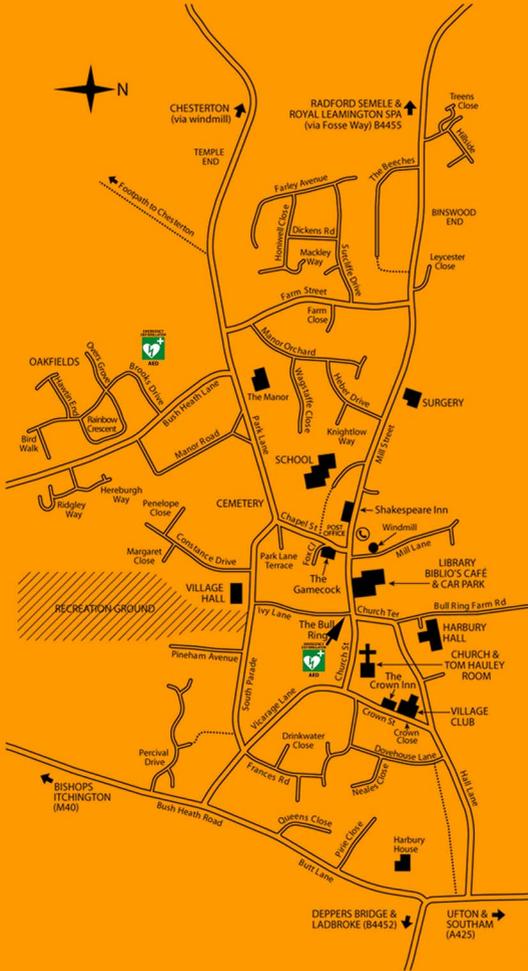
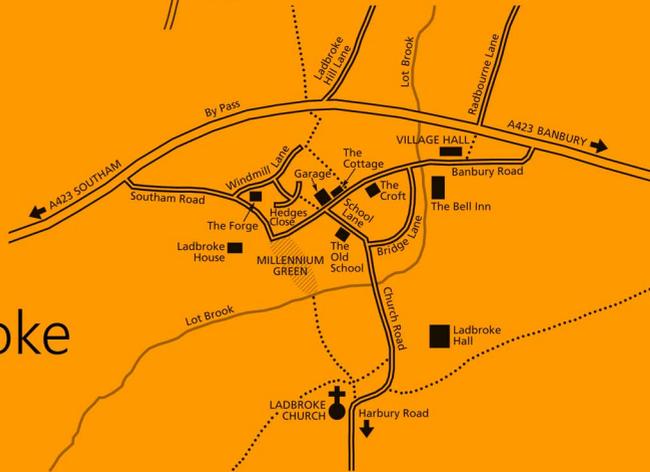


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## Editorial

In what has been a strange year for everyone around the world, can you believe that next month will be the start of the Autumn and Summer will have left us once again. We very much hope August will see the comeback of some good weather allowing those who are having a staycation rather than travelling abroad for a holiday to enjoy outdoor living. Whatever you do, continue to be vigilant of the virus and stay safe!

With the pubs open again in Harbury and Ladbroke they are depending on customers to visit and once again enjoy the delights of a cool beer, a glass of wine or two and a good meal. Supporting them is vital to their survival and we hope that those who are able will take up the challenge!

Following on from Biblio's opening for take-away coffee and cake in July, Harbury Village Library has also re-opened its doors on Monday mornings and Thursday afternoons where you can choose up to three books in a safe, controlled environment. Why don't you call in, the volunteers would love to see you!

Harbury e-Wheels are going back on the road as well as hosting another quiz. Please see the article on page 22 for details.

We mentioned in last month's editorial that the interviews for the new 'Priest in Charge' had taken place. An announcement has now been made following the acceptance of the position. Reverend Andy Batchelor and his wife Julie will be moving to Harbury where Andy will take up the reins of Harbury, Ladbroke and Ufton churches. Further details appear in Peter Took's 'From the Rector' article on page 3. I am sure all three villages are looking forward to welcoming the Batchelor family to the parishes.

Congratulations to the two couples who were married in Ladbroke Church in July; both weddings had been postponed due to the pandemic and we wish them well in their life together.

Ladbroke Church is looking forward to being part of the Heritage Open Days again in September, albeit by a virtual guided tour on Zoom.

We are aware that a number of you are missing the printed editions of the Harbury & Ladbroke News and we are hopeful that next month we can resume with our normal full print run. We know that the magazine might not have got to everyone who usually subscribes, however we may pick up a few new subscribers from those who have been reading it online.

Finally, we extend our condolences to the families of Maurice Bristow and Alan Rylance.



# Harbury Diary

**Most events normally listed are suspended at present.**

We welcome items for inclusion in the September edition of the Harbury News eg articles on hobbies, memories of living in the village, items on self-isolation, photos and quizzes.



**September Edition - Harbury & Ladbroke News**

**Articles to:** Harbury Pharmacy, High Street or e-mail to [articles@hlnews.co.uk](mailto:articles@hlnews.co.uk) by 5.30pm, Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August



## Refuse Collection Rota

	Deppers Bridge	Harbury, Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge outlying properties	Collection Week
August	Wed	Fri	
	5	7	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	12	14	Grey Bin
	19	21	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	26	28	Grey Bin
Sept	2	4	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	9	11	Grey Bin
	16	18	Green & Blue Lid Bins

## From the Rector



**Peter Took (Reader)**

So, it's very nearly "All Systems Go!" as we prepare to welcome our new vicar next month. You will be learning plenty of details about him elsewhere, so I'll just pass on a few snippets that might not make the official welcoming ceremony.

Andy Batchelor is a local man! He was born in Birmingham, but at a very young age he moved, with his parents, to Wootton Wawen. Later the family lived in Claverdon, which is where Andy married Julie. Then they spent their early years together in Redditch.

The call to ordained ministry led to study at St John's college in Nottingham. Both Andy and Julie felt that they should look north, which resulted in a curacy in Ulverston (South Cumbria) followed by his becoming vicar of St Mary's on Walney Island (Barrow-in-Furness). Later, this was extended to include St John's on Barrow Island.

Andy has already shown an individual approach as a lifelong biker (that's the motor variety) and as an enthusiastic user of home automation with voice controlled gadgets everywhere!

We're getting double value too, as Julie is a Licenced Reader, with a special interest in working with children.

The final bit of inside information is that their cocker spaniels are called Poppy and Lily and their cat is Pippin. Up to now Andy and Julie have kept chickens in Cumbria, but we shall have to wait to see whether that activity is continued here!

There were five applicants for the "Vacancy", which is the official Church of England word when an appointment of a vicar is awaited. I'm sure that many of you refer to it as "Interregnum", but I have to tell you that that is a description that has been relegated to the history books. Three of the applicants were interviewed and shown the three villages (Ufton is now officially included). So you can see that Andy was chosen from a strong field.

At the time of writing, there is no positive date fixed; by the time you read this, there might well have been an announcement of the official starting date.

Harbury, Ladbroke and Ufton look forward to welcoming Andy and his family.



## From the Churchwardens

**Liz & Michael**



Thank you so much for responding to our Heat, Light & Stone appeal. As of now we have had 195 donations from the village amounting to just over £58,000 including gift aid.

I haven't, as yet, sent out letters of thanks but will do so shortly. (I need to get to grips with "mail merge" - but if this fails, I do have a pen.) All cheques received up to 20<sup>th</sup> July have been banked and all (bar one) donations made online up to 20<sup>th</sup> July have been matched to both the donation forms and the church bank account. A small group, led by Philip Mayer, is now starting the process of applying for grants, appointing an architect and meeting potential contractors.

The church building itself is now open for private prayers on Sundays and Wednesdays from 1pm to 7pm. We are currently looking at ways of holding some services in Church. Please look at "Pews News" on our website for any updates on this - <https://allsaintsharbury.org/>

We look forward to welcoming our new vicar, Rev Andy Batchelor and his wife, Julie and their family to the three parishes of Harbury, Ladbroke and Ufton. This is likely to be in early October.

We have been in vacancy since Rev Craig left in June 2019. However, we are so grateful to Rev Ann Mulley and Rev Bob Clucas for increasing their ministry to all three parishes during this last year. We also thank our Readers, Alison Abbott, Gemma Took and Peter Took for supporting and sharing the load with Ann and Bob.

Of course, at Harbury, this was made even more of a challenge when the heating broke on 29<sup>th</sup> December. From then on, we held services in the Tom Hauley Room. And now they have mastered the technology and held services by Zoom to bring people together in worship online. Rev Andy will find a good team to welcome and support him in all three parishes.

Please do contact either of us should you have any queries relating to church life.

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

	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Mothers' Union</h2> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Gillian Hare</b></p>
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Greetings to all our members as another strange month has passed. We hope you are all keeping well and relishing the peace and quiet. I wonder if some of you picked up Bishop John's quiet day at the end of last month? Following him remotely made it quite special. Now some restrictions are easing so we can look forward to meeting a few friends or family and maybe a quiet time in Church. We will let you know when we feel we can plan to meet as a branch again

## All Saints Church Harbury Heat, Light and Sound Appeal



### Are you a Pillar or a Buttress?

*'I am not a pillar of the church, but a buttress. I support it, but from outside.'*

Winston Churchill, speaking to his Private Secretary in the 1950s.

Unsurprisingly, there has been a great initial response to the appeal for the repair and renewal of Harbury Parish Church. After all, this is Harbury.

As many gifts are from parishioners who attend church rarely, if at all, as from regular churchgoers.

Someone once described a church congregation as being like a series of concentric circles. On the inside, the 'bull' of the target, are the committed

church attenders, the weekly regulars, the parochial church council members, the bell-ringers, those who clean, maintain and decorate the church. They are relatively few.

In the ring outside them are the less frequent attenders, the monthly congregation who bring their families to children's services or to the services they feel touch them most - evensong, perhaps, or the Celtic service.

Then there are occasional worshippers. These may include the congregation for Christmas and Easter, for Remembrance Sunday and services like All Saints that bring to mind those we no longer see. In a wider ring still are those who attend weddings, christenings, confirmations and funerals.

And wider yet are those who seldom, if ever attend, but to whom their church matters at the centre of our village community.

In Churchill's terms, you might call these people the 'buttress' of the church. The church matters to them more than many might realise. They may seldom analyse why it is so important to them. It may represent the presence of God in our community. It may be a feeling that cannot be expressed in words. But when the village church is at risk, as it is now, they respond with generosity.

It is ironic that a buttress is so important to All Saints, Harbury. On the south-west corner of the tower, easily visible from the road, is a huge supporting buttress. Without it, the tower would fall down. In fact, it has been suggested that tower and buttress support each other.



An envelope put through every door in Harbury had a flyer detailing what we plan to do, together with an appeal form. You can respond with cash, a cheque, or an online transfer. No gift is too little; no donation is too much. But if you love our church, you have probably already given.

Thank you.

**All Saints Harbury Parochial Church Council**

# Ladbroke News & Diary

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

## AUGUST

- Sun 2 TRINITY 8**  
Possible morning service at church, please check website  
Church Open for Private Prayer, 2.00 - 4.00pm
- Sun 9 TRINITY 9**  
Possible morning service at church, please check website  
Church Open for Private Prayer, 2.00 - 4.00pm
- Sun 16 TRINITY 10**  
Possible morning service at church, please check website  
Church Open for Private Prayer, 2.00 - 4.00pm
- Sun 23 TRINITY 11**  
Possible morning service at church, please check website  
Church Open for Private Prayer, 2.00 - 4.00pm
- Wed 26 HS2 Archeology Update 6.00 - 7.00pm, on-line
- Thurs 27 ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY PHARMACY,  
HIGH ST OR EMAIL TO ARTICLES@HLNEWS.CO.UK BY  
5.30PM
- Sun 30 TRINITY 12**  
Possible morning service at church, please check website  
Church Open for Private Prayer, 2.00 - 4.00pm

## SEPTEMBER

- Sun 6 TRINITY 13**  
Possible morning service at church, please check website  
Church Open for Private Prayer, 2.00 - 4.00pm



## Ladbroke Church News

**Peter Rigby**

[www.ladbrokechurch.org.uk](http://www.ladbrokechurch.org.uk)

The official news of the appointment of our new Priest in Charge came sooner than expected but too late for last month's Harbury & Ladbroke News. We are however delighted to confirm that the Rev Andy Batchelor will be joining us, either in late September or October. He will be returning to his native Warwickshire from the edge of the country - for the past seven years he has been Vicar of Walney Island, on the edge of Barrow in Furness. You will be able to read more about Andy elsewhere in this edition.

The building repairs are now going on apace and as a result the Church building will be remaining closed during the week. However, it is now open again for private prayer, between 2.00 - 4.00pm on Sunday afternoons. Please follow the Covid secure instructions if you are coming to visit. We are currently working on the conditions that will need to apply for re-opening for Church services and hope to be able meet together soon. Details will be

emailed to all those on the Church mailing list; if you are not on the list but would like to receive our weekly emails, please send a request to [ladbrokechurch@gmail.com](mailto:ladbrokechurch@gmail.com)

We are delighted to have been able to hold two weddings during July, both of which had had to be postponed during the lockdown. Our very best wishes to Kieran and Beth and to Tom and Alice in their future lives together.



**A Sign of the Times**



**Worth Waiting For**

Finally, please note that "Pause and Pray" will be taking a break during August - we expect to restart in September, hopefully back in Church.

### *From the Registers*

10<sup>th</sup> July      Marriage of Kieran Wheatcroft and Beth Everett

18<sup>th</sup> July      Marriage of Tom Afford and Alice Pickin



### **Ladbroke Parish Council**

**Jackie West**

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

Our councillors went virtual for their meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> July. All members of the council were present and coped well with it being held on Zoom, though it was interesting to see how changed some of them looked with long hair and beards having grown during lockdown!

Parish council meetings always start with public participation and wearing my church hat I told them that the repairs, funded by The National Lottery

Heritage Fund, had started, the building was now open for private prayer on Sunday afternoons (2-4pm) and for weddings and we had selected our new vicar. Then it was on to the usual agenda.

**SDC & WDC** - The site allocations plan (which identifying the next land suitable for development) had been set back 20 months, Previously it was thought Southam College was full which would restrict further development around the town, but this may not be the case which would make it harder to resist applications.

The councils may eventually become a unitary authority (ie combining all the district councils with the county council) but this would be a long way in the future. Some think it might be better to combine Warwick and Stratford District Councils as they have a similar demographic.

**Police Surgeries and volunteer speed monitoring** - both on hold because of covid lockdown.

**HS2** - have offered to give an on-line talk about archeology in Ladbroke/Southam area. for more details see <https://sites.google.com/site/ladbrokevillage/forthcoming-events/posters-with-more-details>

Priors Hardwick have had HS2 related traffic issues and there was frustration and despair about road closures in the area, especially by farmers who need to get around with large vehicles at harvest time and concurrent Severn Trent and repair works. HS2 say that WCC have approved the closures but it appears WCC can only refuse them if it is dangerous. It was suggested that the best way to raise concerns, in an attempt to get improvements, is via our MP, Jeremy Wright focussing on tackling problems now for businesses rather than promises made to us 10 years ago.

Exact timing of the arrival of the tunnel boring machine is unknown.

The community engagement officer for Effiage Kier (the company responsible for civil engineering works from Southam to Brackley) suggested another meeting in Ladbroke to share the latest information with the council and the public in September or October.

**Next meeting** - 9<sup>th</sup> September (on-line).

	<p><b>Ladbroke &amp; Deppers Bridge Women's Institute</b></p>	<p><b>Dianne Surgey</b></p>
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While much of our lives ground to a halt during lockdown, the WI ever active, moved into another gear. First, we had members making scrubs, masks and mask extenders for health and care professionals and then the magic of Zoom became part of the new norm. Denman, our training college in Oxfordshire, having closed its doors in common with all similar establishments, realised that we could still have online classes and devised a programme to attract our interest. Needless to say, cooking and baking courses were some of the first to appear and there have been some delicious outcomes. The carrot and seed soda bread and millionaire's shortbread disappeared pretty quickly in certain households! There were fascinating talks

about London districts and interesting periods of history, as well as poets and the war. Sewing was also included and Claire Salmon who makes WI dolls shared her pattern of a land girl.

At a local level, our Warwickshire Federation has been keeping us updated with a weekly newsletter. They have also been using Zoom courses and setting up competitions for our members. One which attracted a great deal of interest was the poetry competition and Carole Rhodes has kindly given permission for her entry to be included here. These courses are ongoing and those at Denman are open to everyone, not just WI members, so if you would like to have a go do look at <https://www.denman.org.uk> and you, too, might be inspired.

Meanwhile we have not been able to meet in person but hope to have better news for our members before too long.



## The Sack

I crept into the woodshed  
And hid from mum and dad  
I always used to do this  
On days when I felt sad     ⇒

I don't think that they loved me  
Or they would go and buy  
A puppy or a pony  
And then I wouldn't cry

It didn't matter that our garden  
Was really very small  
And a puppy or a pony  
Would never do at all     ⇒

I had read a lovely story  
About a lady who was a vet  
And when she was a little girl  
She used to "mend" her pet

I knew that if I had one  
I could do the same  
But I would need a puppy or a pony  
To play this lovely game

So on this day that I was hiding  
Inside the warm woodshed  
I decided that what I should do  
Was run away instead

I would need to take a lot of food  
And lots of clothes to wear  
And I would need my baby doll  
And things to wash my hair

And as I sat there planning  
I forgot to sniff and cry  
I might do this thing tomorrow  
I decided, by and by

I could hear my mother calling me  
From just outside the shed  
I thought I was in trouble  
But my mother smiled instead

She wondered if I was hungry  
And might I be coming back  
Because she had things to show me  
That were inside a lumpy sack

I crept out from my hiding place  
To look inside the sack  
And looking right back at me  
Was something smooth and black

A kitten, small and fluffy  
He looked so cute and lonely  
Much better, I could see at once,  
Than a puppy or a pony

**Carole Rhodes**



## **Ladbroke General Section**

### **Ladbroke Village Hall and the current situation with Covid -19**

The health and safety of our users is our priority and, therefore, in line with government advice, we have had to cancel all events and bookings in the Village Hall. Whilst the Hall will remain closed for the foreseeable future, we are obviously monitoring the situation and hope that we will be able to resume events and activities and take bookings before too long. In the meantime, we are taking this opportunity to improve the facilities at the Hall. The kitchen area is to be completely refurbished with work starting in September. In addition, work will be undertaken to repair the roof and repaint the exterior of the building. These building improvements will be paid for from a grant awarded from HS2. We hope to be able to safely welcome everyone back to a newly renovated Ladbroke Village Hall in the not too distant future. In the meantime, keep safe and well.

**Alan Lord**  
**Chair, Trustees of Ladbroke Village Hall**

## Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Draw for June 2020

£50	Pam Collins	£50	Keith Archer
£25	Scott and Siobhan Roberson	£25	Angela Coleman
£25	Pat Kennedy	£10	Avril Court
£10	Linda Spence	£10	Kate Liverton
£10	Simon and Jackie West	£10	Jo Rose

**Margaret Bosworth**

### Alan Rylance

James Alan Rylance - always known as Alan - spent his early life in Wigan in Lancashire. A keen ornithologist he spent much time walking in the countryside when he wasn't in his beloved garden. He was a great pianist who played the organ at the Methodist Chapel in Wigan and would get there early to play jazz if he could get someone to pump the bellows for him!

His amazing general knowledge and wonderful sense of humour must have stood him in good stead when he became managing director of the Bolton Evening News and for many years was responsible for a very large staff. However, he was glad to eventually escape into retirement.

He moved down to Warwickshire to be near his family after his wife died. He met Jo Horne in St Nicholas Park, they became friends and he moved to be with her in Ladbroke, where he said he had some of the happiest times of his life. His easy, friendly manner made him a popular member of the Ladbroke community. He was a very generous donator to charities.

In November 2019 he was diagnosed with oesophageal cancer. Jo and his daughter, Jane, nursed him at home for many months until he had to move into the hospice where he died on 5<sup>th</sup> July.

**Carol Lane**

### Stained Glass at Ladbroke Church

Our occasional series about the stained glass windows at Ladbroke Church continues with the Transfiguration Window. This was made in 1910 by Heaton, Butler & Bayne and given in memory of Charles Rowland Palmer Morewood, who owned Ladbroke Hall.

Matthew 17 v1-8 tells of how three of Jesus' closest disciples went with him up a mountain. There they saw Jesus' face shining like the sun, his clothes as white as light, Elijah and Moses talking with him and God's voice saying "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased, listen to him".

#### **Imagery**

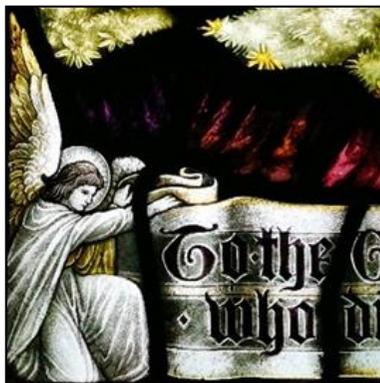
Christ's halo includes three arms of the cross, symbolising the Trinity. Moses, has two rays of light from his head, that look like golden horns, a typical depiction in Victorian times of Moses, whose face shone when he returned from talking with God on Mount Sinai, see Exodus 34 v29.



### ***Don't Miss***

The small cherubim in the tiny windows at the top and the angels pulling hard to hold out the scroll at the bottom of the window.

**Jackie West**



## All Saints for All Generations Project

It's said "A picture is worth a thousand words". So rather than produce a novel, these images show what's been happening in the last few weeks. To see more take a look at the board in the churchyard or check out **Ladbroke Heritage** on Instagram or Facebook where Rory Pickin, our social media guru, is keeping the world informed.

### LADBROKE CHURCH REPAIRS, JULY 2020



Photos by Prestige Photography Solihull, Richard Bedwell and Jackie West



## Heritage Open Days

Despite Covid, this free national festival of heritage will go ahead 11<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> September 2020. There will be some in-person opportunities (where these can be done within government guidelines) and for the first time there will be on-line events. These will allow people to participate in activities much further afield to explore even more hidden places and local gems from the comfort and security of their armchair.

Once again Ladbroke Church will be taking part. As our beautiful church building is closed due to major renovations we are inviting people to join us on a virtual guided tour on Zoom, on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30pm. See <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/discover-ladbroke-church-webinar-tickets-113874102506> for more details or to book a place.

**Jackie West**



## Harbury Parish Council

**Linda Ridgley**  
Harbury News Correspondent

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

### From the Archives: Parish Council Report, 20<sup>th</sup> January 1977

*Unfortunately, technology let our correspondent down last month and whilst she was able to see the Parish Councillors on Zoom, she could not hear them!! So published below is a reprint of her report on the January 1977 meeting.*

It being the Pantomime Season, I had thought to cast the Parish Council suitably, and Lo! there were Little Red Riding Hood, Long John Silver and Peter Pan (the boy who never grew up). Mrs. Catteral in a red coat, the Clerk following his operation, on crutches, and I missed the Chairman's ceremony with his Badge. However, the meeting began with a moment of farce (someone had removed the handle of the Farley Room door), but the meeting was in too serious a vein to sustain the mood. All Cllrs were present except Mrs. Watts; plus the Clerk, three ladies and me.

**Jubilee Meeting was discussed:** The Carnival Committee will be asked to keep the PC informed of the progress of celebration plans. The Harbury Society reported that it had ordered a Plane Tree for the Old New Inn Green, and asked for plans of the green to facilitate planting. The Society was assured that it is only acting as agent for the PC and would not be liable for any damage to the Green or the services there.

The PC resolved not to supply bunting but would consider giving Jubilee Crowns to the children. The Jubilee Appeal was criticised as the money appears to be being used for projects which should be funded by Local Authorities and applications to use the fund have to be made in the next few

weeks. It was decided that unless there was to be some benefit to the Parish the PC would not contribute to the Fund. The Chairman was not in favour of a gymkhana taking place on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May as part of the Jubilee Celebrations. He felt there were religious objections, but the weight of Council opinion was in favour of this 'special occasion' for the enjoyment of the majority.

**Correspondence:** Midland Red announced the 563 would run from Southam to Bishops, Deppers, Harbury, Ufton and Leamington. Geoff Wright demanded precise details of the route through Harbury. Cllr Mrs. Buckle reported the new Southam bus was not being used and claimed that it had been wrongly reported as a shopping bus, but that it was not its purpose to encourage people to shop in Southam! She wanted the PC to subsidise OAP fares to Southam but was told that this service could not be singled out.

**Highways:** The Parish Council thanked Cllr Gurden, who salted Treen's Hill in the bad weather so that even when Chesterton Hill was blocked this route was passable. The residents of Crown Close were marooned there in the snow and a gang has been formed to dig them out in future.

**Lighting:** Mr. Atkins' questionnaire to WCC was very effective as it elicited that if the PC relinquishes its lighting function, the service will be paid for in the County Rate with a 20% saving on maintenance cost (the County will do this work). The County would also ensure future developments are provided with street lighting by the developer. On the debit side there was the possibility that further Local Government cuts would lead to a reduction in the service.

**Planning:** The Binswood End Development which the PC approved last month is to be amended and the landscaped play area, which was praised, deleted. District Cllrs Buckle and Drinkwater are to express the PC's concern at the late change and its disapproval of the plan as it will then stand. Cllr Hancock was concerned that other houses could be demolished to allow development in their gardens.

**Playing Fields:** Persons are still allowing their dogs to defecate on the playing fields. The PC promised a 'More explicit and prominent notice'. The letter the Clerk wrote to Maxims to determine the ownership of the fence in Manor Orchard Close was returned marked 'Gone Away', but Cllr Ellis agreed to take up the hunt and run them to earth. Geoff Wright and the PC were blessed and he reported on the process.

It was so cold in Church that day that the Vicar announced that as an Act of Mercy he would NOT preach a sermon!

**Reports from other bodies:** Geoff Wright reported that cuts in Adult Education funds will be 40%. This term, Centres were not allowed to advertise courses and surprise, surprise, many were undersubscribed and so closed down.

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

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



## Harbury Women's Institute

Mary Thompson

The committee has received a letter from Anita Burrows from Myton hospice thanking members for their recent donation.

The committee decided that sadly we have to cancel the outdoor games afternoon and evening garden party planned for August. We also feel that it will be too early to run the cinema in September.

At our committee meeting in August we shall be discussing the resumption of our activities in the autumn. We have received very detailed advice from the National Federation. Ann Mayer has asked members to give their thoughts about holding our monthly meetings in September and October, the Harvest Supper on 25<sup>th</sup> September and the October cinema.

Members have recently been told that the National Federation is proposing the closure and sale of Denman College - the WI College based near Abingdon in Oxfordshire. Denman has been struggling financially for some time and Coronavirus has sadly meant the college can no longer continue. A number of Harbury members have attended courses at the college and 50 members spent a very happy day there as part of our centenary celebrations in 2018.



## Harbury Theatre Group

Geoff Allen

I do hope everyone is safe and well in these strange times. Here is an update on where the Harbury Theatre Group is at the moment.

The good news for the Theatre Group is that we are now at phase three of a five phase plan by the Government. It is anticipated that theatres will be able to open to a live audience with effect from the end of this year and the beginning of next.

It does remain to be seen what criteria would be in place re taking temperatures, tracking and tracing, deep cleaning etc. to keep people safe.

Historically or, some would say, hysterically, HTG has done two productions a year. One in May and one in November. At the moment we are looking to do our next performance in May 2021. This should hopefully ensure that we will be able to rehearse and perform safely within guidelines and be as sure as we can that this will be able to go ahead. It will also support those of the cast and audience who are "at risk".

We are looking at using Zoom to perform snippets from the next production and extracts from other plays and if this works out we might make recordings available, you have been warned!



## Harbury Twinning Association

Tony Thomas

As the Twinning Association has had four months of shut down, there is little news to report. Like many other Associations in the village we have had to cancel Annual events. Our first cancellation was as early as 13<sup>th</sup> of March when we should have had our "Skittles and Supper Evening" at Wootton Wawen. In May we expected to have been visiting our twinning partners in Samoie-sur-Seine and on 14<sup>th</sup> July we would usually have been celebrating Bastille Day.

Now that some of the restrictions have been eased, we are beginning to see and converse with the friends that we have been secreted from, albeit behind masks where necessary. So, let us hope and pray that this current pandemic will soon be under control and in 2021 we will all be able to return to a normal social life.



## Harbury Heritage Room

Bill Timson

### 'Hesitating Harbury'

One of the few benefits of the lockdown is that we have been able to spend time re-organising the 'New' Heritage Centre, making it easier for people to find their way around and access the growing collection of documents, photographs, maps etc on the history of Harbury and its people. The collection was started by Nigel Chapman and the children of the primary school many years ago.

Whilst sorting, I came across a newspaper article dated January 1920 reporting on a Parish Council meeting where a heated discussion took place debating the 'need' for a 'proper' water supply in Harbury. The villagers had always relied upon their wells to provide water for their homes but the water was not particularly pure. In 1914, of 40 water samples taken about two thirds of them were considered not exactly 'pure' but not 'bad'. There had been an outbreak of typhoid around this time attributed to the lack of clean drinking water. Later testing had shown that only the Manor House Well (not sure which manor house), was not polluted with animal or vegetable matter.



**The Water Pump in Crown Street**

The main concern voiced at the PC meeting was the cost to the villagers. There would be a significant increase in their rates. The laying of water pipes from Southam to Harbury would cost £700, in one day £1,000 had been added to the cost of the scheme owing to the rise of 5 shillings (25p today) a week to the workmen's wages. The meeting was 'hesitant' and could not make a decision that night. I'm not sure exactly when Harbury had the luxury of mains water but we know how inconvenient it is when there is an interruption to our water supply. If you want to read more visit the New Heritage Centre in the grounds of the primary school ... when we can open to the public again.

### Good News!

Back in January when we officially took over the temporary classroom, the Heritage Group Committee discussed what we would need to make the 'new' Centre as comfortable and up to date as the one we were leaving in the school.

We put together a 'wish list' and then applied for a Community Grant from Severn Trent Water and I am delighted to report that we have been awarded the full grant that we applied for. This money will help us to refurbish the Centre with some new furniture, IT equipment, an alarm and some additional heating and sockets. Externally we will be buying and fitting some new signs to show where we are, some benches and some water butts (part of our fulfilment to Severn Trent to look after the environment).



**Bill Timson (left) and David Turner (right) starting to fit one of the new signs.**



All of this in addition to the generosity of the Harbury Community, the Parish Council, Harbury WI and The Harbury Society all of whom have helped to fund the project. We are looking forward to opening up soon.

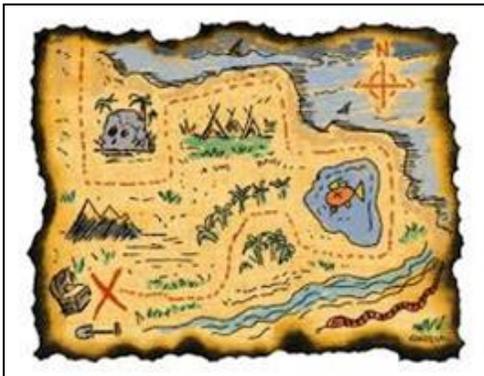
**A BIG THANK YOU from everyone associated with Harbury Heritage.**



## Join in a Village Treasure Hunt

Come along with the family on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August and solve the clues to find the Treasure!

Starts 2pm from the New Heritage Centre - entrance via Park Lane.



An informative and enjoyable afternoon for all the family!

Entry fee £5 per family – all profits go towards the running of the Heritage Centre.

**There will be prizes!**



## Harbury Energy Initiative

**Bob Sherman**

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I know it's hard for you to get as excited as I do. Whilst there is increasing 'relaxation' of the Covid strictures it all still must look uphill for many and a sluggish climb...but I am easily excited. I have a dull life. Actually I don't at the moment. We are well advanced with our Harbury Future Energy feasibility study, we are going to make the church greener (and warm) and I am in hot pursuit of funds for the Low Carbon Warwickshire Network, a bonny, bouncing baby of an idea born of HEI thinking. All good for Harbury. And e-Wheels is going back on the road (see the Harbury e-Wheels article). Let me expand a little on these stories.

### Harbury Future Energy

By the time you read this we will have had what will probably be our last online meeting for this feasibility stage of the project, for which we received funding from the Rural Community Energy Fund. We are reliably informed that we are well ahead of the game, having continued to work on the project, while others haven't been able to progress much with theirs. By now we may have a rough idea if we are going to be able to apply for a grant for the next stage, developing the business model. But I am jumping ahead in my excitement. We do need to put our plans and the findings of the feasibility study in front of all of you. We are working out how to do that within the safety guidelines that now seem to be a part of every project, business and activity.

As we haven't yet decided ourselves quite how to do it, I can't really expand on that. It is likely that it will be an outside drop-in display, possibly this month or more likely in September. What I hope you will appreciate is that it is our aim to serve the people of the village and keep abreast of developments towards a low carbon future. With Covid-19 we had to react quickly with solutions after the event. With the Climate Emergency we have had decades of warning and should be planning and acting now to avoid the worst effects. And so HEI is doing its bit.

## The Church

When it comes to lockdown it doesn't come much more locked than the church has been. Until recently no one (except the specially privileged) could enter. Anyway, it's been freezing cold in there since last winter when the wheezing, arthritic, aged heating system finally expired, so not a popular destination (it definitely used to be). The plans will bring the church (and Tom Hauley Room) into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century as far as heat and light goes. Everything else to do with the church is eternal and infinite, as you know. Our church is something to be treasured. HEI, in the guise of Philip Mayer, has been working on plans to install high level zoned low carbon radiant heating and LED lighting. With fundraising now in full pursuit of, and closing in on, the quite daunting sums involved we are actually able to see a solution being realised. More news as it unfolds.



## Low Carbon Warwickshire Network

As I write today, I am a few hours short of an online meeting with a possible funder for our county wide scheme to link communities working on climate action. Our main aim is to stimulate new activity and especially practical activity. Enough talking about the problem; time to sort it. Our idea is ambitious for a village group but we do have some great partners in Act on Energy, the RSA and Community Energy Warwickshire. If my silver tongue fails to convince today, I will look elsewhere. Our approach to this Charitable Fund has revealed a similar funded project from Herefordshire which will create an online tool for Parish Councils, enabling them to calculate their Parish carbon emissions and prioritise areas for action. This very useful tool will be available nationally from next spring. We will be keen to make use of it. Our own project will hope to build on this to stimulate practical carbon cutting activity.

## Don't be shy. Join in

Harbury Energy Initiative is not an exclusive club for ageing retirees or techno-nerds. Several of our members actually work. I myself have lots of passion but sketchy understanding of the technology. It doesn't seem to matter.

Membership requires no admission process or fees; you just join in. Our website will give you an idea of what we are up to: [www.harburyenergy.co.uk](http://www.harburyenergy.co.uk). If you want to be part of the future, get in touch.

	<h2>Harbury e-Wheels</h2>	<b>Bob Sherman</b>
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### We are going back on the road!!

As of 3<sup>rd</sup> August Harbury e-Wheels will be open for requests from our registered passengers. We are putting in place measures to make as sure as we can that everyone, drivers and passengers will be safe. Amongst the important changes are:



Passengers will have to travel in the back on the side opposite to the driver. Not so friendly but at least we will get you there as safely as we can.



You will be asked to wear a mask and disposable gloves for the journey. The driver will also be masked and gloved. You will look like a bunch of pirates but keep healthy.



We will clean everything down after every trip.



You will get asked quite a few questions when booking and when you get picked up. It's all for the best possible reasons.

It may all take a bit longer to organise your journey but if you need a lift to an appointment we will be very happy to help.

If you know anyone who used to use our service or might need it now, please do let them know we are back in action, in case they don't see this notice.

Any questions, contact Janny on 612002 or Bob on 612277.

Thanks to everyone who has been joining our monthly online quizzes. These raise a small but useful amount of funds for us whilst we can't run our usual exciting and stimulating events. I am getting quite used to coming almost last every time but I still enjoy the challenge. The next one is on 11<sup>th</sup> August at 7.05pm. It costs just £3 to take part and lasts under half an hour. Why not join in this time. The link if you have already registered with Virtual Quiz Events is: <https://www.virtualquizevents.com/quiz/e-wheels-monthly-fundraising-2/>

**If you have yet to register, why delay. Go to: <https://www.virtualquizevents.com/>**

### e-Wheels Monthly online QUIZ

Next: Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August at 7.05pm



Support Harbury e-Wheels, have fun and win a prize!



Register ahead of time at [www.virtualquizevents.com](http://www.virtualquizevents.com)

(search 'Available Quiz Events' for 'e-Wheels')



## Harbury Tennis Club

Colin Mercer

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

Pleased to say the easing of restrictions has continued with doubles play allowed from mid-May and the most recent announcement has allowed clubs to start social sessions again. We obviously need to ensure playing arrangements meet Government guidance regarding health, social distancing and hygiene. With that in mind numbers for each session are limited and the clubhouse remains closed, but still great news!

We suspended the court booking fee for non-members from 15<sup>th</sup> May when the lockdown restrictions were eased and tennis clubs were allowed to open their courts again. We felt this was the right thing to do our bit to support the community's wellbeing in such difficult times and offer opportunities for outdoor physical activity as tennis was, and still is, one of the few sports allowed. This has been really popular with 58 people joining our temporary membership category to book courts online. Around 300 hours have been booked so far and the tennis/netball court has been particularly popular with families.

We reinstated the fee from 13<sup>th</sup> July to help our finances remain stable so that we can keep the courts and fencing in a good and safe condition. It costs around £30,000 to resurface the three courts and the tennis and netball clubs have, with the Parish Council, set up a maintenance fund with annual contributions of £6,000 to ensure funds are available when needed.

We have been able to expand our online booking facility so that non-members can now book and pay online at: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/HarburyTC/Booking> Many thanks to the Harbury Village Library team who helped us so much by taking bookings and payments in person until the lockdown. Children under 18 will still be able to use the courts free of charge when they are not booked.

A number of temporary members have joined the club as full members, which is great and we hope they enjoy the opportunities to join our social sessions. The club is still offering a full membership package of £50 for adults over 25 until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021, £20 for adults in the 18-25 age group. Full members are able to book courts free of charge.

Tennis players have not been the only groups to benefit of late. The tennis and netball clubs were approached by Hereburgh Morris to use the courts to practise while they were unable to use indoor facilities. We were delighted to help and a group of dancers are pictured dancing the Highland Mary from the Bampton village tradition!





**End of year:** Although this year has been somewhat different to planned, we have had a thoroughly lovely and enjoyable last half term.



Over the last few months, we have been busy planting sunflower seeds and talking about how to look after them and help them grow. Each child planted a seed to take home. We are looking forward to seeing photos of the finished product!

Traditionally, the final page of the leavers' Learning Journals contains a self-portrait. The children did a superb job of studying their faces in the mirror and



drawing their different features. We were very impressed with their attention to detail.



Instead of our traditional picnic in the park, we had two separate end of year parties on different days to ensure the children remained in smaller groups. We enjoyed a tea party, parachute play and a number of party games where we had a few very competitive rounds of musical bumps!

As a staff team, we are extremely grateful to have been open for this half term and to have been able to give our school leavers a proper

send off. We would like to wish them all the best in their new schools in September. We will miss them!

**Staff changes:** We would also like to wish a very fond farewell to Vonnie Levis who has been with us since 2016. She is leaving as a regular staff member to take early retirement with her husband. (though may provide occasional cover). Thank you Vonnie for your dedication and support. You will be very much missed by children and staff alike.

We are also delighted to officially welcome Claire McGurk who is joining our team as cover staff. We look forward to working with you Claire.

**Mini-Beast Fundraiser:** We are overwhelmed by everyone's generosity with the mini beast fundraiser. Our Pre-Schoolers dressed up as their favourite minibeasts and travelled in true mini beast style! We had butterflies, spiders, a redback, snail and bees. One of our children clocked up an incredible 20 miles!

All in all, an incredible £1,928 was raised for Harbury Pre-School. This is an amazing figure and we can't thank everyone enough; our awesome minibeasts, the parents/carers who supported them and everyone who generously donated. [www.justgiving.com/campaign/harburypreschool](http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/harburypreschool)



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





## Village Hall Update

Andy Rutherford

We have been getting on with the task of re-opening the Village Hall after lockdown, and have pleasure in announcing that the Hall will be open from the 1<sup>st</sup> August.

Although Village Halls were allowed to open as early as 4<sup>th</sup> July, there would have been very few of our hirers actually able/ allowed to meet on the premises. Happily, after a series of “advisories” lifting restrictions (the latest issued this week) most of our hirers can again meet in the Hall. From the 1<sup>st</sup> August this includes indoor sporting activities, and live performances. Some exceptions still exist, and choirs are still not allowed.



Just like many other public or community spaces, the Hall will have to provide a Covid Safe environment, and users will have to get used to the “new normal”. We have a list of “Special Conditions of Hire”, and each user group will need to provide a risk assessment. We will require more information from casual Hirers about expected numbers using the Hall, and planned activities. Some activities are by their very nature not safe, for example a disco for 80 people with no Social Distancing, so we reserve the right not to accept requested bookings.

The Hall itself will be working under new guidelines, with sanitisers, sneeze guards, one-way systems, and enhanced cleaning. Social Distancing at “1 metre + Mitigation” is allowed in the Hall. The number of different requirements for different activities is quite large, but we are happy to discuss this with each user group.



## Harbury Village Library & Biblio's Café

Janice Montague

We have good news to give you this month. We are back to something like the old normal, in that both the library and café are open again and fulfilling their functions of providing good books and delicious coffee to the people of Harbury and surrounding area. However, as you would expect, there are still significant differences from pre-virus days.

The library is now open twice a week (**Mondays 10am-12.30pm and Thursdays 2-4pm**) for borrowers to choose from our own Blue Label Collection of adult fiction books. We have a wide range of books on offer, from popular authors like Danielle Steel and Lee Child to classics like Jane Austen and Charles Dickens. You will be able to browse these in comfort on an individual basis.

You can also pre-order any books from our collection, including our wide selection of children's books, to pick up at the door during our opening hours,

and we will continue with our takeaway shelf of books to select from outside too. For the time being, no fines will be imposed for late return of borrowed books.



Biblio's Café is operating a takeaway service with hot drinks and cakes for sale on **Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10am – 12 noon**, with the opportunity to sit outside in the sunshine for socially distanced chats.

We hope that we will get back to providing our full service to the village as soon as possible when circumstances allow, but in the meantime it has been great to welcome back old friends. Do come along and find out for yourself what is on offer. All our activities are carried out with the safety of our volunteers and visitors as a priority: you can check these procedures out and see more details on our website [http://](http://www.harburyvillagelibrary.org.uk)

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Rosemary Harley's photo shows Pip, Jim, Eileen, Liz, Janet, Chris, Sheila and Jen with their coffees outside Biblio's on the first day it opened for takeaways.



## Live and Local Livingroom Project

Harbury Village Library has been selected as one of 10 community groups in Warwickshire to participate in the Live and Local Livingroom project. Live and Local is the organisation through which the Village Cinema is organised.

The aim of the project is to get community groups engaged in an interactive creative project in response to the Coronavirus pandemic and for that activity to be available to more vulnerable residents, such as those who are socially isolated or shielding.

We have been paired with Holly Daffurn of the Word Association in Worcestershire. Holly will take this opportunity to capture the voices and stories of people in our community as they experience lockdown. Participants could try their hand at writing up their own experiences as either prose or poetry, or both.



At the completion of the project we will have a selection of written factual accounts of people's experiences, as well as people's more expressive work and poetry, together with Holly's own poetry in response to the conversations she has had. These pieces will be curated into a book which will be published digitally and uploaded to the Word Association website as a flickable document.

100 physical copies of the book will also be printed which will be distributed to the community. Copies will also be donated to local spaces within the community for them to distribute free of charge. It is intended that this publication will not only capture the essence of the community and record the unique voices and experiences within it, but will also serve as a fascinating insight into the Covid-19 crisis and how people respond to it as a community and as individuals.

The project is being funded by Warwickshire County Council.

**Rich Fowler**



**LOCAL FOODBANK** - there is a facility in the village to donate any non-perishable food to your local Foodbank, which supplies the local area, including Harbury. For the time being please bring any donations to the Wight School (library) car park on Mondays between 11.30am and 12.30pm, during these times only. One of the e-Wheels drivers will be there to receive your items. Please observe all the usual safety advice and distancing. Thank you.



## Harbury Village Club & Institute

Judy Morrall



A warm welcome everyone and at last we are open again – hurray! Due to some very hard work by our committee and bar staff, all the necessary Covid precautions are in place and seem to be working very well. We have had to make a few changes in order to have a separate entry and exit, the use of just one bar in the lounge, ensuring the correct spacing between chairs and tables and most importantly the provision of hand sanitiser and antibacterial wipes around the rooms.

We are fortunate that we have lots of space and the concert room is looking at its best, all spruced up. Do please come along and enjoy a drink and a catch up with friends.

We have lots of exciting things planned too. We will restart the weekly bingo sessions from Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August. There are various paragraphs from the CIU solicitor to clubs with advice etc and I will just share two of them with you. Regarding bingo, best not to have queues forming for tickets and really funny this if there is a winner not to shout out but to say in a normal voice “here” and wave their arms to attract attention. Thought you would enjoy that! For snooker and pool players most important that the balls used are cleaned after use. Tricky to get the right wording here too. Seriously though, be assured that everything is safe and all areas wiped down after use and clean glasses every time.



We are also going to have pizza Saturdays as we have lots of outside sitting space and extra tables and chairs if needed. You will remember that both of the pizza afternoons and evenings that took place last year were a huge success and families especially enjoyed them. When we have definite dates we will of course advertise via our Facebook page and posters around village. After taking a

straw poll with about 40 members recently we are going to install BT Sports and a Sky sports channel and show these major sporting events on a 65inch TV in the concert room. We can seat everyone with the required distances in between, serve popcorn too. Eventually maybe have a film night. Again, lots of advertising for these events so as they say “watch this space”. Now is the time to move on as we need to attract more members and footfall. So, as you can see we are listening to what our members would like and of course visitors are always very welcome too. Exciting times ahead.

Our building needs a lot of tender loving care, it is over 100 years since it was gifted to us and we want to continue for another 100 years. Again, lots of hard work needed to get the necessary funding in place to ensure that all the required work can be carried out.

I have changed the plants in the four pots along the wall and refreshed and put in some new plants along the drive. Even though I say it they all look splendid and welcoming. Have you seen the lovely plants that Donna is selling in Frances Road? Do go along and support her - some very good value for money plants and a good selection. I have also visited the Herb centre and Farnborough Nurseries. This is where we are all missing Greenleaf Nurseries in Southam.

I have been busy again at my allotments and waging a constant battle with the weeds. The runner and climbing French beans are all flowering so not too long to wait for their very tasty produce. I have had lots of lettuce, beetroot, radishes, garlic, carrots, broad beans and an absolute profusion of three different coloured courgettes. There is still rhubarb and the apples, pears and plums, it looks set to be a bumper harvest this year. John makes cider from the apples. He has a cider press and is now the proud possessor of an apple scatter/crusher... don't ask! The chap who delivered it yesterday was not exactly big and strong as it weighed a ton but it is now out of the box and waiting to be used.



I will let you know in due course if it was worth it. The lavender bushes on one of my plots are a picture and attracting so many bees and butterflies. It has been a good year so far for both of these with a few different species too. The tame blackbird is still following me around and we have some good conversations. So many robins too, an absolute joy just to stand still and listen to the birdsong.

The garden too is looking good this year. My magnolia tree is flowering again, it did this last year but the second flowering was in September. My purple hazel tree has nuts on already and the local squirrel has been very busy lately. My large rockery is abundant with so many herbs, heucheras, lavenders and alpines. Four of us are going to Meadow farm in Feckenham this Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July (safely in two cars) for the annual Chairman's day. Rob and Diane run our Plant Heritage Warwickshire branch where I am treasurer and each year he opens up his garden and wildflower meadow spread over an acre. This year he will open from 10.30am - 7.30pm but loads of space and the gardens are amazing. Looking forward to that. I seem to be making up for lost time as over next three weeks will be out with friends or relatives three days a week. As we meet in open spaces perfectly safe, going to Batsford Arboretum next week another favourite of mine. Hidcote gardens are not too bad either. Further afield Stourhead is a must too. I will let you know how all of these places are bearing up. Certainly no time to get bored.

I look forward to seeing you back at the club and again thank you for your continued support. I am attaching another general knowledge quiz plus answers do enjoy.

Very best wishes.

# QUIZ TIME

## General Knowledge Quiz

- 1) What is a type of tree or shrub found mostly in Australia
- 2) Which turnip-like vegetable has a mass of tangled roots
- 3) Who starred in 'Yes Prime Minister'
- 4) What is a dried fruit or an Eastern Queen
- 5) From which grain is pumpernickel made
- 6) What is the 'O' in the shipping line P & O
- 7) What is the traditional gift for a 55<sup>th</sup> Wedding anniversary
- 8) Who was the 1<sup>st</sup> King to be buried in Westminster Abbey
- 9) What was Mozart's middle name
- 10) What is a Greek letter and a brand of watch
- 11) What name was given to a machine wrecker of the early 19<sup>th</sup> century
- 12) Who is Frodo's uncle in Lord of the Rings
- 13) Which salty fish is often made into a paste
- 14) Which willow is used in basket making
- 15) Who was the last English king to lead his army into battle
- 16) Which variety of garden pea is the pod edible
- 17) What common name is given to skeins of yarn
- 18) In which game might you employ a Sicilian defence
- 19) What is the World's lowest lake
- 20) Which constellation is also known as Monoceros

Answers on page 37.





## Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery

Christine Dakin



How is your garden growing this year? I'm guessing that many of you will have the best display you've ever had after all the unexpected extra time you've had to tend your plots. I would like to think that new gardeners will have caught the passion for growing plants and that it will stay with you for years to come. When things go well there is much pleasure to be had, plus food to eat if you have fruit and vegetables too. It is also very therapeutic and can help relieve stress which many of us will have at the moment.

Unfortunately, there are lots of things which can go wrong. The weather is often the 'wrong' weather. There are many pests and diseases. I've recently had all my French beans eaten by rabbits, just when the beans were almost ready to pick. There are gall mites which distort day lillies, lily beetle which eats lillies and ants which seem to like making nests in pots of plants. There might be a bit of swearing from time to time when something goes wrong. I sometimes wonder why we gardeners are eternally optimistic and keep having another go. We are patient, stoical and determined to carry on and achieve better results each year.

Do come and share your results, or ask for advice. The gate is open on Fridays and Saturdays, all other days by appointment.

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



## Nature Notes

John Hancock

Today, Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July, the temperature is struggling to reach 20°C after clear skies overnight saw it fall to single figures. There is time though for fine warm weather for summer holidays. Signs of autumn are all about however - a group of mushrooms, falling leaves and ripening apples, pears and damsons. The lighter greens of early summer have given way to darker shades. Tall roadside grasses have seeded and provide perching places for butterflies and other insects as they warm up their bodies for flight. Their wings act as solar panels and need constant adjustment.

Visiting Jephson Gardens today, I was struck by the 'wild' areas especially just adjacent to the Glasshouse. Here the grass is left to seed rather than be mown and wild flowers such as Field Scabious and Knapweed thrive attracting pollenating insects. As the name suggests, Field Scabious was used to treat the skin disease Scabies.

In Bath to see our family over the weekend of 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> July, our daughter Jane led us on a walk along part of the Bath skyline. A series of paths and tracks link areas of vegetation, some on farmland but including a golf course and sheltering woodland. Much is now owned by the National Trust which means it is managed sympathetically and any development kept to a minimum. There was much quarrying in the past especially during the city's Georgian building boom and this means that care must be exercised when traversing certain tracts. Rough pasture can suddenly give way to a wooded craggy hillside with views down to the Abbey and surrounding rooftops. In one spot we found several Pyramidal and Common Spotted orchids, the latter beginning to seed. Fabulous Woolly Thistles and various Bellflowers were a joy to behold. In grazed areas, we noted that the plants that thrived, such as Spiny Restharrow, had evolved thorns to deter hungry animals. Blackberry and stands of nettles often covered old field boundaries and ruined dwellings. Looking more carefully at a sizeable patch of nettles we found a writhing mass of Small Tortoiseshell caterpillars. They were about 1cm in length so still had many moults to go through before pupation. After the eggs are laid hatching occurs after 10 to 14 days. The caterpillars then spin a communal web over groups of leaf tips. They feed on this while protected by the web, repeating the exercise having defoliated their first home. It is the old web and the feeding damage that attracts the eye when searching for these caterpillars which are often black in colour but can shade to yellow. These are both warning colours to potential predators. The synchronised movement when disturbed may be a further protection. After the penultimate skin change, the caterpillar lives alone before pupation. There are usually two distinct broods especially in the southern half of the country. Those emerging in early summer go through their life cycle in that year whereas those of the second brood hibernate. If that is in a centrally heated house rather than a hollow tree or cave the insect may wake prematurely and be found fluttering about trying to escape.

Last month I mentioned the fact that Scarlet Tiger moths have spread to Warwickshire from further south. Since, I have been contacted by many readers who have seen and marvelled at this attractive insect. With wings closed it is well camouflaged on its host plant Comfrey. If approached too closely it spreads its wings to reveal the scarlet underwings which may be enough to scare away a predator.



Burdock as its name suggests has broad, coarse leaves and flowers which develop as burrs and are a favourite with children due to their adhesive qualities. It is reputed that the inventor of Velcro got the idea from studying this plant. Wild Arum or Cuckoo-Pint is now seeding and many a hedgerow is



enlivened by the ripening red berries clinging to the spadix. What a change from the plant's appearance in spring.

I'm looking forward to harvesting blackberries as I expect many of you are. I hope your favourite places prove fruitful. It would seem a good plan, especially this year, to offer some of the bounty to a fellow villager.



## General Section

### Wednesday Walks

Did you notice? The first two wet Wednesdays of the year, and one of those was dry by nine. A friend was telling me about seeing pignuts (scaled down, daintier relations of cow parsley) and remembering, as a child on her grandfather's farm, digging them up to eat. Ah, the good old days! Lots of the perennial wild flowers now, and with them the butterflies. The showy Red Admirals, Tortoiseshells and Peacocks are easy, but some others are more tricky without Gill or John as a guide. I'm fairly sure of Meadow Browns, in clouds on thistle flowers, and smaller, brighter Gatekeepers. And, in Oakley Wood, some stunning Silver Washed Fritillaries. I hope you are still getting out and about and keeping safe till we can walk together again.



Gillian Hare

### Harbury Village Show

**Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

So, as life is settling into the "new normal", we are having to adapt too. So this year "We are bringing the Village Show to you".

We have decided that we cannot hold the show in the village hall so we are going "al fresco". We have produced a reduced schedule which you can pick up from outside the library or download from [harburyvillageshow.uk](http://harburyvillageshow.uk) We would

love lots of people to join in this year by displaying their produce on their drives/outside their front doors so that people can wander around the village admiring the products of your labours. We are hoping that the allotments will be able to put on a grand display also.



Judging will be done by the committee and everyone will be asked to have their produce ready by 11am on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September. In addition, we are planning to have a large open - sided tent outside the village hall for the crafts, photography and children's exhibits where judging will be by the public. You will be able to pick up information on exhibitors from here too.

We have a new competition this year:

### **“Show us your gnome!”**



We would love as many people as possible to display gnomes around the village. These can be made especially for the show or they can be gnomes that always live in your garden. Children might like to draw a picture of a gnome and put it in a window or displayed in the garden. We will then produce a gnome trail for all the family to find around the village.

So much has had to be cancelled this summer that it would be great if we could end the summer on a whole village activity (much as the Non-Wheelbarrow Race started the summer!)

Keep your eyes out for information posters going up around the village. Any enquiries can be sent to [enquiries@harburyvillageshow.uk](mailto:enquiries@harburyvillageshow.uk)

If anyone still has a cup from last year's village show, please either return it to the address on the slip of paper inside the cup or to Fox Cottage, Chapel Street (next to the Gamecock) as soon as you can. Many thanks.

**Village Show Committee**



## **Phoney Trading Standards Consumer Helpline Warning**

Trading Standards are warning consumers to beware of bogus 'consumer helpline services' claiming to be linked to the Chartered Trading Standards Institute (CTSI) and charging £1.55/ minute plus access charges. As consumers seek advice for cancelled holidays due to COVID-19, scammers are attempting to take advantage! The CTSI does not run a consumer helpline. Consumer advice is available from the Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 0808 223 1133. Calls from mobiles and landlines are free.

## **Scam 'Internet Fault' Telephone Calls**

During COVID-19 internet connection has been more important than ever. However, Warwickshire residents have reported receiving phone calls from scammers claiming that there is a fault with their internet and requesting access to their computer to 'fix the problem'. Some callers have claimed that action is required or the householder's Internet will be disconnected! These phone calls are being made so that scammers can gain access to residents' computers in order to steal personal and financial information and to download computer viruses. Never allow anyone you don't know and trust access to your computer. Do not reveal usernames or passwords. Scammers can mimic the telephone numbers of genuine internet providers when they call. Put the phone down. If you believe a phone call was genuine, phone the company on the telephone number printed on your bill.

## **Phishing Emails and Bogus Automated Phone Call Scams**

Beware of unexpected emails that falsely purport to come from Apple, British Gas and Netflix. These bogus emails often encourage recipients to click on a link in the email directing them to a bogus website from which personal and financial information, passwords and usernames can be stolen. The emails often threaten recipients with losing their services unless they act quickly.

Some residents have also reported receiving emails from people whose email address they recognised, asking them to purchase Apple or similar gift cards. The email recipients are asked to do this as a 'favour' and are told that they will be reimbursed. However, the email account of the sender has been hacked and used to send out bogus emails. Fraudsters often encourage people to buy gift cards as they only need the number on the card to use it, they don't need the card itself. When the cards are purchased the fraudsters trick the buyers in to revealing the card numbers.

Phishing scam advice: <https://www.getsafeonline.org/protecting-your-computer/spam-and-scam-email/>

Also be aware of an automated caller Chinese charity fraud. Automated phone calls state that your 'credit card is on hold' as £300 has been debited from your account and sent to a Chinese charity. Recipients are asked to press 1 to speak to a 'security officer'. These types of scams are designed to get people to move their money into the fraudster's bank account on the pretext that it is a 'safe account'. More information: <https://www.north-wales.police.uk/news-and-appeals/public-warned-over-safe-account-scams>

## **Help for consumers**

- The Advertising Standards Authority (ASA) in partnership with the Internet Advertising Bureau has launched a new scam advertisement reporting tool. This allows internet users to report scam ads appearing in paid-for space online to the ASA. It will then send an alert to advertising platforms and publishers with details of the scam ad. Visit <https://www.asa.org.uk/make-a-complaint/report-an-online-scam-ad.html>

- Trading Standards has an agreement with Citizens Advice to help you report a problem or obtain consumer or business advice. If you are a consumer or a business and wish to obtain advice, make a complaint or report a breach of Trading Standards law, please contact the Citizens Advice Consumer Service on, tel: 0808 223 1133 (Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm)
- For more advice, visit: [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/tradingstandards](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/tradingstandards)

An online version of this alert is available to view here: <https://safeinwarwickshire.com/2020/07/08/phoney-trading-standards-consumer-helpline-and-other-scam-warnings/>

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

### **Dear Editors**

*We would like to thank everyone who sent us cards messages and gifts for our Diamond wedding anniversary on 25<sup>th</sup> June. We had a lovely day with a few of our closest family and hope to have a larger celebration sometime later.*

*With thanks and Best Wishes to everyone.*

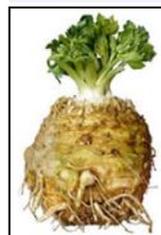
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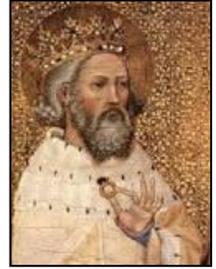

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### **Quiz Answers (from page 31)**

- 1) Acacia
- 2) Celeriac
- 3) Paul Eddington
- 4) Sultana
- 5) Rye
- 6) Oriental
- 7) Emerald



- 8) Edward the Confessor
- 9) Amadeus
- 10) Omega
- 11) Luddite
- 12) Bilbo
- 13) Anchovy
- 14) Osier
- 15) George II
- 16) Mangetout
- 17) Hanks
- 18) Chess
- 19) Dead Sea
- 20) Unicorn



### September Edition - Harbury & Ladbroke News

**Articles to:** Harbury Pharmacy, High Street or e-mail to [articles@hlnews.co.uk](mailto:articles@hlnews.co.uk) by 5.30pm, Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August

We welcome items for inclusion in the September edition of the Harbury News eg articles on hobbies, memories of living in the village, items on self-isolation, photos and quizzes.



**LOCAL FOODBANK** - there is a facility in the village to donate any non-perishable food to your local Foodbank, which supplies the local area, including Harbury. For the time being please bring any donations to the Wight School (library) car park on Mondays between 11.30am and 12.30pm, during these times only. One of the e-Wheels drivers will be there to receive your items. Please observe the usual safety advice and distancing. Thank you.

## Regular Diary Dates

**BIBLIO'S CAFÉ:** 10 - 11.30am Wednesday & 10am -12 noon Saturday - hot & cold drinks, cakes & baked goods served from side kitchen door of Wight School. Outdoor seating.

**E-WHEELS FOODBANK COLLECTION:** Wight School (Library) car park, Monday, 11.30am -12.30pm

**E-WHEELS ONLINE QUIZ:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of month (next quiz 11<sup>th</sup> August), 7.05pm, register at [www.virtualquizevents.com](http://www.virtualquizevents.com) and then click on:

<https://www.virtualquizevents.com/quiz/e-wheels-monthly-fundraising/>

or search 'Available Quiz Events' for 'e-wheels'

**HARBURY LOCAL MARKET:** Last Saturday of the month, 10.00am - 1.00pm, Harbury Primary School playing fields (entrance via Mill Street)

**HARBURY VILLAGE LIBRARY:** Wight School, High Street, Harbury: Monday, 10.00am - 12.30pm & Thursday 2.00 - 4.00pm. Click and collect available from website:

[http://www.harburyvillagelibrary.org.uk/library/hvl\\_harbury\\_collection](http://www.harburyvillagelibrary.org.uk/library/hvl_harbury_collection)

**TENNIS CLUB:** Harbury Tennis Courts, South Parade. CV33 9HZ. The courts are bookable between 9am and 9pm. Non-members should go to:

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

## CONGRATULATIONS, THANKS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

If you would like to include:



- A Birthday message
- Congratulations to anyone for their achievement
- Wedding or special occasion wishes
- Thanks to someone



We will be more than happy to include it in the magazine.

There is no charge for this service, just email your message to [articles@hlnews.co.uk](mailto:articles@hlnews.co.uk) or drop it into Harbury Pharmacy by the advertised deadline date.

# Harbury & Bishops Itchington Surgeries

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## HARBURY SURGERY

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>AM</b>	Dr K Panting	Dr C Snowdon	Dr C Snowdon	Dr R Collins	Dr M Wood
	Dr M Wood	Dr M Wood	Dr H Parkinson	Dr K Panting	
	Alice Woodward (Phlebotomy)	Practice Nurse / HCA (alternative week)	Rachael Pearson (HCA)	Janette Robson (Practice Nurse)	Janette Robson (Practice Nurse)
		Alice Woodward (Phlebotomy)			Rachael Pearson (HCA)
<b>PM</b>		Dr K Panting	Dr M Wood	Dr H Parkinson	Dr H Parkinson
	Dr R Collins	Dr J Wilkinson	Dr H Parkinson	Dr R Collins	Dr M Wood
	Rachael Pearson (HCA)	Janette Robson (Practice Nurse)		Janette Robson (Practice Nurse)	Janette Robson (Practice Nurse)
		Rachael Pearson (HCA)			Rachael Pearson (HCA)

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 (door opens Monday - Friday 8.30am to 12.30pm and 1.30 to 6.30pm)  
 (Telephone lines open Monday - Friday 8.00am to 12.15pm and  
 1.30 to 6.15pm)

## BISHOPS ITCHINGTON BRANCH SURGERY

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>AM</b>	Dr R Collins	Dr K Panting	Dr M Wood	Dr H Parkinson	Dr C Snowdon
	Rachael Pearson (HCA)	Practice Nurse/ HCA (alternative Week)	Alice Woodward (Phlebotomy)	Alice Woodward (Phlebotomy)	Alice Woodward (Phlebotomy)
<b>PM</b>	Dr K Panting	CLOSED	Dr C Snowdon	CLOSED	CLOSED
			Rachael Pearson (HCA)		

**For Bishops Itchington ring 01926 612977 during their opening hours**  
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 Monday and Wednesday afternoons 3.45 to 6.00pm)  
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 Monday and Wednesday afternoons 4.00 - 6.00pm)