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Editorial



After 11 years at Harbury and Ladbroke, this month we see the departure of Reverend Craig, Sue and family. Craig will be moving to be vicar of St. Andrew's Church, Shottery near Stratford-on-Avon. His last services will be on Sunday 9th June - Ladbroke Church at 9.00am and at Harbury at 6.00pm. The villages will miss Craig very much; we thank him for all that he has done and we wish them well with their new life in Stratford.

Hopefully the sunny weather we have had this week will continue for the Warwickshire Open Studios, running from Saturday 15th to Sunday 30th June, a chance to see how much creative talent we have in our village. This may also be a good time to help with weeding and tidying the cemetery, as they are desperately in need of volunteers at their monthly session! – see article on page 42 for details.

This month we also see the Carnival on Saturday 8th June. Please take part if you can or go along on the day to watch the procession and enjoy everything that will be on offer at the playing fields. The Carnival Games also take place the week leading up to the carnival day - details in magazine.

Harbury School PTA will also be running a Harbury Community Fun Day and Run on Sunday 30th June, 2.00 - 5.00pm at the playing fields. See article for details.

We would like to offer our condolences to the family of Christine Simcock.

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Harbury Diary

JUNE

- Sat 1 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Harbury Guides
Ufton Fete, 2.00 - 5.00pm, 'Greg's Eggs', Lower Fox Farm, Bascote Heath Road, CV47 2DN
- Sun 2 **SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
Holy Communion (Said Service), 9.00am
'Little Saints' Service, 10.30am followed by breakfast in the Tom Hauley Room
Laying on Hands Service, 6.00pm
Youth Group, 7.00 - 8.30pm, Tom Hauley Room
Wheelbarrow Race, 12.30pm, racing to commence 1.00pm, from Village Club
- Mon 3 Upholstery Class, 9.15am, Village Hall
Martial Arts, 5.30pm, Village Hall
Carnival Games - Aunt Sally, starts 7.30pm, Shakespeare Inn - entry fee £1 per team member
PCC meeting, 7.30pm, Tom Hauley Room
- Tue 4 Pilates, 9.30am, Village Hall
Carnival Games - Table Skittles, starts 7.30pm, Crown Inn - entry fee £1 per team member
Bumps and Bundles, 10.30am - noon, Tom Hauley Room
MeetingPoint Summer Lunch, 12.30pm, The Crown Inn - (booking required)
Junior Theatre Group, 6.30pm, Village Hall
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
Heritage Room open, 6.30 - 8.30pm, Harbury School
- Wed 5 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park - Aston Cantlow (4½ miles)
Inspire Dance, 4.30pm, Village Hall
Carnival Games - Quiz, starts 7.30pm, Harbury Village Club - entry fee £1 per team member
Mothers' Union Communion and meeting, 2.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
- Thurs 6 Friends of Harbury Cemetery weeding and tidy session, 10.00am – 12 noon, helpers needed
Carnival Games - Horseshoes, starts 7.30pm, Gamecock Inn - entry fee £1 per team member
Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am
Folk Club, 8.00pm, Village Club
- Sat 8 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Southam Mothers Union
Harbury Tennis Club Open Day, 10.00am - 1.00pm, Tennis Courts

- Sat 8 Harbury Carnival - assemble in Sutcliffe Drive, 12.15pm, parade judging 12.30pm, procession starts 1.00pm, Fete opens 2.00pm
- Sun 9 PENTECOST: EIGHTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
 Holy Communion, 8.00am
 Holy Communion and Children's Church, 10.30am
 Rev Craig and Su's Leaving Do, with Messy Church activities from 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
 Rev Craig's Leaving Service (Holy Communion), 6.00pm
 Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall
- Mon 10 Upholstery Class, 9.15am, Village Hall
 Martial Arts, 5.30pm, Village Hall
- Tue 11 Pilates, 9.30am, Village Hall
 Junior Theatre Group, 6.30pm, Village Hall
 Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 12 Harbury Senior Citizens' Summer Outing to Weston-super-Mare, coaches leave 8.30am from Village Hall
 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park - Combrook - Butlers Marston (4 miles - hilly)
 Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
 Inspire Dance, 4.30pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 13 Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am
 Harbury WI, 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room - 'Glorious Coloured Gemstones' - Helen Plumb
- Sat 15 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Southam Church Restoration Fund
 Football Presentations, 3.00 - 10.00pm, Village Hall
 Warwickshire Open Studios begin today - see article for details
- Sun 16 TRINITY SUNDAY – FATHER'S DAY**
 Holy Communion, 8.00am
 'Saints' Alive, All Age Informal Service, 10.30am
 Evensong, 6.00pm
 Youth Group, 7.00 - 8.30pm, Tom Hauley Room
 Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall
- Mon 17 Upholstery Class, 9.15am, Village Hall
 Martial Arts, 5.30pm, Village Hall
- Tue 18 Pilates, 9.30am, Village Hall
 Junior Theatre Group, 6.30pm, Village Hall
 Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 19 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park - Stratford Greenway (4 miles - flat)
 Connections (Dementia) Café, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
 Inspire Dance, 4.30pm, Village Hall
 Ballroom Dancing, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 20 Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am
 Harbury Jazz Club, with Jamie Brownfield, doors open 7.00 for 8.00pm start, Village Hall
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- Sat 22 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of MeetingPoint
- Sun 23 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**
 Holy Communion, 8.00am
 Holy Communion and Children's Church, 10.30am
 Informal Service, 6.00pm
 Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall
- Mon 24 Upholstery Class, 9.15am, Village Hall
 Martial Arts, 5.30pm, Village Hall
- Tue 25 Pilates, 9.30am, Village Hall
 Tennis Club Strawberry Tournament, 6.00 for 6.30pm, Tennis Courts
 Junior Theatre Group, 6.30pm, Village Hall
 Holy Communion, 7.30pm
 Julian Meeting, 8.00pm
- Wed 26 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park - Crackley Woods (4½ miles)
 Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
 Inspire Dance, 4.30pm, Village Hall
 Ballroom Dancing, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 27 Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am
 HS2 Drop-In event, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Harbury Village Library
ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST OR EMAIL TO ARTICLES@HLNEWS.CO.UK BY 5.30PM
 Harbury Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Sat 29 Councillors' Corner Session, 10.00 - 11.00am, Harbury Village Library
 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Church Flowers
- Sun 30 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**
 Holy Communion, 8.00am
 Holy Communion and Children's Church, 10.30am
 Youth Group, 7.00 - 8.30pm, Tom Hauley Room
 Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall
 Harbury PTA Community Fun Day/Run, 2.00 - 5.00pm, Harbury Playing Fields
 Warwickshire Open Studios finishes today

JULY

- Tue 2 MeetingPoint for coffee, tea and biscuits, 2.00 - 4.00pm, The Crown Inn
 Heritage Room open, 6.30 - 8.30pm, Harbury School
 Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 3 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park - Ilmington (3 miles - hilly)
 Mothers' Union outing – Charlecote Church & the Quiet Garden
- Thurs 4 Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am

- Thurs 4 Friends of Harbury Cemetery weeding and tidy session,
10.00am - 12 noon, helpers needed
Folk Club, 8.00pm, Village Club
- Fri 5 Harbury Theatre Group Juniors present, The 'X' Factory, 7.30pm,
Village Hall
- 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
- Sun 7 **TWELFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
Holy Communion (Said Service), 9.00am
'Little Saints' Pets' Service, 10.30am followed by breakfast in the
Tom Hauley Room,
Taize Service, 6.00pm

Refuse Collection Rota			
	Deppers Bridge	Harbury, Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge outlying properties	Collection Week
June	Wed	Fri	
	5	7	Grey Bin
	12	14	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	19	21	Grey Bin
	26	28	Green & Blue Lid Bins
July	3	5	Grey Bin
	10	12	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	17	19	Grey Bin

	From the Rector	
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This is the last article I will write for the Harbury and Ladbroke News. It has been a joy and privilege to serve both churches and villages over the last 11 years as your parish priest. Ladbroke and Harbury are the most wonderful of places but you don't need me to say that!

My last services will be on Sunday 9th June - Ladbroke Church at 9.00am and at Harbury at 6.00pm. You are all more than welcome to come along, it will be lovely to see as many of you as can make it.

What happens now? Well, the two churches will be doing a lot of work over the next few months in thinking about what sort of vicar they want next. They will be working closely with the Diocese of Coventry and the Southam Deanery in drawing up a parish profile document that will be available to prospective vicars who might be interested in applying for the post. No one knows at this stage when a new vicar will be in place - vacancies can be up to a year in length! The important thing, however, is that the churches take their time so that the right person is appointed. You will be having regular updates in the Harbury & Ladbroke News so keep an eye out. My team here - Rev Ann, Rev Bob, Rev Derek, Rev Martin, Gemma and Peter Took and Alison Abbott along with our brilliant Churchwardens; Sue, Peter, Liz and Michael will make sure that everything (hopefully) continues as smoothly as possible.

It only remains for me to say a big thank you for being the people you are and for all you have given me - I will miss you hugely! Please continue to pray for me, as I will for you.

God bless you.

From the Registers:

Baptisms

12th May Theo Anthony Morrill

19th May Joseph Adam Moore

Funeral

20th May Christine Simcock (85 years)



From the Churchwardens

Liz & Michael

Sunday 9th June will be Rev Craig's last Sunday with us here in Harbury, before he leaves us after nearly 11 years (can it really be that long, it surely does not seem so?), to move to Shotton, near Stratford-on-Avon, to be the vicar there at St Andrew's Church.

Craig has done a fantastic job here in Harbury and Ladbroke, and we shall all miss him and Su very much, but our loss is Shotton's gain. There will be a "leaving do" with tea, cake and wine starting at 4.00pm on Sunday 9th June in the Tom Hauley Room, with the presentation of a leaving gift at 5.00pm, followed by a special Celtic Holy Communion service in the church at 6.00pm. Everyone is invited to come along, whatever time you are able, to help make this a special occasion of thanks, celebration and best wishes to Craig, Su and family.

On a related note, the Harbury and Ladbroke churches have now started the process of looking for Craig's successor, working in conjunction with the Coventry Diocese and Southam Deanery, who will help us in this endeavor. We are advised that it takes on average about nine months in the Church of England before the successor vicar starts in their new parish. During this vacancy period, called "an interregnum" in the Church of England, the daily life of the church in Harbury will continue as normal. The Rev's Ann Mulley, Derek Ching and Bob Clucas will be doing their best to temporarily fill Craig's shoes between them, and our three Readers, the PCC and your two Churchwardens will all do a bit more to help out during this period.

As always, please do contact either of us should you have any queries relating to church matters that you would like to talk about.

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

	<h2>Mothers' Union</h2>	<p>Gillian Hare</p>
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There was another interesting discussion this month as Chris led us to a realisation of how much our thinking and purchasing is influenced by advertising.

And next month, 5th June, promises to be equally interesting when Sally Jones speaks about the conflict between the faith and her profession as a journalist.

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

We shall also be taking numbers for 3rd July when we will have a visit to Charlecote Church and the Quiet Garden there, after a pub lunch.

Ladbroke News & Diary

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

JUNE

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| Sun | 2 | EASTER VII
Family Communion followed by refreshments, 10.30am |
| Mon | 3 | Pause and Pray, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Church |
| Tues | 4 | Photography Club Walkabout in Stratford |
| Wed | 5 | Table Tennis, 7.30 - 8.30pm, Village Hall |
| Thurs | 6 | WI, 7.30pm, Village Hall |
| Sun | 9 | PENTECOST AND REV CRAIG'S LAST SERVICE AT LADBROKE
Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am |
| Wed | 12 | Table Tennis, 7.30 - 8.30pm, Village Hall |

Sun 16 TRINITY SUNDAY

Holy Communion (BCP), 9.00am

Mon 17 Homegroup, 8.00pm, 2 Hedges Close

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 23 TRINITY I

Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am

Wed 26 Table Tennis, 7.30 - 8.30pm, Village Hall

Thurs 27 ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY PHARMACY,
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5.30PM

Sun 30 TRINITY II

Holy Communion (said service), 9.00am

JULY

Mon 1 Pause and Pray, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Church

Tues 2 Photography Club Summer Social, Hallsfield (if fine), Village Hall
(if wet)

Wed 3 Table Tennis, 7.30 - 8.30pm, Village Hall

Thurs 4 WI, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Sun 7 TRINITY III

Family Communion followed by refreshments, 10.30am

**Ladbrooke Church News**

Peter Rigby

Back at the end of April, the guitar concert by William Hudd was well attended and, judging by the comments afterwards, much enjoyed. It also raised £770 which has gone into the All Saints for All Generations appeal fund - thank you to all those who made donations.

The lack of a PA system in the Church has been an issue that we have been aware of for a long time and has been particularly apparent when the Church has been full for special services, weddings or funerals. We have been investigating the best system to install for some time (particular thanks to David Wright); the PCC has now approved a system and all the necessary consents from the Diocese have been obtained. It is hoped that the new system will be fitted by the end of June. It has been partially funded by some generous donations, if anyone else would like to contribute there is still time!

In 2016, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York initiated a global wave of prayer called "Thy Kingdom Come" during the 11 day period between Ascension Day and Pentecost. This has continued annually since and once again Ladbrooke Church will be taking part. This year the 11 days are from Thursday 30th May to Sunday 9th June and resources will be available in church to help and guide prayers for family, friends, our nation and our world.

We will also be using this as our theme during our regular Pause and Pray on Monday 3rd June from 7.00 - 8.00pm - everybody welcome.

Pentecost Sunday, 9th June, will be Rev Craig's last Sunday with us. Everybody is welcome to the Service at 9.00am, coffee and refreshments will be served afterwards to give everyone an opportunity to say their farewells.

Following Craig's departure, it will be "business as usual" with all our normal services and activities continuing. Either Rev Anne or Rev Bob Clucas 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 44245) or Sue Moore (07770 786981) in the first instance.



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

The Parish Council meeting on 8th May was a lot longer than usual. It started with its Annual Meeting at which various admin issues were covered and Derek Batty was re-elected chairman. The councillors joining him are unchanged too as Valerie Copley, Erica Kemp and Martin Neal had stood uncontested and Steve Morten, who was away when papers had to be signed, was co-opted back onto the council. Meetings in the coming year, July 2019 - May 2020, will continue to be on the second Wednesday of alternate months, with Ladbroke's Annual Village Meeting on Wednesday 8th April 2020.

Then Gavin Tristram from CSW spoke about **Broadband**.

Openreach is responsible for the fibre and copper telecoms infrastructure to our homes but contracts are between users and Internet Service Providers (ISPs) such as BT, Sky, etc.

The roll out of superfast broadband put rural areas towards the end to get income from business areas with high early take up. An advantage of being later is we have FTTP - fibre to the premises. People who are happy with their current internet speed can stay with their existing copper line. If you want a faster speed, the CSW webpages list which providers offer FTTP. Fibre allows Ultrafast speeds up to 300mbps; some providers are offering a cheaper Superfast broadband option around 50mbps which is still much faster than with the existing copper lines here in Ladbroke. The article on page 15 explains more about how it all works.

If you are in a contract with a provider that doesn't offer FTTP you will probably have to move to another provider to get faster internet. Also, some properties on the edge of the village will not have the infrastructure for FTTP

until Contract 3 works are done in Summer 2020. At the meeting it was reported that there are differences between the premises at Ladbroke Hall with some being offered FTTP and others not.

A couple of points to note:

The fibre route from Ladbroke to the spine of the system is not the final configuration yet and there will be an hour or so of downtime in the summer when it is swapped over to this.

Fibre will remove the speed bottleneck associated with our old copper network but the final speed you get up and down stream will depend on the internet site you are using and your home set-up.

After this most members of the public departed before the more routine topics.

SDC: Nigel Rock (Lib Dem) our new councillor was only sworn in the day before the meeting so had little to report except the recent election results. The seats on SDC are now:

Conservative 20

Lib Dems 11

Independents 4

Green 1

So, although the Conservatives still lead SDC, committee membership will change over the next few weeks. We are in the Napton/Fenny Compton ward which is the largest geographically and also the furthest from Stratford. Nigel has been a councillor before but the ward did not include Ladbroke then and so he will be getting to know Ladbroke and our concerns better, including HS2.

Planning: There were no objections to revised proposals at Woodlands, Woodcutters Cottage or Tollgate Cottage. The proposed new homes at the back of The Bell Inn have gone to appeal.

Village Hall: HS2 have approved the release of funds so the work on the new entrance and accessible toilet should start at the end of the summer.

HS2: An evening village meeting with HS2 has been requested. The road closure between Bishops and Deppers Bridge, just started, is in support of the new houses. At the meeting it was said the HS2 works will come later but a recent HS2 mailing says *"To minimise disruption to local people, the first phase (i.e. B4451 Station Road) will be carried out as the same time as utility installation works for a separate, unrelated housing development, opposite the electricity substation."*

Next Meeting: Wednesday 10th July, 7.45pm, to include discussion about evolving neighbourhood watch ideas.



Report from your District Councillor

I have been elected as the new District Councillor for the Ward of Napton and Fenny Compton. This is a brief report, mainly to give residents my contact information and any other details you might find of interest.

142 candidates contested all 36 seats at Stratford-on-Avon District Council elections on Thursday 2nd May.

Election Result - Napton and Fenny Compton Ward:

Emilia Fletcher	(Conservative)	394	(37.2%)
Zoe James	(Green Party)	127	(12.0%)
Nigel Rock	(Liberal Democrats)	539	(50.8%) Elected

Turnout 41.20%

The current political standings of Stratford District Council's 36 seats are:

- Conservative - 20 seats
- Liberal Democrats - 11 seats
- Independent - 4 seats
- Green - 1 seat

For those with an interest in these things, this and the nearby and adjoining seats*, are now represented by two Conservatives, two Independents, and two Liberal Democrats (*Bishop's Itchington, Southam South; Harbury, Southam North; Long Itchington and Stockton, Napton and Fenny Compton).

There are 18 new councillors, although there are a few (like me!) that have done the job before. With such a big change over it has been an intensive period for the Council staff and new councillors to meet the required induction and training needs.

I have written to my predecessor councillor Chris Williams to thank him for his service to the Ward and wish him the best with his health.

Although I know the area quite well after living in Napton since 1985, it will take me time to become more familiar in detail with the other villages and I look forward to working with those communities. HS2 is a particular issue and I have been in touch with them to get up to date with developments.

I thank you for your support and I will do my best to represent everyone in the ward.

Nigel Rock
 nigel.rock@stratford-dc.gov.uk
 07971 343065



Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge Women's Institute

Joan Perry

The May Meeting was our Resolution Evening at which we debate and vote on the Resolutions proposed Nationally by the WI for 2019. These were:

1. A call against the decline in local bus services
2. Don't fear the smear.

Two of our Committee members, Sally and Joan briefed the members on each of these very worthwhile Resolutions and both were unanimously supported, so our votes will go forward to our WI representative attending the Meeting to be included in the voting on our behalf.

However this evening's meeting started very well with a fish and chip supper, with all the trimmings, and included a glass of "bubbly" provided by two of our members Rosa and Sue G who were celebrating "big" birthdays (my lips are sealed!). So by now all the Members were in a good mood to start our Resolution Meeting.

We finished with a brief general meeting with a few new events information sheets for members to consider including an Abba sing-a-long; Line Dancing; Taster session of Dragon Boat Racing and Floral Workshop. This year also Denman College are doing Christmas Lunches with various dates in December, and lots of our ladies were interested in going along.

Our outing to Broughton Castle is on 1st August with an afternoon tour of the Castle followed by an early evening meal.

The coffee morning in the Tom Hauley Room in Harbury on Saturday 18th May was another success with books, bric-a-brac, cakes, tea and coffee and of course a raffle, helping to raise money for our WI so thank you everyone for your support.

Our next Meeting is in June when we will be treated to a cookery demonstration by Anne Marie Lambert which I am sure will be well attended as they are always very popular, so if you want to come along to see what we do and find out all about us, please just come along at 7.30pm on 6th June in Ladbroke Village Hall.



Ladbroke Matters

David Wright

The Ladbroke Matters team looks 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 wondrous selection of golden oldies (and newies) to

get you moving and grooving. 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 Egghead, put this date in your diary now.

We once again remind you that you can hire the Village Hall for your party or celebration at a very reasonable rate (£15 per hour with a 20% discount for Ladbroke residents). We have a kitchen, and room for up to 80 people. To book your special occasion contact Nicky (tel 815196 or email nicolalewis24@tiscali.co.uk).



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

Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Draw for April 2019

£50	Kevin and Kate Pickin	£50	Alan Rylance
£25	Betty Winkfield	£25	Miranda Lowman
£25	Tracy Juba	£10	Jo Horne
£10	Malcolm Wray	£10	Debs and Seth Brown
£10	Sheena Healey	£10	Mary Coley

Margaret Bosworth



Ladbroke Photography Club

Kip Warr

Things can look so different when seen in close-up. Our competition was on the theme of macro photography and most of the images were based on nature, with flowers and insects being the favourite subjects as in David Hannon's photograph shown on page 15. We also had a phototopic on Painting with Light. Members showed their photos taken at an earlier workshop when volunteers on the darkened Village Hall stage leapt around with coloured lights creating swirling abstract patterns of light.

On the evening of Tuesday 4th June, we will be out and about in Stratford with our cameras concentrating on the Royal Shakespeare Theatre, the river and old buildings. If the weather is bad we shall postpone it by a week. On 2nd July we shall have our annual summer meal with a quiz of photographs that illustrate film titles (prints to Jackie in advance if possible).



Grasshopper by David Hannon

Visitors and guests are welcome at our meetings which are usually at 7.30pm on the second Tuesday of the month; for more information see our website (tinyurl.com/ladbrokephoto) or contact jackieszone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk



Ladbroke General Section

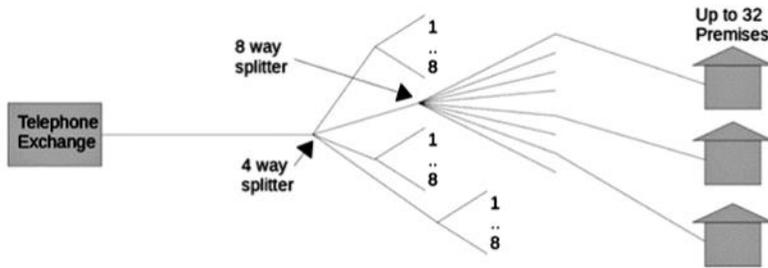
Fibre High Speed Broadband comes to Ladbroke (at last!) - How it works

The arrival of Fibre to the Premises (FTTP) based broadband to Ladbroke was of great personal interest; as I was involved with the development of the technology behind it during my first years at British Telecom's research and development labs around 30 years ago. It is amazing how long it can take for technology to transfer from the laboratory to everyday use.

The good news about having FTTP is that our telecoms infrastructure is future proofed for the longer term, with fibre optic infrastructure that has been installed being capable of carrying data rates at least several orders of magnitude greater than the 100+Mbit/s rates being offered today. Also, unlike the previous copper wire technologies, the fibre based solution speed does not vary with the distance from the telephone exchange or cabinet and has a much greater reach, potentially up to 20km. The speed you receive is very much a factor of how much capacity you want to pay for, rather than any technology limitation.

To make FTTP deployments practical, a shared fibre infrastructure is used called a Passive Optical Network (PON), which can most easily be thought of as a tree with the telephone exchange as the trunk and homes and businesses as the leaves. Most commonly a 32 way split is used, i.e. one

fibre coming out of the exchange is split several times using optical splitters to connect up to 32 premises. These splitters are a specially made piece of solid glass, completely passive and take no power nor have any moving parts and are thus very reliable. They are mostly located in the black joint housings that have appeared on many of the poles around the village over the last year.



A single fibre is used that has the light travelling in both directions at the same time but different 'colours' are used for each direction so that they do not interfere with one another. This is similar to how the connections to mobile phones work but much more capacity is available on the fibre network, because it is only shared amongst 32 users (as well as the fibre having many times the capacity of the entire radio spectrum!).

FTTP based broadband provides a 'motorway' like connection speed between your home and the telephone exchange and is very unlikely to be the weakest link in accessing the internet compared to the slow copper based link we have been used to. If you want to make full use of the 100Mbit/s and above speeds that are possible with FTTP then you may find you only have the equivalent of 'B roads' and even 'country lanes' within your house. Older computers may not be able to cope with data at these fast broadband speeds and older Wi-Fi devices don't support the latest high speeds. Be aware that Wi-Fi speed reduces with distance from your hub and Wi-Fi speeds quoted on advertising are under optimal laboratory conditions.

Similar issues exist with power-line adapters that allow you to carry Ethernet over your mains house wiring and may well be the weakest link in your home network as they are subject to all sorts of noise signals that will reduce their data speeds. Dedicated Ethernet cables are the only real way to provide connections of guaranteed known speed and should be used for any devices that require high speed connections (say greater than 10Mbit/s). Make sure you use Gigabit Ethernet (which often have yellow coloured sockets on hubs and switches) if you want more than 100Mbit/s.

If you do broadband speed tests for reliable results, do this first with a computer connected by Ethernet cable to a Gigabit Ethernet port on your broadband hub to ensure you are testing the broadband link speed and not

seeing limitations of your home network. This should give something close to the advertised broadband speed (in my case I have got a downstream speed of 150Mbit/s and 30Mbit/s upstream using for example the speed test at *broadbandtest.which.co.uk* when connected with an Ethernet cable but as low as 1.5Mbit/s using wireless when a couple of rooms away from my hub.)

There are also likely to be speed limitations at the other end of the network with whatever service or server you are accessing. Most of these will not be able to provide continuous streams of 100Mbit/s (or even close) to lots of users at the same time which is nothing to do with your broadband nor necessarily your Internet Service Provider as likely to be due to restrictions in the wider internet infrastructure.

Simon West



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 Meeting of Harbury Parish Council followed by Ordinary Meeting - 16th May 2019

Prior to the meeting proper, Parish Cllrs Gibb and Lockley together with District Cllr Jacqui Harris set out to explain the planning system to about 40 residents opposed to the latest application for more housing off Bush Heath Lane. Objections need to be lodged by 5th June. Our Parish Council would finalise their response at the Annual Meeting on 30th May.

Cllrs stressed the District Council could be influenced if many people made relevant objections. Our Neighbourhood Development Plan was a material consideration and the present application was beyond the village boundary. The developers had also promised a new burial ground knowing that this was now needed by the parish.

Cllr Lockley explained all villages of our size had exceeded Stratford Council's core strategy allocation but cautioned that as the main bulk of housing at Gaydon and Long Marston was still outstanding, the district as a whole might not meet its targets in the future.

Cllr Gibb reported Harbury School was not at capacity. District Cllr Harris stressed Kineton and Southam Secondary Schools were full. The Chairman agreed our Surgery was at capacity. Cllr Harris explained that NHS Clinical Commissioners had refused to pay for setting up the promised medical centre at Bishops Itchington. She had approached our MP for help on this.

Similarly, the promised traffic lights at the Bendigo Mitchell Crossroads on the Fosse depended on the release of Section 106 money from the "Infrastructure Levy" promised from the Gaydon development which was yet to commence.

The Chairman advised that “sustainability” was important and Cllr Gibb noted several errors in the application including Harbury having a bus service to Banbury running every 10 minutes!

Main Meeting

Thirteen members of the public initially stayed for this with only two enduring to the end. They complained about cars parked on Binswood End and Pound Greens and speeding cars using Butt Lane as a rat run. Cllrs were not sure how to deal with either of these problems. They looked into providing “Village Gateways” to slow traffic but the County would not approve them.

As to the imminent felling of the copper beech at the Pound: the Chairman said he had seen the owners who assured him arboriculture and other surveys had extensively investigated the subsidence problem. Alan Guy said insurers always favoured felling; the District had made no CAVAT assessment of the tree and the parish should at least seek guidance for the future. The Chairman agreed to have further discussions about where more trees could be planted in the future.

Other Organisations

School: Enlarging the stage, entrance, toilets and computer room.

Twinning: The French will be arriving in time for the Carnival weekend.

Village Hall: Plans submitted for porch extension. Roof investigations to cost £2.5K.

Stratford DC: Plans for back-land development at 39 Farm Street to be refused.

WCC: County lost five top managers with Finance post still to be filled.

Planning

Old Cement Works: David Wilson Homes applied to put five more houses on site and reduced affordable homes from 18.9% of total to 18.5%. This is Brownfield Land and does not add to villages’ housing target. It is in our School catchment area and we get part of the S106 money. Council to make no representation.

Shakespeare Inn: No objection to plans to fell one conifer and reduce another.

Windmill: Sympathetic repairs sought with no neighbour objection. PC - No Representation.

Housing Survey: Draft Questionnaire to be arranged. Planning Committee to report.

Properties

Playing Fields: Youth Shelter position near skateboard park to be put on social media.

Cemetery: Two more quotes for path resurfacing still to be received. Next stage of improvements - chapel roof.

Car Park: Still no resolution to problems of anti-social behaviour and no volunteers to close gates at night. Three cameras to record incidents would cost £3.5K. District Cllr Harris suggested SDC's old camera system may be available.

Environment

B4451 Closure: This has caused extra and speeding traffic on Butt Lane. PC to ask for speed cameras.

Traffic Survey: Quote received for Deppers Bridge. PC wants vehicle activated signs. Residents' dustbins with "speeding stickers" put on verges on bin day.

Congestion: County's ideas sought to handle congestion in centre of Harbury.

Parking on Greens: Persistent offenders referred to police? Barriers to be considered.

Pavement Parking: Bollards to be investigated.

Verge Mowing: Agreed to provide at Bush Heath Road for safety reasons.

"Henrys": Bush Heath Lane verge is a "dreadful mess"; County asked to re-seed it.

Harbury Sign missing: Planning problems with estate still outstanding.

"Oakfields": Complaints of vehicles parking on verge at walkway to Bush Heath Lane.

Buses: Bus stop sign, leaning dangerously outside supermarket, removed.

Finance

Ticked Boxes for Annual Governance; Accountability; Finance and Banking Reports.

Next Meeting: Thursday 30th May, Harbury Village Hall, 7pm to consider response to Gladmans' planning application. The Annual Parish Meeting begins at approximately 8pm to be followed by wine and nibbles provided by Parish Council.

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



Members who joined the guided walk round Knowle were regally treated.

We assembled in the Archive Room above the Library in the 15th Century timber-framed Chester House to have a short talk on the building and the history of the village. Then, in two groups we were treated to a stroll along their "High Street" where we were told more about the history and growth of the village and its buildings; the heyday of coaching (Knowle was on the route

from Birmingham down to London); the loss of many historic houses in the 1960's building spree and many other curious local stories.

At the southern end of the historic buildings we entered the very impressive Church and then repaired to the Guild House, built in the early 1400's as a home for the Guild, a religious society that, as well as observing religious feast and rites, also acted as mutual support for its members in time of need or illness.



The Guild Hall is a stunning timber framed building on the front of which still remain twin plaques with the Seal of St Anne and of the College. Inside it is equally impressive with a high timber ceiling and the MOST impressive array of cakes, scones, sandwiches and individual pots of tea for our members – their guests.

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We thanked the Knowle Society and with some trepidation I suggested that we could host a tour of Harbury if they so wished; but warned I did not think we could surpass their historical knowledge or their superb catering!

	<h2>Harbury Women's Institute</h2>	<p>Mary Thompson</p>
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At our meeting on 9th May we discussed the resolutions which will be debated at the National Federation Conference to be held in Bournemouth on 5th June.

The first resolution dealt with the decline in cervical cancer screening - attendance is at its lowest for a decade. Cervical Cancer claims 5,000 lives a year so the resolution will be trying to raise awareness of the need for screening.

The second resolution expressed concern about the decline in local bus services, particularly in rural areas. Council budgets for bus services have been cut by 45% since 2010. The resolution asks local authorities and local bus services to work together to improve the situation.

Members had a good discussion about both resolutions and unanimously passed them both. Ann Mayer will be representing Harbury, Bishops Itchington, Bishops Tachbrook and Whitnash WIs when she attends the conference in Bournemouth.

On 20th May three members attended a Literary Lunch at Mallory Court organised by the Warwickshire Federation of WIs. The speaker was

Joanna Toye who worked on "The Archers" as a scriptwriter and producer on and off for 30 years. She also worked on Crossroads and EastEnders. She has written books based on "The Archers" and since retiring has written a novel called "A Store at War" which was partly inspired by her memories of Beatties in Wolverhampton. Joanna proved to be an excellent speaker and we were interested in her anecdotes about the programmes that she had worked on.

The next meeting will be held on 13th June when Helen Plumb will be talking about glorious coloured gemstones. Visitors and new members are very welcome.



Harbury Theatre Group

Geoff Allen

Some months ago, during a meeting of the Theatre Group where we were trying to decide on our next production, Ali Hodge suggested we perform Under Milk Wood by Dylan Thomas, a British masterpiece performed in the past by casts that included the likes of Richard Burton, Anthony Hopkins, Sian Phillips and Charlotte Church!

Full of enthusiasm we quickly roughed out how the "play for voices" might be put on the Harbury Village Hall stage as a play reading with a little extra in the form of costume and movement around the stage with interaction between characters. We decided that we would not make the mistake comparing ourselves to other productions but to concentrate on making our version of UMW as true to the script and rhythm of the play as we possibly could.



At this point, having worked out that there are some 60 characters in the work and with a limited number of members in our group, a little panic set in, accompanied by the thought that our love of the work might not be shared by our Harbury audience. We need not have worried; a call to the village produced 20+ players to take part onstage with other volunteers to help fill the backstage duties and we were rewarded with healthily-sized and appreciative audiences both nights.

For me one of the highlights was to hear my fellow "voices" rise to the occasion each performance to deliver their lines with extra feeling and timing. I am pleased and proud we delivered Under Milk Wood.

Now on to the Pantomime, oh yes we are! **Panto dates:** 28th, 29th and 30th November - plenty of old jokes and unlikely plot twists to come.



Harbury Theatre Group Juniors

HTG Juniors are excited to announce their 6th show - 'The X Factory'.

Join us on Friday 5th July at 7.30pm, Saturday 6th July 2.30pm/7pm at Harbury Village Hall to see if the pupils of St Dithers can save their school or if the evil Simon Trowel and his panel of judges will triumph. Tickets available from the library or email htgjuniors123@gmail.com

HTG Juniors are a talented group of enthusiastic children aged 7-15. We meet once a week, for an hour, to enjoy a mix of drama, dance, music and fun games, all designed to build confidence.

This will be our last show with the juniors so the Theatre Group are looking for new leaders from September. If you would be interested in finding out more, please contact us.

Please look out for us at the Carnival where we will be performing some songs from our upcoming show.

Emily, Emma, Joy and Katie



Folk Club

Sue Hartland

The theme for Folk Club number 414 was "Light and Dark."

Sue and Ian kicked off the first half, keeping to the theme, with "The Light from the Lighthouse" and "Bonny Light Horseman." Bob was next with two Paul Simon songs, "Patterns" and "Duncan". Sue Harris followed with "Once upon a time" and "The Turn of the Road". Rik sang about May Day frolics in the outdoors and then a very serious song about clowns. Robin followed with "This is all the Light I Need" and "Light Flight". Norman closed the first half with "Early Morning Rain" (written by Gordon Lightfoot) and "Switch the Light Off" and, as instructed, I switched the lights off at the end of his performance!

The second half commenced with The Choir singing "The May Song" and "Lay Down your Weary Tune". Peter McDonald followed with "We Stayed Awake" and "Here is My Home". Laura made a welcome return to the Club; she sang "Dawn" followed by "There's a Rugged Road". Peter Mason was next with "The Island" and "Man of War". Don followed, having already helped out and accompanied two previous acts, he sang "Made of Light" and "Dark End of the Street" Des had us all joining in with his two songs, "New York Mining Disaster" and "When Autumn Skies are Blue". Pete Grassby sang "I Just Want You to Know" and "It's a Sin to Tell a Lie". Rumbelow closed the evening with "Hal an Tow" and "Keep Hauling".

Thank you everyone who supported the raffle which raised £94.55 for Cancer Research.

The theme next month is “Anything that makes you happy”, so don’t miss it.



It was our turn to host the Coffee Morning and Soup and Sandwich Lunch in the Tom Hauley Room on Saturday 11th May and we wish to offer our sincere thanks to all who supported the event.

We will be entertaining our French friends from Samois-sur-Seine over the weekend commencing on Friday 7th June. A busy weekend is planned which includes; participation in the Harbury Carnival procession, a Safari Supper hosted by members of the Association and, on Sunday, a visit to the Shakespeare Theatre and supper in the Village Hall with entertainment being provided by the Ben Holder Jazz Trio.

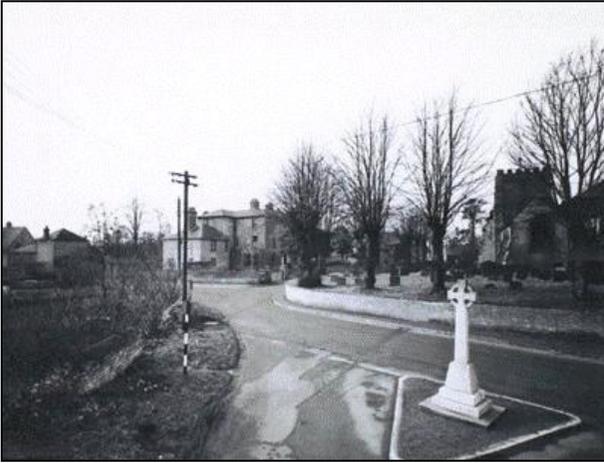
Membership of the Association is open to all so, why not join and participate in the fun activities.



T H E N & N O W This month's article in the series shows a photograph (overleaf) looking towards Church Street / Vicarage Lane from the junction of Crown Street and Dovehouse Lane. It was taken in approximately 1930.

On the right hand side of the photograph we see All Saints' Church, not much changed from how it appears today. It is thought there has been a church on this site since the 12th Century. In the centre of the photo is the vicarage. An impressive three storey detached house with stabling and its own servants' quarters, sited opposite the All Saints' Church and an ideal location for the vicar of Harbury. Frederick Roy Mackley (Father Mac) lived there from 1956 with his faithful housekeeper Beatrice Mary Mallabone. Judging by the photograph in John Stringer's book "All Saints' Church Harbury" (2012), the vicarage was demolished sometime in the 1960's. A new rectory was built on the stabling and yard facing Vicarage Lane. The War Memorial (shown on the island) in the foreground has been moved across the road to the quieter green area, presumably for safety reasons!

In the second photograph shown overleaf taken recently, one of two relatively new houses can be seen built on the former vicarage site. The trees are in leaf hiding much of the church building. The church yard wall appears higher. The road is wider but the telephone pole is in a similar place. The War Memorial is just off the picture to the right.



We have a lot more photographs if you would like to see them. Visit our website, to view the catalogue and then come to the Heritage Room based in the Primary School.

Open first Tuesday in the month from 6.30pm. 4th June and 2nd July are the next two dates when it is open to the public. We welcome visitors from near and far. You are welcome to visit at a more convenient time by emailing and letting us know your preferred date/time.



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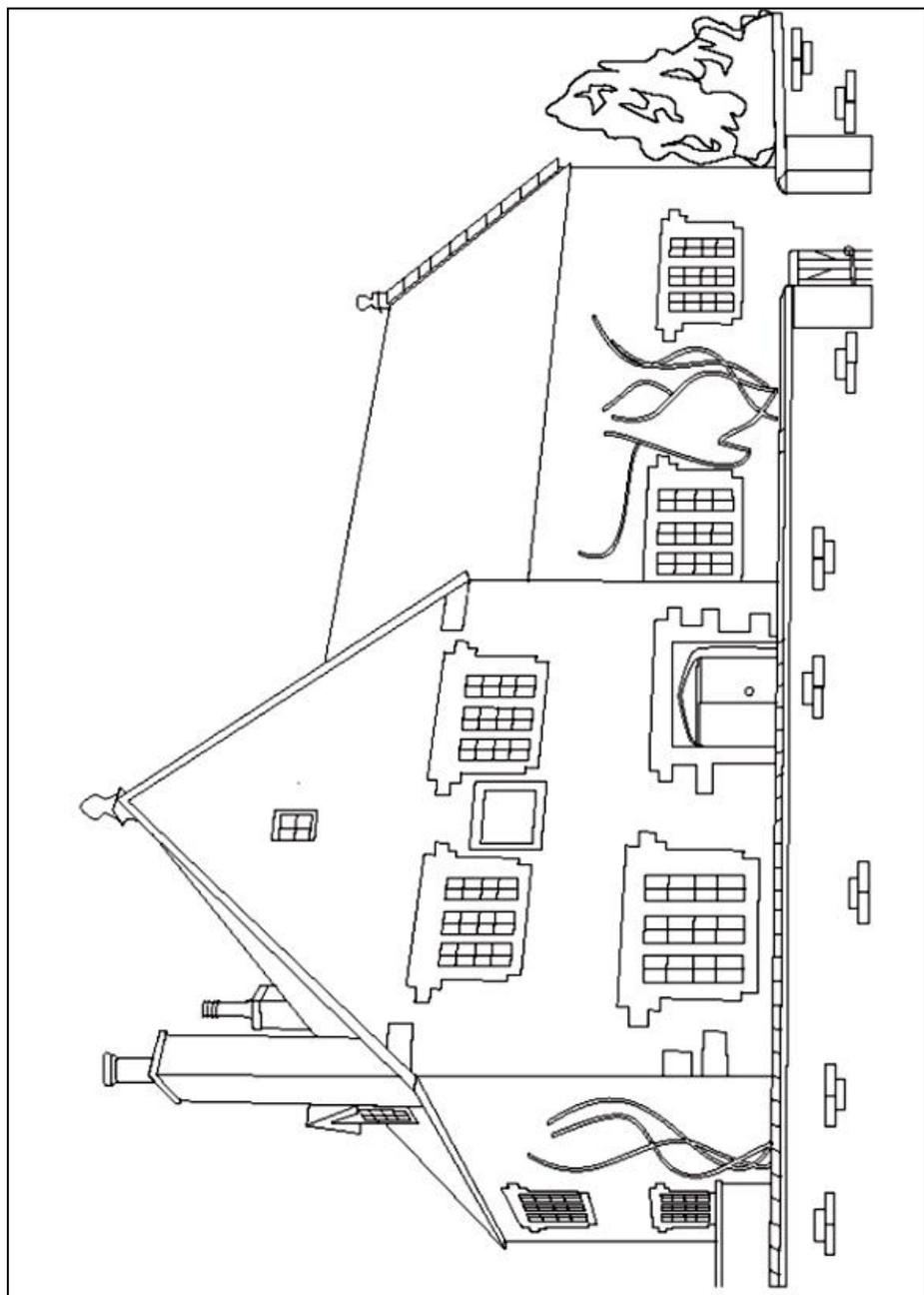


Harbury Heritage Kids' Corner

This month I am testing your artistic skills! Shown on the next page is a drawing of The Wagstaff School. It is situated behind the Church on Crown Street. It's not a school today but someone's home.

What I would like you to do is to **CAREFULLY** colour it in **PENCIL CRAYONS**. Try to make it look like the real building if you can. When you have finished post your entry through the letterbox of **Manor Stable, Park Lane, Harbury** by **30th June**. Don't forget to put your name, age and how you can be contacted in case you win, on your entry. **Age limit is 11 years old and under**. Make sure you have permission from a parent / carer to do this.

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



	<h2>Harbury Energy Initiative</h2>	Bob Sherman
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HEI Leads the Way (or a bit of the way)

I think we may have started something. Maybe that's a slight overstatement given all the current ambient noise about the climate emergency and the collapse of our natural systems. In our little way, though, I think we have started something.

The HEI/RSA event at the end of April attracted about 45 people including one from Birmingham and one from the Masai Mara (it's true, although she does have a house in Compton Verney as well). Our aim was to share ideas on practical, effective, positive local action to reverse the serious threats to all life that we humans are causing and to stimulate new activity in communities where at the moment there is none. We had no idea where it might lead but we feel strongly that it is the right path to take. HEI has always sought to find and implement practical solutions for our community rather than just talk about them. At the end of the event we hoped that we would find someone to run a similar event elsewhere. To our delight Jacky Lawrence from Napton rose to the challenge. We are now working with the RSA again and with the small team from Napton on a second event, which is to be on the morning of 29th June at Napton Village Hall (which is very nice, by the way). The next step, we believe, is to create a Low Carbon Community Hub for Warwickshire but we will need just a bit more momentum to achieve that goal.

The hosts at Napton would be delighted to see some people from Harbury at the event. So would I! If you want to be part of this growing movement for practical change talk to me or anyone else from HEI.

Declaring a Climate Emergency

Recently the government and around 100 local Councils have all declared a climate emergency. Our local council of Stratford-on-Avon is not one of them, however. If you think they should, please sign this petition:

https://www.change.org/p/stratford-upon-avon-district-council-stratford-upon-avon-district-council-should-declare-a-climate-emergency/psf/promote_or_share

On the Light-er Side

Some people have already been talking to me recently about energy efficiencies for their community buildings. We are looking at finding funding for the Scout Hut, the Pre-School and the church to switch over to LED lighting. We have quotes for the work; all we need now is some money. There is some out there somewhere. I'll find it.

And on the Carnival Field

The Carnival is coming and HEI and Harbury e-Wheels will be sharing a stall alongside many of the other wonderful Harbury groups. This year, as last, we

are offering prizes. Do you want to win a big fat hamper of goodies? Do you fancy driving the electric cars from Harbury's hub of E-Car Club? Want to know more about LED lighting and the savings you can make? Come to our stand on 8th June and be amazed. We have a free membership of E-Car Club to raffle as well as the bulging hamper. One of our electric cars will be there to say hello.

We would be delighted to speak to anyone who is interested in being part of HEI (the solution). It really doesn't mean that you commit to regular long boring meetings or radical political action. We do things rather than talk or shout about them.

See you at the Carnival - or in the street - or on our Facebook page.

	<h2>Harbury e-Wheels</h2>	<p>Bob Sherman</p>
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The Master of Ceremonies gets us ready for the races

If you weren't there you may regret not being at the Great e-Wheels Race Night. It may be some years before it happens again. If you were there you will remember what a brilliant evening it was with a wonderful atmosphere and great support for Harbury e-Wheels.

The horses are now resting after their exertions (and back in their box) having served us well. We are grateful to Julie Marshall-Hardy for allowing us to use this wonderful game.

The evening raised a net figure of £836 but we also had some generous donations to raise that total even higher. This is undoubtedly an excellent result but the sobering fact is that it will support just six weeks or so of free transport. We are now in our fourth year and close to having delivered 4,000 hours and 30,000 miles of free transport using our car club electric

cars. We are deeply grateful to all those who donate to us regularly by standing order. If you feel that you would like to support us in this way, please contact me or Liz McBride personally.

So what's next? The Barn Dance, of course! I am telling you now so that you make sure it is in your diary. On 12th October in the Village Hall we will be royally entertained (and exercised) by Harbury's own Reel to Reel band and others. Don't miss it.



Guides and Scouts Support

Rosanna Hunt
G.A.S.S. Committee

A huge thank you to all of the leaders and parents for supporting Harbury Guides and Scouting fundraising events over the last 12 months. At our AGM and showcase event last month we took advantage of the mild weather to showcase some of the activities the youth sections get up to at the Scout Hut (behind the Library).

The Scouts set up a go-karting competition in the car park (well done Owen D - the winner!). The Explorers built a zip wire with the pioneering poles for everyone to have a go - wow! The Beavers set up camp and the Cubs had us toasting marshmallows for s'mores - delicious!

The Guides and Brownies had a constant throng of children crowded around them making slime and windmills all afternoon and the Rainbows leader Candida lured us all inside for parachute games which certainly built up energy for the AGM which followed!



Looking back on the year both in pictures and pounds at the AGM - a particular highlight was the establishment of our new section - Explorers, for 14+ year-olds. Our recent "hut tidy" was yet another example of how fantastically generous our volunteer leaders, helpers and parents are with their time.

Our fundraising year for 2019-20 starts in only three months' time with the wonderful Harbury Beer Festival, where we will be serving up bacon butties

and the like. All help appreciated! Please contact me on 07770 704056 if you can give an hour of your time to "work a shift" in the kitchen - it's fun!

Before then, you will see our Explorers Hana and Ben at the Harbury Carnival fundraising for the World Scout Jamboree (look out for them in the Leamington Courier too!).

A final big thank you to Bob Sherman who is looking for funding to provide the Scout Hut, Pre-School and Church with new, energy efficient lighting. Please contact him if you know of any good funding streams he can tap into.

See you at the Harbury Carnival and Beer Festival!

	<p>Harbury Tennis Club</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Colin Mercer https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/HarburyTC</p>
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The start of the new season has coincided with some decent weather and as a result the club sessions have been really well attended and it's been great to welcome several new members.

It's been a very busy time in the leagues, especially for the Banbury Midweek team with four Division 3 fixtures. The first was at home against Byfield "D" and it proved to be a very close match. The team of Helen Cooper, Sue Panton, Jane Minchin, Nigel Eaton and Steve and Josh Marshall enjoyed a 5-4 win. The highlight was Jane and Nigel's 11-0 success in their mixed doubles rubber! Brackley "B" were the next visitors and as usual they found it difficult to adapt to our hard courts, theirs being artificial grass. The Harbury team of Caroline Morland, Helen Cooper, Clare Callaghan, Steve Stark, Josh Marshall and Nigel Eaton made maximum use of home advantage and secured a 6-3 win.

We then started our away fixtures with a trip to Banbury West End. There were three team changes for this one, with Eira Owen, Sue Panton, and Colin Mercer joining Caroline, Steve and Nigel. This was another 6-3 success, our fourth straight win! All things come to an end though and we suffered our first defeat of the season at Banbury "C". The home side were able to include two talented Juniors who have both represented Oxfordshire in their respective age groups. This proved decisive as Banbury's men proved too strong for Adam Crossling, David Bristow and Colin Mercer. Caroline Morland, Sue Panton and Clare Callaghan fared better and won two of the three ladies' doubles and, with Sue and Colin winning their mixed doubles, managed a creditable 3-6 score line.

In the Banbury Weekend Double league, our first fixture was at home against Priors Marston. Regulars, Karen Bristow, Eira Owen, Joe Robson were joined by Neil Browne who made his debut for Harbury. The visitors won by 6-2 with Eira and Joe getting Harbury's two points with a convincing win in their mixed doubles. I'm reliably informed that the post-match refreshments were extremely good and have set the standards for other clubs!

Our Rugby & District League Mixed Doubles campaign started with two tough away matches against the early season front runners. Caroline Morland and Steve Starke were No.1 pair, Eira and Owen No.2 and despite their best endeavours were beaten 8-0. Caroline and Steve came closest to winning a set, taking Nuneaton's first pair to a tiebreak. The match was in doubt because of the weather and it rained at times during the match so, all in all, a pretty damp evening!

In the second match, against Rugby 2, Caroline, Adam Crossling joined Eira and Steve. Eira and Adam secured Harbury's first point of the season in the 1-7 defeat when they halved their rubber against Rugby's second pair.

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.

	<h2>Harbury Toddler Group</h2>	<p>Lynne Barton</p>
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Thank you for reading our Toddler News

We love busy Mondays!! Anne Marie from Get Cooking helped us make delightful noodle salad pots, all very healthy for the children's lunches and saves parents from having to cook lunch, a double whammy !

With Father's Day approaching, Emma from Paint and Glaze popped in so the children could decorate something for Daddy, we look forward to seeing the finished results after half term.

Dancing and Singing

Miss Laura from Love Ballet.Com is always a hit, particularly popular is *Elephants have Wrinkles* and fired with enthusiasm our very own Clare, mother to Olivia, offered to lead a singing and movement session herself. This proved to be such



a fabulous success that we are thinking of making a Video Clip for You Tube. Many thanks Clare until next time



Fairies come to Harbury

If you listen very carefully you may be able to hear fairies singing in their lovely new gardens created by the children using small pebbles, sparkly stepping stones, coloured sand and bits of greenery. Such a simple thing, easy to make, great to keep and one which enchanted the children. Shhhh! Don't make any loud noises we don't want to frighten them!

Annabel certainly looks as if she will treasure her creation. It is great to see the joy simple things bring to children in their

early years, let's hold on to that wonder for as long as possible.

Continuing 'Shed' Saga

I am sure I can hear you all groan but I think this is worth reporting as it reflects the real spirit of Harbury residents.

A Facebook message alerted us to the fact that recently the shed door was open in the rain, the padlock gone and our tiny chairs strewn all over the grass.



Action stations our super heroes sprang into action, the chairs were tidied away, a new lock purchased and the shed door rehung!!!! Many thanks to the fabulous duo which were Bob Sherman and Phil Capers for repairing and re-hanging the door and thank you to Emma Brangwin for 'springing' to the rescue. Order restored. We thank our lucky stars as it could have been much much worse.

Finally

We are pleased to report that our much-loved volunteer Reg is on the mend following his illness and hopes to pop in to see all his friends very soon. We thank all our families for their continuing support for our Toddler Group and the welcome you offer to new parents and children enabling us to offer a fully inclusive and diverse service to children of all abilities.

Come and join us

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

We are based at the Scout Hut, High Street, Harbury, CV33 9HW and meet every Monday during term time at 9.30am saying bye bye at 11.15am. Thinking of coming along or need more information? Please do ring Lynne on 01926 612748 or email lynnebarton@btinternet.com



Green fingers: The children have been very busy in the Pre-School garden this term, planting flowers and potatoes. The children have been transporting soil in their wheelbarrows, digging with their trowels and keeping our new plants watered by using the watering cans. We are now all waiting patiently for them to grow. Such has been their interest and enjoyment, that we decided to test how green our fingers really are by also planting carrots and beans.

Before planting the beans, we thought about what conditions might best suit

our plants, be it light, dark, inside, outside, dry, wet, in soil, on a paper towel etc. Our beans are currently scattered in a variety of different places all around the Pre-School and we are all on tenterhooks waiting to see which ones will germinate first!



We extended our bean learning a little further by reading the story of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and also pretending to be different kinds of beans using our bodies, for example tall string beans, wide broad beans and wobbly jelly beans. The children came up with a few of their own – a wand flick for magic beans and a rigid pose for frozen bean!

A visit to Harbury School: It is always a treat to visit Harbury Primary School to watch their Reception assembly and this year was no different. The Reception children put on a fantastic rendition of 'Night Monkey, Day Monkey' and it was lovely to see their confidence shine through. Our children were captivated from start to finish. They sat beautifully and some were obviously excited to see some familiar faces in the Reception class.

Outdoor play: It has been so lovely to make full use of our outdoor area this term as a result of the beautiful weather we've been having. A firm favourite with the children is the obstacle course.



The children have been practising walking along the beams, jumping through hoops, crawling through tunnels and climbing up and jumping off our 'mountain'. It has been especially nice to watch our newer, younger cohort try an obstacle out, struggle to start with and then beam with pride when they achieve it, with exclamations of, 'look I did it!' It has also been especially nice to watch some of the children take each other's hands and help each other across.

The bikes have also been a staple over the last few weeks. The children have been fantastic at using our sand timer to take turns and also at sharing the two-seater bike; riding each other around the playground and then swapping over.

3 2 1 Blast off! For the last few weeks, we have had a Pre-School full of some quite weird and wonderful aliens that the children have painted for our Carnival Float. We have had some super representations, all different and all straight from the children's imaginations, for example '*an alien wearing a skirt*' and '*an alien with a banana 'cos aliens like bananas!*'





The children have also been enjoying playing in the role play area which currently houses a rocket// space station which the children have painted, astronaut clothes, technology props to communicate with the space station and writing equipment. The children have also been busy creating their very own 'space passports', writing their name, age and drawing their favourite planet.

During circle time, the children created their very own alien! Each taking a turn to add a feature or body part, resulting in 'Molli the Alien!' We think she looks rather splendid but we do hope she doesn't visit Earth in a hurry!

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 School PTA

PTA Committee



Harbury Community Fun Day - Sunday 30th June, 2.00 - 5.00pm, Harbury Playing Fields

In association with the Mayor's Community Weekend we are hoping you will join us in having an afternoon of fun. The main event will be a community Fun Run/amble, open to everyone. You can run, walk, hop, skip, walk a lap and stop for an ice cream or run as many laps as you feel you can. The idea is to make it fun and entertain everyone. For those not so keen on joining the main event, we hope you will come and have a drink, eat some food and cheer on those that are taking part. To keep everyone entertained there will be a BBQ, bar, bouncy castle, tennis, face painting, ice creams, cake stalls, tombolas and much, much more.

Race/Ambles details

The fun run/amble will start at 2pm and finish at 4pm. You will need to arrive slightly earlier to pick up your race number. At the end of the run, the results will need to be processed and we hope the presentations will be hosted at approximately 4.30pm. There will be prizes for the most laps run/ambled by under 3's, 4yrs, 5yrs, 6yrs, 7yrs. These younger children are encouraged to use the smaller circuit approximately (300 metres). At the end of each lap, everyone needs to collect a sticker on their race number before they begin another circuit.

For older runners/ambblers there will be a longer lap (800 metres), there will be prizes for the most laps run by 8yrs, 9yrs, 10yrs, 11yrs, 12-14yrs, 14-16yrs, adult females (16+) and adult males (16+). Again, a sticker needs to be collected at the end of each lap before beginning a new one. Start and finish points will be clearly identifiable thanks to support from Raceways.

If you want to be considered for a prize for most laps run, race numbers will need to be shown to the race officials at the end of the run. Prizes will also be given for the best fancy dress and the highest sponsorship collected.

Sponsorship for this event is welcomed, but not necessary. Entry will cost £2 per person and everyone signed up before the 20th June will be guaranteed a medal (one lap minimum). If, however you wish to enter on the day, we would love to see you there and will try our hardest to ensure everyone who enters has a medal.

Entry forms can be collected and paid for at Harbury supermarket and Harbury Library. For race information or further questions please email harburypta@gmail.com

Things to remember for the day.

Refreshments will be available, but we encourage all runners/ambblers to bring their own reusable bottle on the day. There will be hydration stations where you can fill up with water. Please wear suitable footwear and clothing. T-shirts will be available to buy for a small price with the Harbury community fun day logo on.

Harbury School Parent Power Gardening weekend

The sun shone over the weekend enabling over 30 parents, grandparents, village supporters and children to transform the school gardens. Fences were painted, Borders were weeded, tree stumps dug out, hedges replanted, over 10 tonnes of soil were removed from the reception play area, allowing a new paved area to be created, which will double the size of the outdoor play space for the village 5-6 year olds.



Some photos of everyone hard at work

A huge thank you to everyone who took part, especially to Wendy Crowder who runs the school gardening club, Earthworms, Susie Edmonds for coordinating the reception "big build" project, and our generous business sponsors who donated the materials and digger hire. We couldn't have done it without you: Keir Edmonds MCS Group, Steve Ellis Stonemarket and Dave Wrafter MPS Warwick.

If anyone has a few hours to spare, there are still some benches to paint, endless weeds and a box hedge to plant – please contact admin3032@we-learn.com.



Village Hall Update

Andy Rutherford

May has been another good month for the Village Hall with excellent booking levels and some interesting events; the regular Ben Holder Jazz night is attracting bigger audiences, and the performances of "Under Milk Wood" were much appreciated.

We have now made a planning application for the new entrance to the Village Hall. It incorporates a much bigger foyer, an improved disabled access, well-lit steps, and increased storage area. The detailed plans can be seen on the Stratford planning site. We are optimistic that planning and funding will come together for work commencing later this year. The last part of the original Village Hall roof has been showing quite a few leaks and repairs to the roof are currently being planned.



Harbury Village Club & Institute

Judy Morrall

I'm sure that everyone is looking forward to the annual Carnival and the club are very proud that we will be involved in the wheelbarrow race on Sunday 2nd June. We will be the starting and finishing point for the race. We are trying something different too. We have invited Steph and her husband who are based at Harbury Fields Caravan Park and in their spare time sell pizzas from their distinctive green horse box to join us and they will be on the club car park for the duration of the race and afterwards. So an ideal opportunity to see the race and enjoy a pizza and a drink from our bar. Not to be missed. I will let you know in the July article how it all went.

Thank you to the members who attended the AGM in April. All voted to accept the accounts after Andy, our new treasurer, gave a summary of finances etc. I will embarrass him by saying that he has done a fantastic job since taking over in January and had to cope with so much paperwork. He has set to and has condensed this so that it is much simpler and concise. Thank you Andy. Some ideas were put forward regarding celebrating our 100 years and it was a very positive meeting and many of our members appreciated this.

The 200 cyclists who pay us an annual visit did so on Saturday 18th May. I spoke to a small group who were turning off at the bottom of Edgehill as I was on my way to volunteer at Upton House, pointed them in the direction of the club and off they went, they certainly deserve the refreshments on offer at the club as they cover many miles and at a very brisk rate.

The officers of the club were re-elected at the first meeting of the new committee on 13th May. Pam is still president with Andy, the treasurer, and myself as secretary. Our three new committee members were made welcome and we enjoyed a very lively and extremely positive meeting. We approved three more new members and two more bookings. After the formal part was over we discussed the possibility of a Saturday pizza evening and it was mentioned that a good idea would be to serve them at the wheelbarrow race. All agreed and also to a pizza evening. I subsequently spoke to Steph (see beginning of my article) and arranged that. I have also arranged a pizza evening for Saturday 20th July so please make a note of this date. We are also going to hold open mic evenings. They were a great success when we held them a while ago and all of the committee were very much in favour of this.

Discussions took place about the best way to celebrate our centenary in December. We really need a sub-committee so if you are bursting with ideas come and join us. One idea was to combine with OAP Xmas party, maybe a buffet so that we can accommodate all who wish to come, have various games taking place and entertainment from the Folk Club. So, you see all the little grey cells were working and once an idea is put forward it then provokes further suggestions, a case of 'from small acorns' etc. We didn't stop there, our newer members are very keen to enter more on the Harbury Club Facebook page and bring it up to date. Also entries on the Harbury News Facebook page. My goodness my head was spinning at this point. We then discussed the next monthly promotion, not quite completed yet but we have some merchandise from Fosters including some very cool sunglasses so more excitement!!! As I said earlier a very lively and positive meeting. Thank you for all of the input.

I will report back next month on the charity quiz night which is on Saturday 25th May. It will be a fun evening and I am really looking forward to it. You will laugh at this I printed out posters and didn't spot a deliberate mistake until after they were laminated. I should have typed a bumper raffle but somehow it came out as bumber raffle!!!!!! Hasty reprints to rectify - at least I had not put the posters up around the village. Did you guess the answer to the question posed in May magazine. That was quick, none left answer is..... scone. If the quiz is a success I will arrange another one later in the year. I have been very cheeky asking for donations to the raffle and had some very kind gifts.

At last I have finished but so much to report on this month. We are looking forward to seeing you all at the club and again thank you so much for your support and for taking the trouble to talk to me about the club. With no apologies I repeat that Harbury is such a caring village and long may it continue to be.



Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery
Christine Dakin

We have had a delivery of some very attractive bowls which are suitable for growing alpine plants. This style of gardening is easy and just right for people with small gardens. There is a wide range of alpine or rockery plants to choose from including sempervivums (common name is house leek) which are almost bomb proof as long as they don't get too water-logged in the winter. We have quite a good variety of alpines for sinks, bowls and rockeries.

Why am I surprised at the speed that weeds grow at this time of year? I've been working in horticulture for nearly 40 years so I should be prepared for this but it always catches me out.

Jobs include.....planting out sweet corn.....and leeks.....pinch out the tips of broad beans to discourage aphids.....sow more carrots, lettuce and peas to have a succession of crops.....split up primulas including cowslips and replant.....put stakes in for tall perennials which tend to flop(a job I hate doing).....pick sweet peas, it will encourage more flowers.....all tender plants such as summer bedding, dahlias and cannas can be planted outside now with confidence.....prune winter flowering viburnums.....pot up some strawberry runners and don't forget to weed out the weeds.

Bridge Nursery, Tomlow Road, Napton
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Nature Notes
John Hancock

Visiting Hampton Wood Nature Reserve in May you are almost certain to hear the Cuckoo in full voice. We (the U3A Natural History Group) did when we were there on a beautiful spring day - 13th May. Doubtless the Cuckoo will still be calling into June if the old adage remains true:

'In the middle of June it changes its tune,
In July it flies away'.

The wood and adjacent flood meadow beside the River Avon lies on the minor road which connects the villages of Sherbourne and Hampton Lucy. It is a delightful twisting lane with some small hills contrasting with the flat A429 on the other side of the valley. When on a bicycle there is no contest.

As we entered the wood our eyes were taken with a large clump of Alkanet growing next to the tree which houses the reserve diary. Evergreen Alkanet has brilliant blue flowers and is a plant in the Borage family. It is in fact a naturalised plant and is originally from south-west Europe. It is also known as Bird's Eye because of the white spot in the centre of the flower. If you wander

round our villages you will see Alkanet and that other great coloniser Valerian. Usually it's Red Valerian but there is also a white variety. It hails from the Mediterranean but has been with us since the 16th century and has gradually spread from the South-West.

Down at Bascote Wood I like to take the footpath along the south side starting in Ufton. An unofficial minor path runs just inside the wood and a pilgrimage there in May reveals the first of our British Wild orchids to flower. This is the Early Purple Orchid, now not as common as in the past but present in all parts of the land. These are the 'long purples' of Ophelia's sad garland in 'Hamlet'. Shakespeare knew his wild flowers especially those of his native Warwickshire. I have already found a flower bud of the Greater Butterfly Orchid in the shelter of Stockton Cutting and soon many more species will be flowering locally. Do visit Draycote Meadows this month to see the Green-winged Orchids in flower. They vary in colour from white to deep purple and are often in such numbers at this reserve that it is hard to believe they are now a relative rarity. The meadows are described in Warwickshire Wildlife Trust's guide as the 'crème de la crème' of remaining unimproved grassland to be found in the county. (OS sheet 140; SP448706. Postcode CV23 9RB)

Sharon and I visited a rather different limestone terrain when we were in North-West Spain recently. Staying in a coastal village between Santander and Bilbao, we had a day in the Picos Europa some miles inland. We took the chance to get some altitude by taking a cable car at Fuente De to 7,000 feet. It was cool and showery with patches of snow in places and rather bleak terrain. Taking a walk uphill from the cable car station we were rewarded by seeing some glorious blue gentians and the smallest of daffodils with flowers less than an inch long. It was worth venturing out to experience early spring in this alpine terrain.

It's a constant battle to keep our local nature reserves such as Harbury Spoilbank from morphing into woodland. Already hawthorn is growing apace and the many plant and invertebrate species which thrive on the turf could be shaded out. Today (22nd May) I saw two of our most moth-like small butterflies the Grizzled and Dingy Skipper. Soon that enchanting butterfly the Marbled White will be flying there. Do pay a visit to this reserve, if you can, in the month ahead. Reports to me are most welcome. (612860 / j.hancock43@btinternet.com).



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



Harbury Carnival games week 2019

Pub Games

This year will be the 22nd running of the Carnival Pub Games week starting on Monday 3rd June through to Thursday 6th June, commencing at 7.30pm each evening.

The schedule this year will be:

Monday 3 rd	Aunt Sally	The Shakespeare
Tuesday 4 th	Table Skittles	The Crown
Wednesday 5 th	Quiz	The Village Club
Thursday 6 th	Horseshoes	The Gamecock

Last year we had **seven** teams take part but we can easily accommodate a few more teams. Although we try and have some outdoor games those of you who have come along in the past will know that we can move inside should the weather not be “flaming June”.

While there is a maximum of 12 players per team, only four players are needed for each game so there is nothing to stop a team having just four players as long as they are happy to turn up to play every evening. This gives plenty of flexibility for friends, neighbours, and colleagues etc. to get together and enter a team.

Points are allocated for each event and the team with most points at the end of the four nights will be presented with the Pub Games shield.

We do ask for an entrance fee of £1 per person per team.

Should people just want a night out to do the quiz, you are welcome to come along to the Village Club on Wednesday to take part.

Entry forms will be available in the local pubs or you can contact me on 01926 612421 to register or if you have any questions.

Mike McBride & John Broomfield



Carnival is here – Saturday 8th June

It's here and hopefully you will have already bought raffle tickets to support local groups and charities (or you can get them on the day on the field).

The Big Parade assembles at 12.15pm sharp in Sutcliffe Drive to judge your entries at 12.30pm. (To be judged you must be in place by 12.30pm). Leading the Parade will be the Carnival King and Queen, Archie and Maddison.



The Festival Field with Two Arenas

This year we have an exciting innovation which is the Festival Field packed with entertainers and attractions and two arenas where you can see and join in many acts, do face painting, take part in the Dog Show (at 3.15pm this year) and much more including: Steel Pan Academy, Katie's Story Telling Tree, Mel Harvey (Magician, and Punch & Judy), Jasmine Jackadaw (Circus Workshop and Danger Show), Retro Ice Cream Van, Charles Muggerridge's fairground, classic cars, street food plus craft beers, CANA wines, Napton ciders, teas and coffees....

Your stalls

No Harbury Carnival would be complete without the many local groups and charity offerings (this year in new look stalls). If you have any questions please call Julie Young on 614050 or email julie@pagato.co.uk.

See you there and don't forget to look on Harbury Facebook page for updates!

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

Harbury Senior Citizens Committee Update

Everyone who requested a seat for the trip to Weston Super Mare will be going so please turn up at the Village Hall on **Wednesday 12th June**. The coaches will be leaving at **8.30am**. We have two coaches and a few spare seats available so if you fancy a day out at the seaside in Weston at a cost of £10 please call me on 612421. First come, first served.

As you may know from previous editions of the Harbury & Ladbroke News we are running a chocolate tombola at the Carnival again this year. While we have received donations already, if you should have any unwanted chocolate

that you don't want the temptation of eating, then we will be happy to help you by taking the temptation and using it in a good cause. Any donations of chocolate can be left at **32 South Parade**.

We hope that those going to Weston enjoy the day: the pier, the beach, sun bathing or whatever you end up doing.

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



Friends of Harbury Cemetery

Last month I changed the weeding and tidying day at the cemetery to a Friday as some people said they could not make a Thursday morning, but it did not work as only one person turned up to help me (and she is a regular). If we do not get any more volunteers to help with the weeding the group will disband and the cemetery will revert back to the disgrace it was before.

Such a shame as the group have done a marvellous job so far through the planting and tidying. The next session will be on **Thursday 6th June between 10 and 12 noon** - I cannot do it alone, so please help. After that it will be **Thursday 4th July between 10 and 12 noon** - which could be the last one.

Councillor Pat Summers



Cemetery Water Supply

We have recently installed a new tap at the cemetery. It is just inside the gate behind the hedge but has yet to be connected to the mains. The water butts have already been disconnected so apart from a few filled watering cans by the chapel, there is no water supply at the moment. Please bear this in mind when visiting the cemetery and bring some water with you if necessary. The new tap will be connected to the mains water supply by Severn Trent as soon as possible.

Harbury Parish Council



Harbury Village Show

We hope that you have all been able to pick up a show schedule from the Library for the village show in September. They are on the front counter but if you want further details there are two reference books in the Library to help ("On with the Show" and "The Horticultural Show Handbook"). Library staff will direct you to these books.

We hope to see as many of you as possible at Harbury Carnival on Saturday, 8th June where we will have our plant stall, so come and see us to pick up bedding plants, vegetable plants and many perennials. Next month, on 6th July, we have our coffee morning in the Tom Hauley room.

Could all winners from last year's show now return their trophies? Please return them to Dorothy Groves, 37 Mill Street by 30th June. This will enable us to get them engraved and ready for this year's show.

Village Show Committee



Artists' Open Studios in Harbury

Once again artists in Harbury will be opening their studios to visitors over the last two weeks of June as part of Warwickshire Open Studios. There will be familiar village faces, Katharine Barker, Viv Hunt, Moira Lamont, Andrew Lawrence, Susan Littlewood, Hugh Tottle, Sarah Smith, Jules Whiteside and Sarah Wilson, plus guest artists, Susan O'Grady and Ann Loscombe. There will be paintings, prints, photographs, ceramics, glass, paper sculpture, textiles and jewellery, plus some lovely gardens to admire. Open Studios runs from Saturday 15th to Sunday 30th June. See brochures (available in several village venues) and web site, <https://www.warwickshireopenstudios.org/> for details of venues and opening times.

Katharine Barker for Harbury Artists



Chesterton Church

Chesterton Church Scarecrow Competition will be held on the weekend of 10th and 11th August 2019.

All entries and visitors welcome. Further details to follow.

Lynne Powles

“Playtimes Past” – Southam Heritage Collection

The Southam Heritage Collection's new history exhibition “Playtimes Past” opens on 1st June in Tithes Place, Southam for the summer. A free interactive toy exhibition, it is open Tuesday, Friday and Saturday mornings, 10 am - 12 noon until October. Whatever your age, come and meet a selection of toys from earlier generations to more recent times. Find out why the Teddy Bear was invented, learn how to play Fox and Geese or remind yourself who Bill and Ben were. Bring the children and let them do a jigsaw or play Snakes and Ladders, while you enjoy the old stories and photographs, or perhaps you would like to challenge someone at draughts or chess!



If our opening times don't suit or you are part of a group, we welcome you at other times by arrangement, please contact Linda or Bernard and fix a time.

Linda Doyle 01926 814214
Bernard Cadogan 01926 613503



LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors

I just wanted to say a huge thanks to all those in this ward that voted for me and helped support the Lib Dem campaign with canvassing and delivery in the recent District Election. Having come to the campaign very late in the day (just over a month before the vote) it was very close indeed.

The final numbers are:

Sue Bushill (Lib Dem) 418

Tom Greenway (Lab) 107

Jacqui Harris (Ind) 451

David Watkin (Green) 133

Even though I didn't become your Councillor this time I will continue to look for opportunities to engage in the life of this wonderful community.

Best wishes

Sue Bushill

Dear Editors

*Would the driver of the **white Audi** who comes to the end of Vicarage Lane, turns left onto Butt Lane and then transforms themselves into a "boy racer" please desist. Next time I will publish your number!!*

David Thistlethwaite

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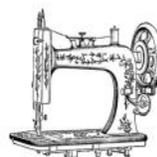
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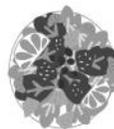


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