect the tap to the water supply! The "Friends of the Cemetery" group has sadly been disbanded due to a lack of volunteers.

There was long discussion on how to make the vacant very overgrown allotments more attractive to potential new users. Various suggestions were made:- strim off the weeds, get a digger in to remove carpet and other rubbish; but eventually they decided to ask for Michael Mann's advice.

Bits and Pieces

The saga of the Sports Club Licence continues and the Parish Council awaits a new draft from the clubs' solicitor.

The Chairman will talk to Harbury Energy Initiative about providing an electric car charging point at the Village Hall.

Cllr Rutherford has taken on the task of updating the "Community Emergency Plan". The last time we used this was when we took in refugees from the "Easter Floods" in 1998!

Discussion on the suggestions that the PC should be involved in the VE Day 75th Anniversary Celebrations in May next year were postponed until the return of the Vice Chairman.

(I can lend them a WW11 Tin Hat and an authentic A.R.P. whistle!)

Next Meeting: Thursday 25th July, 7.30pm in the Farley Room of the Village Hall

Current Parish Council members contactable via the Parish Office are:

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



Harbury Women's Institute

Mary Thompson

On 10th June 23 members went to the WI group meeting in Priors Marston where we joined other members from the area. The main speaker was Paula Cornwell who took the part of Lady Denman who was very influential in the early days of the English and Welsh WI movement. With a series of questions and answers we learnt a lot about her life - a most enjoyable presentation.

The second speaker was a representative from a Warwick based charity "Safeline" which offers support to children and adults affected by sexual abuse. This charity has been in existence for 25 years and we all found the presentation very moving. We hope to support the charity in the future.

At our meeting on 13th June, the speaker was Helen Plumb who is an internationally renowned gemologist. Helen completed a geology degree and then went to work for BP in Aberdeen. A gemstone enthusiast from an early age Helen qualified as a gemologist. She set up her business in Aberdeen but about three years ago moved to Winchcombe in Gloucestershire where

she runs a shop called "Just Gems" She travels as part of her business but relies on others in countries like Afghanistan. She talked about different gemstones and showed us some trends in modern settings for jewellery. As well as sourcing different gemstones, Helen designs and makes jewellery and remodels jewellery. She also gave us advice on caring for and cleaning gemstones - a most enjoyable talk.

On 20th June twelve members undertook the WI annual litter pick in the village - using equipment loaned from Stratford District Council. They remarked on a reduction in the amount of litter compared with previous years which is brilliant.

The calendar which we entered into a national competition didn't win but was highly commended by the Warwickshire chairman. A copy has been placed in the Library for anyone who is interested.

Our speaker on 11th July is Erika Stevenson who will be talking about "Filming in Afghanistan". Visitors will be very welcome.



Harbury Theatre Group

Andrew Lawrence

Who's up for a pantomime?

Ladies, Gentlemen and Children, I think we all need a good pantomime, don't we? Oh yes we do!

So the Village Hall is booked for "Snow White and the Jealous Queen" on 28th, 29th and 30th November". Having fought off hundreds of people who wanted to direct it (I wish) I've got the job of getting a team together to make this our best show yet. If you're up for getting involved (acting, singing, dancing or helping behind the scenes) please come along to the Village Hall at 8.00pm on Monday 8th July for our first read-through and auditions. There will be some wine and nibbles to get you in the mood. But don't worry if you can't make that date, we'll have another session on Sunday 21st July at 8.00pm. If you'd like to come to one of these sessions please let me know which one by emailing me at Andrew@vividbrush.com or phoning me at 614937. If you want to be involved but can't make either date just let me know that you're interested.



Folk Club

Ted Crum

June 2019

Your scribe remarked during the evening that in fifty years of singing in folk clubs throughout the country, I had never found a club which displayed such a talented and entertaining set of floor singers as Harbury. Thursday night's crop of musical talent produced an evening of laughter, moments of poignancy, and chorus singing of a mighty standard.

The theme was "Whatever makes you happy". Sue and I began proceedings with Sovay (a kind-hearted lady highway robber) and "The Gasman Cometh" from Flanders and Swann. Following us came Rik Middleton who sang the show song "Oh what a beautiful morning" and "Flying down to Rio". Maureen and Janny told us they'd searched the folk annals for a happy song from the female perspective, but found to their consternation that all the girls' songs were about death, lost love, pain and misery! They gave us "Searching for Lambs" and "Cupid's Garden" in their own inimitable style. A welcome return from Bob Clucas brought a cleverly contrived out-of-tune self-penned song about his Dad, followed by his tribute to his favourite football team, Liverpool. What else could it have been but "You'll never walk Alone", which prompted the Harbury Chorus Engine to fire up with a vengeance! Sue followed with a lovely rendition of Pam Ayres' monologue about gardening "Once I get up from me Chair", and we then delighted in a second serving of Flanders and Swann with a mighty "Mud, Mud, Glorious Mud". Norman brought the first half to a fitting end with one of his rib-tickling compositions which included the revelation that one of the happiest moments in life is getting out of bed and realising that nothing is hurting! He finished with James Taylor's "Carolina on my Mind", and we all retired to the bar for much-needed refreshment.

Pete Bones began the second spasm with a song detailing the horrors involved in setting up a band, and was then joined by Liz for a super interpretation of Enda McCabe's glorious "Wind and Tides Permitting". Peter Cooke unleashed the Harbury Chorus Engine with "The Day we Went to Rothesay-o" and a fine version of "Fiddler's Green" accompanying himself on English concertina. Laura took us to America with Eric Bibb's poignant "Shingle by Shingle", followed by "Happy Together", the 1967 hit from the Turtles. Peter McDonald then transported us to New Zealand, from whence Paul Metsers wrote "Play it All Again", his tribute to the legend that is Nic Jones. Back halfway round the world to Trunch in Norfolk, Peter gave us Sid Kipper's lifestyle advice song, "Jam Tomorrow". Next came Poacher's Pocket – Campbell and Colin were joined by Carol Gillespie, and their "Lady came from Baltimore" and "Rolling Home" were a joy to listen to. Don presented a dilemma by stating that the things that made him happy were sad songs. Hmm. He sang Gretchen Peter's "When you are Old" followed by Led Zeppelin's "Rock and Roll" in exemplary style, leaving guitarists in the audience weeping in envy! Peter Mason brought us "Lancashire Lads" and "Going for a Soldier", a medley first put together by Dave Burland and that

man Nic Jones. His second song was the admirable Jez Lowe's "Idle Time". Last came our very own Rumble-o, whose well-orchestrated versions of "Ye Mariners All" and "Row my Bully Boys, Row" brought the evening to a most satisfying conclusion.

Thanks to our lovely audience and musos, our June raffle made £90, which is winging its way to the Warwick Hospital charity fund SWFT. Don't forget next month's theme is "**This land is your land**" and Peter McDonald will be in the chair.



Hereburgh Morris

Celia Neill

Do you listen to Radio 4? Did you hear Harbury and Hereburgh Morris mentioned on Saturday Live on 22nd June 2019?



In June last year when dancing in Evesham, Hereburgh met another Morris group from East Kent. They greatly admired our hats which we had made ourselves with the help of one of our retired members.

The suggestion was made that they came to Harbury, did some dancing and had a hat-making workshop.

Left: Hereburgh dancing at Evesham Morris Weekend

The weekend was a great success. One day was spent teaching each other new dances and a second day hat making. One of the Kent members had contacted Saturday Live in connection with a programme about hat making, concerning their weekend here and Morris dancing. The programme had a phone interview live from Evesham where, a year later, they were dancing again, as were Hereburgh.

She spoke in glowing terms about their weekend here in March.

It was a surprise to us as we had no idea it was happening!



East Kent Morris making their hats



Hereburgh Hats

If you want to find out more about the many activities of Hereburgh Morris or would like to have a try please do contact us. New members always welcome.

info@hereburghmorris.org.uk



Harbury Twinning Association

Tony Thomas

On Friday 7th June we welcomed our twinning friends from Samois-sur-Seine for a festive weekend which commenced with a Pimms and nibbles reception in the Tom Hauley Room before our visitors left with their host families.

Saturday started off wet but this not deter our French friends who joined our members in the village Carnival parade. Our theme was the Tour de France for which we received a first prize. (see photograph below)



Despite the cold wet weather our French friends enjoyed the adventure as is reflected in their broad smiles.

On Saturday evening we embarked on a Safari Supper. Congratulations to Sally Stringer and Sharon Hancock who managed to arrange for 80 people to be divided up into various sized groups to move around the village from house to house without losing anyone.

On Sunday the sun shone and off we went to Stratford for a back stage tour of the Royal Shakespeare Theatre. This tour takes about an hour, and to see how the theatre works is fascinating. If you have an opportunity to make this tour, take it. Some of the host families then took their guests on a sightseeing tour of Stratford.

Sunday evening was our gala evening with an excellent meal provided by the local caterers “*The Smiley Chef*” and entertainment by the “*Ben Holder Jazz Trio*”.

During the evening speeches were made by Richard Marshall-Hardy, Chairman of the Harbury Twinning Association, Sylvain Jerome, President of the Samois-sur-Seine Twinning Association and by Monsieur Didier Maus, Mayor of Samois-sur-Seine who was visiting Harbury with his wife for the first time. All three, during their speech, said that, irrespective of current European politics, we will remain close friends.

Gifts were exchanged; Harbury Association members received a beautiful collection of photographs showing scenes around the Seine-et-Marne, the area in which Samois-sur-Seine is located. In return the visitors were given Harbury honeycomb made by John Stringer’s bees. The President and Mayor were also presented with copies of the Harbury World War 1 Memorial Trail booklet which had been produced by the Harbury Parish Council as part of their 2017 Blue Plaque Project.

Monsieur Didier Maus, Mayor of Samois-sur-Seine then presented Sally Stringer with the medal of Samois-sur Seine (see below) for her efforts as liaison secretary over many years.

The very enjoyable visit ended too soon and at 8.00am on Monday morning our visitors departed for home.

Again we will be celebrating Bastille Day on Sunday 14th July when Sally and John Stringer will be hosting a garden party for Twinning Association Members at their home in Mill Street.





Harbury Heritage Room

Bill Timson

THEN & NOW

This month's article in the series is slightly different in that there are **three** photographs to look at. The one below shows Mill Street looking East towards the village centre at the start of the 20th Century.



The most dominant building, on the left hand side, is the Primitive Methodist Chapel, opened in 1852 by Henry Yeates. It cost £143 to build. The chapel closed in 1933 and was converted into a house.

The same view, looking up Mill Street toward the centre of the village was taken about 1968 (overleaf). The cottage next to the chapel was being demolished to make way for three new detached houses to be built by Court's Builders. It looks as though the price to buy one was £8,250! The houses on the right were built on the land of Manor Farm in the late 1960's.

Finally, the view today is little changed some 50 years on. The terraced cottages on the right about half way up are still there and in the far distance is the Shakespeare Public House. Once again, cars are a dominant feature of the landscape.



We have changed the displays in the Heritage Room and the current topic is 'Village Events'. Come and have a look at past photographs of The Carnival, The Wheelbarrow Race, Bonfire Night and Carnival Kings and Queens. You might well be featured!

Visit our website, harburyheritage.org.uk to view the catalogue and then come to the Heritage Room based in the Primary School. Open to the public on the first Tuesday in the month from 6.30pm. We welcome visitors from near and far.

You are welcome to visit at a more convenient time by emailing 'harburyheritage@gmail.com' and letting us know your preferred date/time.



Harbury Heritage KIDS' CORNER

First of all, let's congratulate Hannah for winning last month's competition. Hannah is off to Harbury Supermarket to buy lots of sweets with her prize voucher!

It was the Carnival last month. The weather wasn't brilliant but if you went I hope you had a great time. The Carnival is one of Harbury's annual events and has been running for over 40 years!

In this month's competition all you have to do is complete the word search and **tell me which word or phrase is missing**. Email the answer by **31st July** to:

harburyheritage@gmail.com

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ROLLAPENNY
TOMBOLA

Don't forget to include your name and age with your answer and make sure you have permission from a parent / carer to do this.

Age limit is 11 years old and under. GOOD LUCK! There will be a prize for the winner!



The March of Destiny

There is a tide of humanity marching on Westminster, on corporate business, on banks and global organisations. Where once it was the stalwarts of Friends of the Earth or Greenpeace confronting and biting at the heels of decision makers, now it is a mass demonstration of enormous size and all ages on the streets, on social media, in traditional media and across the globe. The crisis may be deepening with each year but the pace of beneficial change is also quickening. It is predicted that this year the UK will generate more than half its energy from renewables. Just 10 years ago the figure was tiny. We have a long way to go yet and already there are consequences for our reluctance and tardiness but things are changing.

The March of Harbury

The contribution from Harbury residents to addressing the climate and environment emergency may be insignificant in global terms but it matters when added to all the other efforts at every level. Changing old personal climate-damaging habits is hard and unwelcome but it can make as great a contribution as other more gadget-oriented solutions. You might argue that while China continues to build coal-fired power stations and some EU countries are trying to block the move away from fossil fuels, it has little effect to boil less water in the kettle or buy a bamboo toothbrush but, aggregated, small changes make a big difference. We can see really positive actions in the village in such changes as zero waste products and organic wines in our shop, an active War on Waste site, local foods and products in our Pop-Up Market ... and the fact that quite a lot of people actually sought HEI out at the windswept Carnival to talk to us. Lucky the wind didn't pull us out of our boots like our poor twisted gazebo!

Four of us set up a stall for HEI and Harbury e-Wheels at the very recent Stratford Climate Action Day. Thirty six stallholders attracted a constant garrulous stream of people eager to learn and interact. For us it was a perfect opportunity to talk to individuals and other groups about our idea of a climate and environment action hub or network. The next phase of this is about to happen (and will have, when you read this) at Napton Village Hall, at which we hope to get a better idea of whether such a network is wanted and what it might do. I am assuming that you will be keen to know all about it next month...maybe you were there.

In the meantime, we continue to support our community buildings. I have just submitted a bid for the Pre-School to cover the cost of installing LED lighting throughout. On the list are also the church, Tom Hauley Room and Scout Hut.

Eco-gizmos

Gizmos, gadgets and great innovations are a magnet for HEI Steering Group member, Ted Dowdeswell. He scours the stalls at his selected events for the intriguing, the inventive and, sometimes, the slightly bizarre. Here are some of his latest finds:

- **Bio-bean Coffee logs** - Fuel from recycled coffee grounds. You would need to drink 25 cups of coffee to make one log yourself. Probably best to buy them. These come from used coffee grounds collected from cafes, businesses and other places where a lot of coffee is drunk. 16 logs cost £7.99.
- **Pyroclassic fires** - Super efficient wood stoves from New Zealand. These stoves burn so hot that they can heat space and water and be used for cooking. They burn so efficiently that there is no ash and no pan to empty. A fairly similar price to traditional high quality wood stoves.
- **Electric classic cars** - a company that adds a modern twist to the retro car. Classic cars can be refitted with electric motors, removing that endearing but toxic stench of leaking fuel, exhaust and burning oil - and cutting running costs.

Webbed fingers

Are there any IT enthusiasts out there who could help us keep our website active and up to date. I am a bit rubbish at it and tend to find other things to do when I should be updating it. If you can help, do please contact me.



Things have been busy at Harbury Scouts. We continue to run at capacity with 25 Scouts and have managed a packed programme, both on our regular Thursday evening sessions and with various weekend activities.

We had a weekend at the Ravenstor Youth Hostel in February, where we were able to get out into the Peak District countryside to test our hiking navigation skills and to let off steam with wide games. We stopped at Waterworld swimming complex en-route home, where the Scouts enjoyed the slides and flumes, and managed to come out a lot cleaner than they went in!

More recently we hiked to Ufton to see the new-born lambs, we have been fettling our go-karts, cooking over open fires (of course), we've made potato powered digital clocks and have helped Earthworms with various jobs in the grounds at Harbury school.

We held our main summer camp at the end of May and this year was a first as we were accompanied by the newly formed Harbury Explorer Scout group.

One of our Scouts Charlie K has written a few paragraphs describing what we got up to, over to you Charlie:

Scout Camp, Fell-End, Lake District: On Saturday 25th May we arrived at the scout hut for 8am and we all got on the minibus to start the long drive to the Lake District. On our journey we would talk, play cards and have singalongs. When we got close we stopped outside the gates and started to play games whilst waiting for the other minibus to arrive.

When we got to the campsite, we unloaded all our bags and equipment. We chose our spots for our tents and put them up in patrols. That night we had burgers for dinner then played capture the flag with the explorers then had a camp fire then went to bed.

The next day we woke up and had our cooked breakfast. We got into the gear we were going to get wet in, got in to the minibus and drove to Windemere. Here we split into teams and were given our canoes. We tied them in pairs and set out on the water. We had a lot of fun playing games.



On Monday we got up early, packed our lunches and started our 11 mile hike to Coniston. We stopped at a tarn where we had our lunches and a swim then we then kept walking. When we arrived at Coniston we went to the shops and bought sweets and biscuits. As a reward we also got ice creams from the leaders.

The next day we got up and got ready for gorge-scrambling in the Langdale valley. We drove for about 45 minutes and arrived at Dungeon Ghyll, where we first had our pack-lunches. We got put in two groups, put on our waterproof gear and started our ascent. We did a lot of cool challenges on our way to the top.

After we got back to camp we found that the Explorers had finished the zipwire so we all had goes on the zipwire throughout the evening.

The next morning, we packed up, we got the tents down and picked up any litter. We played the egg game (we have eggs and throw them at our partner, the last person's egg to crack wins). We then set off and played a lot of cards, we got back at about 9pm. We got all the stuff back in the store cupboard and went home.



Harbury Football Club

Oliver Thurogood

Season Report:

The re-formed Harbury FC enjoyed a fantastic debut season in the Leamington and District League, finishing second in Division Three.

With a complete new squad we started pre-season with an 8-1 victory over Warwick Boar. Another victory against Hampton Magna followed and then a tough test and our first defeat against Division One side, Leamington Hibs.

Our league season started with a 0-4 loss against Liberal Club. We then won the next two games before drawing 2-2 against Bishop's Tachbrook.

We would go on to win five league games in a row but sadly went out of the cup competitions; losing to Chadwick End and twice to Leam Hibs 3-2 and 5-1.

A fantastic game followed the 5-1 defeat, drawing once again with Bishop's Tachbrook 5-5. After a very poor start and being 4-1 down at half time we went in front on the 60th minute only for it to be cancelled out five minutes later. We would be one of just two teams to take points off Tachbrook in the league and the only side not to lose to them throughout the season.

We then lost 6-2 against VTS Warwick but beat them in the return fixture 5-3. Another victory followed but the long season was showing. We played Liberal Club with no subs and four players carrying injuries. We finished the game with just eight players on the pitch and suffered a 4-1 defeat.

The last game of the season gave us our first clean sheet following a goalless draw against Castle Rangers.

Overall, a fantastic debut season; finishing runners-up to Bishop's Tachbrook.

Next season we will be moving to Saturday football and playing in the Coventry Alliance Saturday League. We have been also been able to change the name back to Harbury Albion.

Special thanks for all your support and to our sponsors The Door Store, also to the Village Hall and the Parish Council.

Hopefully we will see a few extra supporters present next season.



Harbury Tennis Club

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

June hasn't been a complete washout but our Open Morning on Carnival Day had to be abandoned due to the torrential rain. However, we were open for the Carnival in the afternoon when the rain stopped and we were able to attract a few hardy visitors! The next event was our Strawberry Tournament, designed to get everyone in the mood for Wimbledon! Organiser Peter Walshe did his usual great job and here is his report:

"What do strawberries, youth and mist have in common? The answer is Harbury Tennis Club. Following torrential rain, a cool evening that degenerated into a murky (floodlights on from 7.00pm!), misty one welcomed a big turnout of players for the annual Strawberry Tournament.

Last minute alteration to the pairs was necessary as extra players turned up (warmly welcomed) and play got under way utilising the 'decision point' for deuces, made so popular by Andy Murray at the recent Queen's Club Championship. A great many 'decision points' were played as the pairs were extremely evenly matched (with one exception – see later).

We were pleased to have some first-time tournament participants from newer members Emma Brangwin, Louise Roberts, Geoff Piper and James Edge. Unfortunately they all narrowly missed getting to the finals.

The mist was really thickening and most of the strawberries had been eaten when Rob Stockdale and David Bristow took on Josh Marshall and Tom Robson in the final. Rob and David (average age 67) versus Josh and Tom (average age 18)....

When you look back at the results, Josh and Tom won every qualifying game 4-0. The tournament director decided that they needed to win the final by 4-0 as well to even up the odds. And, of course, they did!

Which is why Harbury Tennis Club is the connection between mist, strawberries and youth."



Despite the weather we've only had one fixture postponed, and it's been a very successful month winning all five matches played! In the Banbury Summer Weekend League, Kings Sutton came to Harbury and were no match for Caroline Morland, Clare Callaghan, Neil Brown and Colin Mercer who romped to an 8-0 success. Off to Byfield next, where Caroline and Neil were joined by Eira Owen and Nigel Eaton. This featured a marathon in the men's doubles with Nigel and Neil eventually winning 7-5, 7-6, helping Harbury to a 6-2 win. It was all change for the next match with Helen Cooper, Karen and David Bristow, and Joe Robson taking on Towcester and securing a third successive win, this time by 8-0, to take Harbury to the top of the league.

In the Rugby & District Mixed Summer League, Harbury secured its first success with Caroline Morland, Eira Owen, Steve Stark and Nigel Eaton getting an excellent 7-1 home win over LMRCA Rugby. Clifton were the next visitors when Caroline and Steve were joined by Jane Minchin and Ben Fish, who secured a 6-2 win to move Harbury into 4th place in the league.

Our Summer 2019 coaching programme, delivered by coolsportz coaches is going well and for Juniors caters for ages 4 to 16 years. Rob West runs sessions on Thursdays and Elizabeth Holding on Mondays. There are also sessions for adults on Monday and Thursday evenings and a Ladies' group on Friday mornings. All sessions are open to members and non-members (small surcharge applies) and coolsportz offer a free introductory session. For more details please contact Lianne Candappa, lianne@coolsportz.co.uk or phone/text her on 07919 104093.





Harbury Pre-School

Staff & Committee

Carnival float: What a super day we all had at Harbury Carnival and none of it would have been possible without our wonderful Pre-School children who looked simply amazing on our float. We had aliens, rockets, astronauts and robots, planets and the Solar System to name a few! The children did their parents and the Pre-School staff proud as they rode on the float or walked alongside with their parents, full of enthusiasm and smiles.



We are all extremely proud and delighted to have received a first-place certificate for our 'To Pre-School and Beyond' float which was decorated with all the lovely space-themed artwork which the children have been busy creating over the last few months at Pre-School. Well done to everyone who played a part in making the day so enjoyable!

A Huge Thank you!: On behalf of Harbury Pre-School staff and Committee, we would like to express our sincere thanks to the following organisations and individuals for their support with the Carnival. In no particular order: Andrew Moore and Sophie Broome for housing the trailer, driving the tractor, helping set up and dismantle the float, and for putting a cover over the children so they didn't get wet.



Thank you to Karena Ellis-Greenway for the barbecue food; Jeff Foster for being our delivery driver and lending us the van to transport the BBQs and freezer; the Rugby Club for lending us a BBQ and trays, Tesco's, Asda and Morrison's for their kind donations for the BBQ and the Hadley family for lending us the trailer.

Thank you also to Kate Holliday, Simon Holliday and Kathryn Prance for their additional organisation, Martha and Lucie Kilbey for making the float sign and last but not least, all the parents, grandparents and carers who helped decorate the float, helped with the BBQ and provided amazing costumes for their children. None of this would have been possible without your support.

Understanding the World: One of the key areas of the EYFS is 'understanding the world' and this term the children have had many practical opportunities to increase their learning.

Five baby caterpillars arrived at Pre-School last week and the children have been excited to watch them grow bigger day by day.

The children have been making predictions as to what they think will happen to the caterpillars and how long the process will take. We have been reading the story of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' to support our learning.

By the time this article is published, the caterpillars will have hopefully emerged as butterflies or at least have formed five cocoons. Watch this space...!



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



Harbury Primary School

Harbury School Future Funding - June 2019

Parents invited to the School heard Chris Gibb, Chair of Governors and Head, Kate Guymer reveal the changes needed to help the school deal with new financial challenges.

The Head thanked parents for working with the School PTA to raise money and explained the latest staff changes, with two new teachers joining in September. She noted a recent drop in children's attendance, and appealed to parents to do everything possible to keep school attendance high.

Chris Gibb explained the complexity of School oversight by the County and Church with nine Governors, some elected by parents, a “Foundation Governor” appointed by the Church and others appointed from the community. He stressed none received remuneration or expenses. He praised the parents and PTA for their physical and financial efforts to improve the school facilities.

Costs are increasing as income decreases. The school has an income of about £850K, almost entirely from the national formula of payment per pupil. By 2021 they will face a deficit of £120K, yet had to “balance the budget” or face the County Council taking over control of the school. Governors had to raise more money and/or reduce costs. Taking over the privately run Kids Club would bring in an extra £15K a year. Chris said the transfer of the business was now formally underway, and could not comment on specific details. However, he outlined the usual manner of a business activity transfer under TUPE, protecting employees’ rights, and said the governors were committed to following these rules.

The school was not full. Chris was hopeful more pupils would come as the Quarries “Bishops Hill” development was built, as this was in the catchment area. By 2021 increasing the size of some classes would earn the School an additional £63K a year. The total number of children at the school would need to increase from 198 today to 226 in 2021. That still meant reducing annual budgets for supply teachers by £16K; teaching assistants by £5K; and the general budget by £9K. The school’s solar panels were saving the school up to £5K a year.

Potentially, further money from the County Council via S106 “Infrastructure Levy” paid by developers would fund structural changes to accommodate these places. The Head stressed that S106 money was for increasing the physical capacity of the school. It was frustrating it could not currently be used for staffing but might pay for new computers.

Chris said primary schools were setting up their own Multi Academy Trusts which meant they could share specialist teachers that individual schools could not afford, and meet new curriculum demands. All Warwickshire Secondary Schools were now Academies. The Governors had to be financially responsible and open to possibilities. The governors were considering several options for joining academies in the future.

Tim Lockley, Parish Council Chairman, and parent, explained that the Council could not “plug” the budget gap. But it may be able to provide money for the playground and make sure that developer “contributions” were ring-fenced for the school and did not go to the County Council.

A selection of questions from the Parents:

“Can the School increase its “Catchment Area”? ”

Answer: County Council says there are enough places “in the local area” including two brand new primary schools at Warwick Gates; an area from where Harbury School had previously received a few children most years in the past.

"Parents driving to work near Harbury may value being able use our school".

Classes 1 and 2 can't have more than 30 pupils but from 2020 Key Stage 2 classes would be able to take more children. However, the School could not afford a new teacher to start a new class for only a few pupils, but money from the new developments might be used to pay for that in the future.

"What happens to provision for children with special needs if teacher budget reduces?"

Head: If class sizes do not increase the school could not afford the teaching assistants.

"Why not ask parents for more money?"

Chris: If parents make more use of the After School Club that would bring in more revenue.

"For parents, what will the costs be of the After School Club? Will they remain the same?"

"What will it cost parents. Is expensive now"

"Will the children be treated in the same way?"

Head: No decision yet. The School will run it. May be able to use whole of school building.

Chris: Aspire to have a smooth transition and then further develop it. School would like it to charge the same as at present.

"The Kids Club is a massive selling point for the School"

Chris: Potentially it would be able to use all the School premises – so fabulous facilities which could also be used by the community. Everyone in the village has some link to the school.

"What would be the timeframe be for becoming an Academy Trust?"

Chris: It would only be done if it were right for the children and the staff. Money is not the primary factor. We would want a smooth transition – between 12 to 18 months and would not want to be part of an existing Academy but be in at the beginning and help to frame the rules.

"Multi Academy Trust but only if good for the children and the staff and the financial benefits sufficient."

Chris: Would have to decide whether a Trust or the County offered the best outcome. The County now does not have the staff to give the help to schools that it gave in the past. At least we are not now being forced to join a Trust, but that could change if government policy changes.

Head: Many Trusts are less "sparkling" now.



Festal 2019



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“Why can’t we join the Southam Trust?”

Chris: We were interested in that Trust but the Church would not agree as it was not a **Church** Trust. The Church has a lot of say in what we can do. They own our buildings. The County owns the playing field! We fought to make sure the Southam catchment area did not change so we are still in it.

“Which teacher will teach which class from September?

Head: That will be known before 26th June.

Chris: The appointment of teachers to specific classes is the Head’s responsibility.

“What will the effects of cuts have on the Staff?

Head: Our turnover was much the same as elsewhere but has increased, as is seen elsewhere. We have to motivate and keep our best teachers. For all teachers marking is a massive task. School reports have to be written but their length has been reduced.

Chris: We put lots of effort into recruitment – in town schools there is greater “ancillary” help – it’s not like that in a village school, a teacher has to be flexible and do everything. The staff welfare and workload is a key concern to governors.

“Only two teachers have been here for 10 years. There is not continuity for the children”

Head: Actually four teaching staff have been here for 10 years.

Chris: We have changed the recruitment process and we do exit talks with teachers. All the parents have a role in their feedback. It is appreciated when parents say thanks or you are doing a good job. Teachers have to have resilience and be willing to do the little extra things. Prospective teachers have been given a tour of the school by the pupils. Some knew the names of the children at the end of the tour and others did not engage with them!”

“What support is there for newly qualified teachers as it is important to help bed them in.”

They will have mentors – someone to plan with and training events. They will be matched with an experienced teacher and they get time off to plan lessons.

Chris Gibb thanked the parents for coming and sharing their views. He said that a follow up meeting is planned for 18th July.

Linda Ridgley

Further to the report above, we write to share the latest news with readers

The school has recently issued a survey to all parents asking about their needs from the new “Before & After School Club” that the school will be running from 3rd September.

As I said at the meeting on 4th June, we are grateful to Lynn Hill for the Kids Club that she has run for the last two decades, which will finish on 31st August, 2019.

Dear Harbury School parent,

From Tuesday, 3rd September, 2019 Harbury School will be directly providing a “Before & After School Club” (referred to as “the Club” in this document), and we are writing to you to ask you what you want from the Club. Please take a few minutes to complete the questionnaire, regardless of whether your children will be at the school on 3rd September or not, or whether you are considering “Before & After School Club”, as we value all parents’ views. If you have more than one child at the school the survey will expect you to complete some sections twice/three times; once for each child, as they may have different needs.

The background to this was explained at the parents’ meetings on 4th and 5th June.

The survey will be completely confidential and neither the governors nor staff of the school will know which parent has said what in the survey. We will present a summary of the outcome of the research at the parents’ meeting at 6.30pm on Thursday, 18th July, when we will outline further details of our plans and answer questions. We will invite you to sign up for places as soon as possible.

The survey will be available until 11pm on Tuesday, 2nd July.

**Chris Gibb, Chair of Governors
Kate Guymer, Headteacher**



June has been a busy month with lots of fundraising activities for the school. Lindsey did a fabulous job with arranging the Fathers Day Shop - over 100 dads and grandads in the village received hand chosen presents, from Dinosaur socks, to glasses cases, to mugs, the money raised will buy another iPad for the school.

The PTA turned out in force for the Carnival stall (Georgie face and nail painting, Leanna on cakes, Fiona, Clare, Vicky, Lindsey, David, Clare, Susie and Sue on the stall - it was that busy!), I had to find my ski jacket from the back of the wardrobe to combat the wind and rain at 10am, but in true Harbury style, the sun shone in the afternoon, and well done to the Carnival committee for putting together a fabulous event.

We had many entries to win the 6ft Unicorn and jar of sweets, the lucky winners were Ruben Edwards who guessed one off the total of 159 (Wendy, you weren't even close with a guess of 3 million) and Dillon Richards who won the Unicorn. In total we raised just over £300, that's almost a computer!

On Sunday 30th is our big summer fundraiser, the first Harbury Fun/Skip/Walk, we hope to see everyone there, and will report in full next month.



Harbury Village Library & Biblio's Café

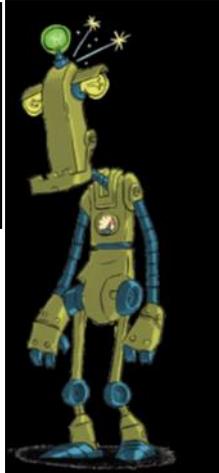
Janice Montague

The big news for us last month was that we had all been awarded the Queen's Award for Volunteers (more details from our Chair appear below this article). It was a great pleasure to know that the hard work and commitment of our volunteers has been recognised in this way.



Summer holidays are coming, so that means it is time for the annual Summer Reading Challenge. This year the theme is Space, to recognise that this is the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing. All that primary school aged children have to do is sign up in the Library and read any six books over the course of the summer holidays in order to receive stickers, puzzles and finally a medal on completion of the Challenge. The first day will be **Saturday 13th July**, so come along then

to join in the treasure hunt and receive your starter pack. Lots of online and other activities are available too throughout the summer - you can join in the fun at any time!



During the summer holidays, Biblio's café opens later, at 10 am through until 12 on Wednesdays to Saturdays, and the Library is open as usual from 9am-5pm every weekday and 10am-12 noon on Saturday.

Looking ahead, we are planning a series of events to take place during the Autumn - for further details please see the separate article on page 41.

If you would like to join our award winning team of volunteers, please contact us at one of the options below.

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August Edition - Harbury & Ladbroke News

Adverts to: 36 Manor Orchard, Harbury or e-mail to advertising@hlnews.co.uk by 20th July

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Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

Everyone involved with Harbury Library and Biblio's Café are absolutely delighted to have been honoured with the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. This is the highest award given to local volunteer groups across the UK and is the equivalent of an MBE. The Award was announced in the London Gazette on 2nd June. As part of the award, our first Chairman and key figure in getting the project off the ground, Tim Lockley, was invited to a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace which he attended with his wife Jo.

A very large number of people contribute their time and energy to the Library and to Biblio's. They issue the books, make the coffee, bake the cakes, tend the garden, wash the dishes, and many other tasks to make our Village Library and Biblio's Café the special place that it is in our community.

The Award itself will be presented at a date to be arranged by the Lord Lieutenant of Warwickshire Mr Timothy Cox.

Sharon Hancock (Chairman)



Announcement: Harbury Village Library Events

This Autumn the Library will be presenting and supporting a variety of events with a difference as well as being available as a community space (when Biblio's Café is not open).

Here are some of the ideas:

Creative Sessions: Storytelling, Book Club, Board & Card Games, Writing, Poetry, Music Appreciation, Film Group, Photography.

Skills Training/Personal Development: The Library is a source of knowledge with computer availability. Building on this 'Centre of Learning' there are plans, depending on popularity and demand, to offer Presentation Skills, Assertiveness, Simple Accounting, Basic Computer Skills (Word, Powerpoint and Excel), Public Speaking/Debating, Language Conversation (such as French, German, Spanish), Update on current consumer law, Family History guide (free access to Library Ancestry computer app).

Small Groups/Individual usage: Some people might wish to use the space for a meeting or a group activity just with their friends. Many of these might currently use the space during Biblio's opening times already, or go to one of the pubs. But the Library space is another option (free whilst the Library is open – and a modest charge when not). There are tea/coffee making facilities when Biblio's is closed.

Fund Raising Events/Evening Sessions: By demand, the third Murder Mystery (written again by John and Rob Stringer) will be a highlight of our Autumn offering. A new event will be Your Desert Island Choice Night... Watch this space.

If you would like to suggest an event, run one or book the Library for your own private session please contact events@harburyvillagelibrary.org.uk or text/call Peter Walshe on 07446 779879. These are the potential available times (you can check on <http://www.harburyvillagelibrary.org.uk/calendar>):

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Monday	Library School Groups	Library Free	Free
Tuesday	Library Free	Library Free	Free
Wednesday	Library Biblio's	Library Free	Free
Thursday	Library Biblio's Tunes & Tales	Library Free	Free
Friday	Library Biblio's	Library Free	Free
Saturday	Library Biblio's	Free	Free

Harbury Library: A place for all. A space for fun and learning. Your Library.

Peter Walshe



Another month has flown by and a busy one too. The charity quiz evening held on 25th May was a great success. Not many teams but it was a bank holiday weekend and all who took part enjoyed it so much that another one was requested. Pleased to comply with that request and I will arrange another one for September. The proceeds from the raffle, team entrants and donations came to £150 and I was pleased to present this amount to the Pre-School.

The club was extremely busy at the wheelbarrow race as it decided to rain prior to the event. It was so lovely to see families inside the club and it was buzzing. The pizzas too were enjoyed by many and they were absolutely delicious. I am full of admiration for the participants who got round the course in record times - they deserved their pints! The various committees, and groups have enjoyed our hospitality too.

The ladies who play darts on a Wednesday evening have given us another donation of £100. This is so generous and thank you doesn't seem adequate. It is so nice that everyone who plays darts has a good time. We have also been given £25 from the cyclists who visited us in May. You will be pleased to

know that your donations and others given to us are being put to good use. A baby changing facility is now installed in the disabled toilet. The hanging baskets were also bought from donations. I will be changing over the plants in the pots along the wall shortly and these too will be purchased from donations. Do come along and see the results as it is no mean task doing the planting and the watering.

The last committee meeting was again a lively evening. Various matters were discussed including future promotions; a firm decision not made but we hope to have something in place shortly for our members. All agreed that after a request from the Air Ambulance we would have a charity collection point located on the drive for clothing. Such a wonderful charity and we are pleased to offer any help. The lighting over the pool table was a matter of concern and this will be addressed in the very near future. Routine matters such as repairs to the roof were talked about and I will be arranging quotes for this shortly as it must be a priority to prevent further leaks. I will also be getting quotes for new signage at the entrance to the club and on the wall outside the snooker room to be more welcoming. Discussions are still taking place re centenary celebrations and the OAP Xmas party. We will make definite decisions very soon but we do need a sub committee so if you are full of ideas don't be shy just let us know. We approved one new booking and three new members. So, another successful meeting and a big thank you for everyone's contributions. The next committee meeting will be on Monday 15th July so if you do have any concerns you wish to be addressed please contact any committee member. We are all here to represent our very loyal members.

Dates for your diaries (well I still use a diary!): we will be having a pizza evening on Saturday 20th July and holding a family disco. So lots of reasons to come to the club on that date. The start of the school holidays too. Why not order your pizza from the green horse box in the car park, come inside and enjoy a drink and, if you have family members with you, enjoy the disco. Any profits from the raffle etc will be for the Guide Dogs, another very worthy charity. Steph and her husband were delighted with the response at the wheelbarrow race for their pizzas and I can recommend the duck with sauce very highly. On 10th August we will be holding our annual family bingo when we welcome non-members and families to the club. The Easter one was a great success so we will have a lot to live up to. We will also be much more active on our Harbury Club Facebook page, so please take a few moments to catch up with events etc. You see we are responding to everyone who has enquired about these methods.

Again, a quick reminder that the hire of our concert room is completely free and many of the extra visitors who used this room during the wheelbarrow race were not aware of this facility. Do come along and see what we have to offer. We are looking for extra help behind the bar and if you are interested please contact me and I can let you have more details etc.

Let us hope for a bumper couple of months. Why not come at a weekend and sit outside, enjoy the fresh air, lovely flowers, lots of bees and many games available to play. I look forward to seeing everyone during next few weeks and, once again, how good it is to stop and talk to you all and receive nice comments too.



Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery

Christine Dakin

Last year I had a bad batch of peat-free compost. Plants were not growing well and some were dying. The rep came and took some samples to test and the results showed there was an error in the mix and I was compensated. Since then I have heard of various examples of poor results using a range of composts. If any of you have found plastic or glass in some compost you've bought or have had plants or seeds which didn't grow properly I would like to hear about it.

Next year all retail compost will be peat-free although it will be another ten years before commercial growers have to use it. It's curious that I have never had any customers ask if I use peat based or peat-free material. There is much publicity to do with being environmentally friendly when gardening but I'm not sure how many people are applying it in their gardens.

Reminders for the month.....dead-head roses.....prune early summer flowering shrubs after they've finished flowering.....some of the prunings can be used for cuttings (I put 10 round the edge of a 9cm pot having first removed the lower leaves, water and keep out of strong sunlight).....sow seeds of biennials such as sweet williams and wallflowers.....lift garlic....sow more carrots and lettuce and salad leaves.....check day lilies for gall mites which distorts the flowers, pick the flowers off and burn.

Bridge Nursery, Tomlow Road, Napton

www.bridge-nursery.co.uk



Nature Notes

John Hancock

I'm writing this article a little early as Sharon and I are off to East Sussex for a few days. On 18th June, with heavy rain coming that evening, I visited Ufton Fields Nature Reserve on my way home from Southam Leisure Centre. Parking my bike at the 'back' entrance, a locked gate on the B4452 gave entrance to the flower rich grassland I had come to explore. A few weeks ago, the Man Orchids were in their prime, all seven of them by my count. They were protected from rabbits with a wire cages. Now, the lower florets were seeding and the basal leaves dying back. It goes without saying that these flowers at the north-western extremity of their range, are clinging on. The colony as a whole is endangered. Without cross-pollination from surrounding sites there is little chance of a healthy population surviving.

There was plenty of Yellow Rattle, Red Campion, Lady's Bedstraw, Common Spotted Orchid, and Common Twayblade. A brief search revealed one Greater Butterfly Orchid and half a dozen Bee Orchids.

The previous day on a visit to Attenborough Nature Reserve alongside the River Trent a few miles from Nottingham, the U3A Natural History Group were pleased to have chosen one of the few fine days in a month of cool damp weather. The Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust Reserve is named after a nearby village and not the celebrated writer and broadcaster. We were disappointed to learn that the Sand Martin nest site has been decimated by feral Mink. There was still plenty of aerial activity in the shape of swifts and swallows gobbling up insects above the lagoons. These were formed after sand and gravel extraction, much like Brandon Marsh but on a much larger scale. Butterflies were on the wing and included Large Skipper, Red Admiral, Speckled Wood, Small White and Meadow Brown, the latter at the start of their emergence. A Light Emerald moth was almost perfectly camouflaged with its wings spread, spending the daylight hours on a leaf. Whilst most species of moth fly at night and are important pollinators, there are a large group of day flying moths such as the Six-Spot Burnet and the Hummingbird Hawkmoth. Look out for the latter feeding on Valerian; it's a glimpse of the tropics.

I was alerted by a reader to the presence of a Swift colony nesting at the Old New Inn. Their scimitar shape coupled with a shrill scream announcing their return has become a symbol of summer. Unfortunately, we are seeing a decline in Swift numbers, the reasons for which are being investigated. The lack of nesting sites in modern buildings and a decline in the insect population have both been blamed. Swifts are only with us from May until early August and then they head south for the warmth and feeding grounds of Africa. Swifts are in the family Apodidae meaning footless. In fact they do have feet, though they rarely use them, spending most of their lives on the wing on long foraging flights and migrating huge distances. The young can remain torpid for several days whilst waiting for their parents out chasing the insects. I've been up to the Old New Inn and seen the birds high in the sky before they swoop to their nests.

The butterflies of high summer, grassland species such as the Marbled White, are now emerging. Let's hope we have some of those perfect summer days coming our way to put in the memory bank.



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.



General Section

Spirit of Harbury Award 2019



The recipient of this year's Spirit of Harbury Award is Geoff Thorpe, in recognition of the twelve years that he was Chairman of the Village Hall Committee. It was during this time that major improvements to the hall were undertaken. The Spirit of Harbury Award was established in memory of John Hunt by the family.

Andy Hunt writes: "Geoff has been the driving force and dealt on an almost daily basis with all the requirements needed to ensure the Village Hall was always in good order. He went in every day to check

the maintenance and on returning home sent out emails to process all the needs - almost too many to mention – such as heating / lighting / door fittings / floor sealing / insurance etc. He also dealt with all the professionals overseeing the development work over the years - architects / surveyors / quantity surveyors / builders / tilers etc.

For major events - e.g. the New Year's Dance / Beer Festival / Village Hall Celebration event, he did all of the shopping at the wholesalers and collected all of the extra requirements – such as ham / balloons / decorations etc. He also drove several miles to collect the equipment for showing the Rural Cinema films for several years, often to places such as Bidford-on-Avon and elsewhere in the days before we had our own projector and film screen. He also collected the fish and chips from the local shops for the film nights.

He has been an absolute dynamo who has made the hall his life since he took over the chairmanship in addition to supporting the applications for grants and fund-raising.

Geoff has asked that the Spirit of Harbury's donation be made to HEI."

To elaborate on what Geoff and the committee achieved and to give a little background on him I wish to include the information below:

During the time that Geoff was Chairman major improvements to the hall were undertaken which have included:

- chairs and curtains
- solar panels on the roof

- new heating system
- sound/hearing loop system
- projector and screen for showing films
- a well equipped kitchen
- new toilets
- major extension which included a permanent stage, back stage area, changing rooms and showers

It is all thanks to his wife Gill and Midge Keen that he was ‘persuaded’ to take on the role of Chairman and lead the Village Hall Committee.

Geoff's family were blacksmiths originally from Wellesbourne and Walton and joined the Jeacock family carriage building firm in Wellesbourne which evolved into a motor dealership as times changed. He was born in Leamington but grew up in Warwick. After attending Warwick School, he studied at the Royal Veterinary College (part of London University).

Geoff and Gill were married in 1973 in Sutton Coldfield and moved to Southam in 1975 and then to Harbury in 1988. Geoff founded the small animal side of Avonvale Vets in Southam and practiced there until he retired sixteen years ago. They have two children and five grandchildren. Their daughter is also a vet practising in Yorkshire and their son lives and works in financial management in London.

Not one to put his feet up, he has signed up to be a driver for e-wheels and is looking to volunteer for Warwickshire Wildlife Trust.

Congratulations to Geoff on winning the award and next time you are in the Village Hall take time to appreciate the improvements which has made the hall one of the best in the area.

**John Holden
H&L News**



Harbury Carnival Games Week 2019

Pub Games

This year we had EIGHT teams take part in the Carnival Games Week and more than seventy people competed in one or more of the games. The eight teams this year were: The Crown Inn, The Gamecock, Girls-R-Loud, The Shakespeare, Drama Queens, Norfolk “n” Chance, Next Generation and the Wednesday Club. The winners of the individual events were as follows:

Aunt Sally Wednesday Club

Table Skittles Norfolk ‘N’ Chance

Quiz Drama Queens

Horse Shoes Girls 'R' Loud

This year there were two indoor games - Table Skittles and the Quiz and two outdoor games - Aunt Sally and Horseshoes and although it didn't rain on us, it did get a bit chilly, but the contestants are a hardy bunch. Also, as seems to be the custom now, and one which we heartily support, is that we get more people who just turn up to do the quiz - another three teams - which is great.

At the end of the competitions the winners were The Wednesday Club with 49 points, followed by The Crown Inn with 46 points, the Drama Queens with 44 points, Girls 'R' Loud with 37 points, Next Generation with 32 points, Norfolk 'N' Chance with 27 points, The Shakespeare Inn with 27 points and The Gamecock with 26 points.

The winners were presented with the Dan Killian Pub Games Shield. If you want a bit of fun playing games, not too seriously, on early June evenings and want to put a team together, please get in touch with the organisers when the games are advertised in 2020. You only need four people for each event out of a maximum 12 players per team - and they could be the same four who enter them all. It's good fun and gives you a chance to meet many fellow villagers and to visit our well known hostelries. Perhaps those teams who have taken part in previous years will enter again? You could start planning now.

Also, our thanks must go to all the teams for taking part. Along with the 32 team members each evening and the various supporters we estimate there were about 50 people at each game. This is a great number and we hope that you all enjoyed it. Lastly, we would like to thank the licensees for letting us use their premises; it would be difficult to hold the events without you.

Mike McBride & John Broomfield

Harbury Wheelbarrow Race

The Wheelbarrow Race started at Harbury Village Club this year for the first time and they did a great job hosting. We had a fantastic turn out with 22 teams signing up - almost twice as many entrants as last year. The racers set off from the Club and headed to the Crown, followed by the Shakespeare, Harbury Rugby Club at the Old New Inn and the Gamecock before returning to the Club.

This year's Men's Beer Race was won by Steve Harold and Buffalo Tom in a time of 10min 27sec and the Women's Beer Race was won by myself and Vicky Woodhouse in a time of 16 min 29sec. The Water Race was won by Joshua Burnell and Jake Stephenson in a time of 12mins 6sec. George Simpson and Peter Rollason won the trophy for the fastest team with a combined age of over 80 years. There was stiff competition for the title of Best Dressed but the worthy winners were announced as John and Jan Freeman.

Harbury Wheelbarrow Race 2019



We would like to thank the Club, all of the pubs and the Rugby Club for supporting the event. Thank you to our volunteers who ran the drinks stations and kept the racers safe on route. Thank you to all of the supporters who came out to cheer the competitors along despite the weather. And finally thank you to all of the people that took part in the race. We hope you all enjoyed yourselves and look forward to seeing you all racing again next year!



Clockwise from top left:
Buffalo Tom & Steve Harrold,
Heather Clarke &
Vicky Woodhouse,
Peter Rollason & George Simpson
Jan & John Freeman,
Joshua Burnell &
Jake Stephenson



Heather Clarke
Harbury Wheelbarrow Race Committee

Harbury Carnival Triumphs over Weather

 Reports from across the County were of event after event being cancelled because of heavy rain. But the word 'cancel' is not in the Harbury dictionary, so the dedicated set-up team toiled in the downpour to get everything ready. Typical of many complimentary comments was '*The Festival Field looked fabulous today*'. And the Harbury folk came out to man the new-look covered stalls and were rewarded with a stop to the rain.



Meanwhile in Sutcliffe Drive the Parade was assembling: floats, bicycles, walking groups – a great turnout – which then marched around the village and arrived to cheers on the field.

This year there were many more stalls, activities and events with a children's area, a food and drink space, and two arenas.

Cups, a Trophy, Rosettes and Glory

John Broomfield, Amanda and Martin Randall (the Procession judges) were eagerly awaited as they handed out the awards:

Child Best Original Costume in Parade (Tim Percival Cup): Anna (Angler Fish)

Adult Best Original Costume in Parade (Sue Andrews Cup): Dan Robinson (Apollo Rocket)

Best Adult Walking Group (John Ridgley Trophy): Chiba Family (Chiba Circus)

Decorated Float Trade: 1st Love Island - Shakespeare Inn
 2nd 50th Anniversary of the first Moon Landing - The Crown Inn

Decorated Float Private: 1st Tour de Harbury - Markham and Watson Families
 2nd The X Factor Z - Harbury Theatre Group Juniors

Children's Float: 1st To Pre-School and Beyond - Harbury Pre-School
 2nd Banana Moon Escapes the Circus - Banana Moon Nursery

Decorated Bike/Pram/Car: 1st Tour de France - Harbury Twinning Association

Walking Tableau: 1st Chiba Circus - Chiba Family
 2nd Under the Sea - Harbury Guides

Walking Tableau Family: 1st Funky Pirates - The Longs

'Woody' and 'Maple' walk away with the Dog Show

Avonvale Vets kindly sponsored and ran this popular event with Julia, her daughter Abbie, and Yana putting the pooches through their paces. 'Woody' owned by Tracey was not only Best Biscuit Catcher but also Best Dog, whilst 'Maple' (shepherded by Hannah and Laura) was both Best Bitch and Best in Show.

	1st	2nd	3rd
Best in Show	'Maple' (Hannah & Laura)	'Woody' (Tracey)	'Mabel' & 'Mavis' (Vicki)
Best Bitch	'Maple' (Hannah &	'Amber' (Anna)	'Indy' (Laura)
Best Dog	'Teddy' (David)	'Scott' (Lucy &	'Woody' (Tracey)
Obedience	'Woody' (Tracey)	'Maple' (Hannah &	'Georgie' (Tracey)
Best Biscuit Catcher	'Woody' (Tracey)	'Amber' (Anna & Mia)	'Maple' (Hanna & Laura)
Doggie Dash!	'Georgie' (Tracey)	'Lennie' (Ceri)	'Pippa' (Indiana)
Dog Most Like	'Lennie' (Ceri)	'Pippa' (Indiana)	'Eddie' (John)

Brian and Julie Young are to be congratulated for their re-vamp of the Carnival setting the trend for next year and beyond.

**Peter Walshe
on behalf of the Carnival Committee**



Harbury Village Show

We had a great afternoon at Harbury Carnival. Despite trying to secure a gazebo in the wind and rain, we were up and running for when the procession arrived. Thanks to everyone who came to see us and bought plants – hope they are all settled in and growing well. Thanks also to the Carnival organisers who did a great job on a difficult day. Our next event is our coffee morning in the Tom Hauley room on Saturday, 6th July. Lots of cakes and raffle prizes will be available.



Have you tried our recipes yet from the show schedule? The fruited banana loaf keeps well and the scones are just a little bit different from a traditional scone recipe. There have also been lots of opportunities to grab a pic for the photography class "Rainy Day"!

Village Show Committee



Harbury Senior Citizens Update

On Wednesday 12th June we travelled to Weston-Super-Mare. The weather wasn't too bad for the drive down and we stopped at Gloucester Services for a break. Some people even said they could stay there all day but everyone returned to the coaches to continue the journey. It stopped raining and the rest of the day at Weston was a bit cloudy, with some sunshine, but no rain. Some people visited the Sand Sculpture display, an annual event that started in 1910, with some incredible sculptures which remain intact for many months until they are finally flattened and left for the winter tides to do their bit before new sculptures are made the following year.

As many of you will know, the tide at Weston goes out a long way and those who wanted a paddle had to wait until about 3.30pm for the sea to get close enough.



Some of the senior citizens pictured at Gloucester Services

On the return journey, we stopped again at Gloucester Services going north. From then on to Harbury, the rain never stopped, so we had been lucky with the dry day at Weston.

Everyone who left for the trip in the morning was safely returned to the village.

The committee hopes that everyone who came on the trip enjoyed the day.

Also, thank you to everyone who supported our Tombola Stall at Harbury Carnival as part of our fundraising activities both in providing chocolates and having a go. A bit like Weston, the weather got better as the day progressed and the Carnival was a great success. Thank you everyone.

We have a coffee morning in the Tom Hauley Room on 17th August and our next event will be the Christmas Party on 7th December. More details will follow. Meanwhile, enjoy the summer.



**Mike McBride,
On behalf of the Harbury Senior Citizens Benefit Association**



Harbury & District Poppy Appeal

For several years, I have organised the Poppy Appeal for all the local villages. Initially, I managed to cope with all aspects of the collection myself, but in the past 2-3 years I have increasingly had to rely on family and friends, to help with various parts of the organisation.

It will soon be necessary to start the process for the 2019 collection by ordering the poppies, pins and wreaths etc., but I will need to find someone who could take over the overall responsibility, as I cannot guarantee to be available as much as I would like this year. I would be pleased to hear from anyone who feels that they would be able to carry on the village tradition, which was initiated by ex-servicemen who worked together each year in the Harbury Club to prepare the boxes and distribute them to the various collectors.

I hope that there might be several people in the village who could form a new group willing to take on this vital role, which would maintain the local link with RBL. Please get in touch with me as soon as possible if you feel able to help.

Many thanks.

**Chris Finch
01926 612305**



Wednesday Walks

During July and August the walks will be led by various members of the group; details as ever in the Diary page of this magazine. If you are wondering whether this is for you – or maybe just have a bit more spare time in the summer – do come along. There is no formal structure or any need to drive; just turn up with suitable shoes and a drink. Don't worry that you may not know anyone; we guarantee that you soon will, as well as exploring local areas which may be new to you. For more details ring Gillian on 614809.

Gillian Hare

Feed the Hedgehogs

Help feed Harbury's hedgehogs...

As you probably know our native British hedgehogs are in severe decline. Harbury Hedgehogs are volunteers who take in and care for sick and injured hedgehogs. With increasing vet, medical and food costs we could really use some help with feeding them. They eat a lot!

If anyone would like to donate food we need bags of dried kitten food (chicken flavour) and cartons of soft chicken/turkey pate (no fish flavours).

Hedgehogs generally seem quite happy to eat the cheaper supermarket own brands: Tesco, Sainsbury's, Aldi etc, although we do get a few fussy or very sick ones which need different food.

We are putting a food collection box in the library foyer for people who wish to leave food donations, or you can leave it in another box outside my front door (round the right hand side, behind the drainpipe) at 8 Church Terrace.

Any queries please ring me on 612277.

Christina Sherman



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Chris Gibb

Desperately Looking for a Loving Home!

Seven years ago when I was living in the Middle East, I found an extraordinary little cat wandering outside the beach hotel where I worked. She was barely six months old and alone. Within days she decided to adopt me and quickly became the main feature of my life.

She has big foxy ears and a loud voice and tortoiseshell markings, with little black socks and an unfortunate, and rather un-ladylike, black moustache. She has always been very loving and will sit for hours on your lap purring.

As a young cat she developed some highly comical habits, including a passion for playing hide-and-seek under the sheets, playing golf in the bath, sleeping in the wash basin and



talking back. Not just talking back, but actually imitating the disgruntled tone of the voice telling her off! She loves soft balls or ping pong balls - which as a kitten, she dribbled across the garden like any Premier League player. (You can see her crazy antics on YouTube) Short Intro to Pippy <https://youtu.be/NiKFUY3SBpc> and Pippy playing golf in the Bath <https://youtu.be/P-GQj01KM44>

When my job sent me back overseas, very sadly, I knew I could not take Pippy. Four years ago I rehomed her with a wonderful elderly lady in Wellesbourne who soon realised she needed LOTS of attention....They got on famously.

Sadly, in the last three months, that lady has been hospitalised and it is unlikely she will return home. Though Pippy is being fed and cared for, twice daily at home, having been left all alone for all these weeks, she has grown very depressed, nervous and lonely.

I am desperate to rehome her asap whether it is with a short -term foster parent, or someone willing to take her on forever, in a home that will offer her lots of love and tranquillity.

Pippy really needs a loving and patient owner, ideally in a quiet, pet-free home where she can be the centre of attention. She is very active, a fast runner, and as she loves wandering round the neighbourhood in Wellesbourne, it's vital I find her someone who is nimble, and has a large, enclosed garden - away from any busy roads or farm vehicles.

She has very light fur which does not shed, but it does mean she feels the cold. In winter she needs a warm home and a nice thick blanket to snuggle down in. In return, Pippy will be a loving, constant and often, comical companion.

If you know a cat-lover who fits the bill, and would benefit from a four-legged companion who is a loving - albeit a bit demanding - chatterbox, and who spends a lot of time at home (so that Pippy can at last have lots of company again), whether short-term or long term, please get in touch!

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Charlotte Shalgosky





Coffee and Cake with Harbury Lib Dems

If you feel like joining Harbury Liberal Democrats at Biblio's for coffee and a (delicious!) slice of cake on the second Saturday of the month, please do!

This starts on Saturday 13th July. Drop in any time between 10am and 12 noon. No speeches, no agenda, just friendly chat!



Andrew Patrick



Summer Holiday Activities Programme

Stratford-on-Avon District Council is organising a series of holiday activity camps which are delivered by trained activity leaders who offer a range of sports and arts to children aged 5-11.

They will be attending Harbury School for the week on Monday 12th to Friday 16th August from 9.00am to 4.00pm. The cost is £14 per day or £60 for the week. Spaces are limited and booking is required.

Follow the link to our website for more information or to book online - www.stratford.gov.uk/hi5 or call 01789 260643.

Lucy Wilkes
Active Communities Support Officer



Chesterton Church

As some of you will be aware, St Giles Church, Chesterton, has been vandalised. Some unscrupulous people stole the lead from the church roof which caused significant amounts of water to enter the building. In an attempt to make the roof unappealing for future thefts, the roof was replaced with stainless steel, the cost of which was very expensive. In addition, the stonework needs attention and downpipes need replacing imminently to stop further water ingress.

We have decided, therefore, to organise a scarecrow competition on the weekend of 10th/11th August 2019. The challenge is to fill the church and churchyard with as many scarecrows as possible. There will be three main prize categories: one for local businesses, one for adults, and one for children. Entry forms will be available shortly and further details are available on our Facebook page (fb.me/chestertonchurch).



Lynne Powles



Dear Editors

I would like to say a huge thank you to all the wonderful people in Harbury who have been so supportive in offering me help during Vic's illness. I'm overwhelmed with all the kindness shown to me – it really is appreciated.

Vic died peacefully on Friday 21st June and it is a relief that he is now out of his misery, not that he ever complained, he just said he was lucky to get to the age he did, he'd had a good life and there were lots worse off than him.

A special thank you to Julie – without your help I couldn't have coped.

Thanks again.

Margaret Lucas

Dear Editors

Barrie, Penny, Stuart and Deborah would like to thank all friends and neighbours for their cards and messages of sympathy on the sudden death of Christine.

We would also like to thank Reverend Craig for the lovely service and his support at this time.

Barrie Simcock

Dear Editors

I should like through your columns to pass on my sincere thanks to the many kind people who sent me cards and get well messages during my stay in hospital. They were all very much appreciated.

Liz Bunting

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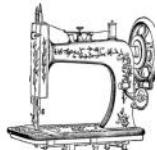
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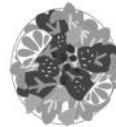


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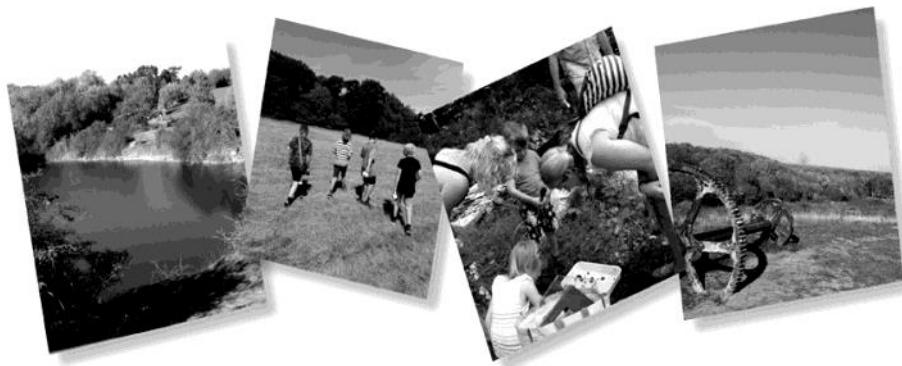
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