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Editorial

No sooner had we mentioned an increasing diary of events in last month's editorial, then boom, we were put into another lockdown. Next week we also have to move to Tier Three which is the highest level of restrictions put in place by the Government. Disappointing and frustrating for everyone, not least for our village hostellers who will not be able to open and offer the usual Christmas fayre. In the meantime, until the tiers are reviewed, please do support the Harbury pubs as takeaways are available to order.

For the little ones, Southam & District Lions will still be accompanying Santa on his visit to Harbury this year, weather permitting and all Covid safe. They will be travelling around the village on Monday 14th December for you to wave at, in appreciation please give to their chosen charity, see article on page 48.

Also thinking of those who are not so fortunate, please don't forget that donations for the Foodbank will be accepted until Monday 21st December. These can be left in the foyer of Harbury Village Library.

Don't forget to use the GASS Christmas post for sending your Harbury village cards making sure that you give a generous donation for using the service, much needed monies for a depleted year of fundraising.

Refuse Collection - please note there are changes to the recycling week collection immediately after Christmas and also after New Year for both Harbury and Ladbroke, see rota.

Due to the Christmas and New Year holidays, the articles' deadline for the January 2021 edition of the magazine will be a little later on Tuesday 29th December. This means that copies will not be available from the printers until Friday 10th January and these will be distributed as soon as possible after this date.

Finally, we wish all our readers a safe, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Harbury Diary

**Most activities normally shown are suspended at present.
Please check village websites & noticeboards for updates.**

Harbury Church: Open for private prayer, 11.00am - 3.00pm, Wednesdays & Sundays. Church services will provisionally, subject to guidelines, take place on Sundays, in the Village Hall, contact Liz McBride to book a space, 612421.

Harbury Village Library: open Mondays, 10.00am - 12 noon and Thursdays, 2.00pm - 4.00pm for Click & Collect, Takeaway, public access computers and Ring & Read (Tel: 258776). The Library also hosts the GASS Christmas post box & Foodbank donations - please drop off in the foyer.



Refuse Collection Rota

	Deppers Bridge	Harbury, Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge outlying properties	Collection Week
December	Wed	Fri	
	9	11	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	16	18	Grey Bin
	23	Blue Bin Mon 28 Dec Green Bin Sat 2 Jan	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	30		Grey Bin
January		Sat 2 Jan (also Green Bin)	Grey Bin
	6	8	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	13	15	Grey Bin





All Saints
HARBURY

From the Rector

Rev Andy Batchelor

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As I write this, we have had the news that this second lockdown will end as promised, and we will be moving back into the tiered system, and we wait to see which tier we will end up in. All tiers will now permit church services to resume, so regular worship will restart at both Harbury and Ladbroke. However, due to the lack of heating at Harbury Church we will be moving into the Village Hall over the winter period.

Much has been said by politicians and the media about Christmas, but most of this has revolved around the pubs and shops reopening, extended curfews, easing of travel restrictions, and the extended 'bubble' system to enable multiple households to meet up. Perhaps this is a reminder of how Christmas for so many is focused on socialising with friends and family, indulging, (and sometimes overindulging) in food and drink, and making sure they have acquired those 'must have' items. For the young and young at heart, this year we have the battle between the newest games consoles, the PS5 and XBOX series X, that's if you manage to get hold of one before the stocks dry up! Sadly, amongst all this materialistic frenzy, the simple, but profoundly important event which should be at the heart of everything is so often buried under the transitory stuff we surround ourselves with.

The birth of a baby in poverty and simplicity, in a land occupied and oppressed by the Roman empire would have seemed of little consequence at the time, but the nativity story that so many children re-enact each Christmas in all sorts of ways, traditional and contemporary, and maybe even in a virtual way this year, was to mark the beginning of a new phase in human history, an opportunity for every person ever since to discover the peace, joy, love and hope that Jesus brings.

As I hear politicians' sombre warnings that this year must be very different and how we face a difficult winter, it reminded me of the land of Narnia in CS Lewis's 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' where, at the beginning of the story it was 'winter but never Christmas'. Well we might be constrained this year in our social mixing, and we will miss singing those familiar carols together, but the reality of Christmas is as relevant and life changing as it ever has been, and actually this year in particular that message of hope, and of a light shining in the darkness which will never overcome it, is surely something that resonates more powerfully than ever.

So, despite the constraints we face this year, I pray that this Christmas, like John Wesley, you may find your heart 'strangely warmed' by God's presence, and discover afresh or maybe even for the first time, the life changing, and life affirming, blessings of God with us in his son, Jesus.





From the Churchwardens

Liz & Michael

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting, normally held in April, was held on 18th October and the following are welcomed on (or back) to the Parochial Church Council for the period to April 2021: -

Sarah Brooke-Taylor, David Cooke, Lin Hayes, Carole Jackson, Brian Jones, William Jones, Philip Mayer, Amy Pedvin-Lewis and John Stringer. The following also serve on the PCC - Reverend Andy Batchelor & Reverend Ann Mulley (clergy), Alison Abbott, Gemma Took and Peter Took (readers) and Bryan Pratt and John Eld (Diocesan and Deanery reps). Michael Vincent and Liz McBride were re-elected as churchwardens.

Chairing the PCC is Rev Andy with Michael Vincent as vice chair, Amy Pedvin-Lewis continues as safeguarding officer and Liz McBride as treasurer. We thank John Guilford for his time as secretary to the PCC and welcome Carol Jackson to this role. Philip Mayer is continuing in his role as lead on the Fabric Committee.

Very few things are going to plan this year and so it was that the November services could not be held in church or the village hall, due to Covid. These services have either been held on Zoom or pre-recorded and are available on YouTube. Thank you to all those learning new skills.

We do hope to hold Sunday services at 10.30am in the warm Village Hall in December. However, numbers there are more limited so please call Liz (on 612421) a few days before to book a seat. Please keep an eye on the village noticeboards and church website for any updates.

In December, due to increased winter darkness, we are adjusting the hours that the church will be open for private prayer. The church will now be open from 11am - 3pm every Wednesday and Sunday. Also, we will be lighting up the church to join in the general festive "light up" and thank you to those organising this around the village.



The Heat, Light & Stone project is progressing slower than hoped, due to Covid restrictions. However, Philip Mayer is doing excellent work, getting contractors to visit the church to specify and cost proposals. He has also brought a team together to take on different roles - eg DAC faculty submissions (the C of E planning permission process), grant applications, project management, photography and publicity.

We are so grateful to have such a wealth of expertise within the village. We do still need to raise funds so if your heating allowance is going spare this year perhaps you could donate it to the church appeal?

Donations can be made by cash or cheque payable to Harbury Church and given to Liz McBride at 1 Park Lane, CV33 9HX, or by BACS transfer to:

Bank Account name: Harbury Church

Sort Code: 40-42-15

Account Number: 90414298

Reference: HLS

All Saints Church Harbury is a registered charity number 1150990.

If you can Gift Aid your donation so that we can reclaim the tax, please add your name, home address and postcode. That increases every £100 given by £25. Or you can collect another donation form to complete from 1 Park Lane. You can also donate using a debit or credit card via our website:- <https://allsaintsharbury.org> - under "About us" you will find the Heat, Light & Stone donate button. Thank you.



We look forward to what will probably be a quiet Christmas but with hope that all may find peace and love at this special time.

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

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

**Sue & Ian Hartland putting up their knitted poppies on the lychgate
(photo by Lesley Jones)**



Mothers' Union

Gillian Hare

We hope you are all well after another peaceful month. It has been good to meet Andy and his family, for those of us blessed with the technology; for the rest, let's hope it will soon be in person when our services are moved to the village hall. And there is now a definite plan for us to have a service of our own soon; Chris is working on this and will make sure you all know the details. And we give thanks to the Lord for the skills and dedication of scientists who give us an expectation that a vaccine is on the way.

Ladbroke News & Diary

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

Due to Covid restrictions, most events, except those linked with church, are on hold. For up to date details of church services and opening for private prayer, please refer to ladbrokechurch.org.uk



Ladbroke Church News



Peter Rigby

www.ladbrokechurch.org.uk

We welcomed our new Priest in Charge, Rev Andy Batchelor, to lead and preach at his first service in Ladbroke at the end of October. We are delighted to officially have a new vicar! Unfortunately, before he could come back again, we found ourselves in Lockdown Two, which meant that we were unable to have a service in Church on Remembrance Day.

During this second lockdown, Rev Andy, assisted by Rev Bob, began recording online services that can now be found on the Church website at ladbrokechurch.org.uk

As I write this article, it has been announced that we shall be going into Tier Three from the beginning of December. This means that we shall be able to reopen for Church Services, beginning on 6th December, albeit subject to continuing social distancing and other Covid safe requirements that limit our size of congregation. We are currently planning on the following services during December:

Sunday 6 th December	10.30am	Family Communion
Sunday 13 th December	9.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 20 th December	6.00pm	Village Carol Service
Friday 25 th December	10.30am	Christmas Day Service
Sunday 27 th December	9.00am	Holy Communion

For the Carol Service, we are hoping to have something similar to our traditional service of lessons and carols, with most of the music recorded. More details will be sent out on Ladbroke e-news when available.

Please note that because of our space limitations we shall be asking you to book for both the Carol Service and the Christmas Day Service. Please do this by emailing ladbrokechurch@gmail.com, telling us how many there will be in your "bubble". In this way we hope to be able to welcome as many as we can, safely and legally. (If you do not book, we shall still try to fit you in but we shall not be able to guarantee that we are able to do so).

With our best wishes for a very Happy Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.



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>

Ladbroke Parish Council held their November meeting by Zoom. Just as for in-person meetings, members of the public are welcome to come and observe and, if they have something to raise, can speak in the public participation agenda item near the beginning. While meetings are via Zoom you will need to request joining details by emailing ladbrokeparishcouncil@gmail.com

SDC Site Allocation Plan (SAP): This identifies the next land for development so there is always at least a five year stock in hand. The exclusion area around Southam has been removed because there is insufficient evidence that Southam College would not be able to cope. Therefore the SAP proposes more homes in Southam (800), Bishops Itchington and Harbury (300) and other villages too, increasing the pressure on infrastructure in the area. Local councillors are taking this up with the planner as five wards out of 37 are taking 50% of the increase. A Government white paper is anticipated proposing much more development to decrease prices on the housing market.

Covid: In early November SDC was the least affected district in Warwickshire and our area had particularly low numbers but we should follow the rules and not be complacent as nearby Southam South had some of the highest. Grants from central government are available for businesses affected by Covid. These grants are administered by district councils and likely to get oversubscribed soon. At the time of the meeting it was reported country parks were open and libraries such as Southam were operating a click and collect service - but I suggest checking before you go in case the situation has changed.

HS2: WCC Cllr Andy Crump had tried to get the A425 closure postponed but was told HS2 had cut it from twelve months to nine and they had given the statutory notice. This closure was causing great irritation and in late November the Welsh Road would be closed as well. WCC cannot influence

HS2 road closures nor those for emergency repairs to the road or utilities, eg Severn Trent had to fix three separate problems at Deppers Bridge.

WCC's permission is needed for other works, such as new builds, surveys and resurfacing. Cllrs Batty and Neal had met Chris James, the community engagement officer for EFKB (HS2 civil engineering contractor for the section south of Southam) and in the new year will have meetings on a regular basis. Luckily for us, it appears that Chris is understanding and more proactive than other contacts. There will be traffic lights on the A423 for several weeks in December when they start building the access to the compound at the nursery but long term this will have a bell mouth entrance instead. Next year major construction will start. The overbridge on the A423 will be built before the heavy haulage road along the HS2 route comes into use, however light vehicles will be able to enter/exit the haulage route via the A423. Access off Windmill Hill Lane is mainly for Fusion (for archaeology and ecology), though EFKB will use it a little; the HS2 route is also accessed from the Napton side. Chris confirmed that EFKB's heavy vehicles will be fitted with equipment to alert them if they go off the designated roads. Cllrs would request, via WCC highways, that HS2 put up local signage similar to that at Long Itchington to discourage smaller vehicles from coming through the village. They also wondered if we should ask HS2 to fund a sign giving people's speed within the village.

Planning: The council had no comments on tree works at 4 Bridge Lane nor a carport replacing a garage at Attword Cottage. There was discussion of the proposal to significantly extend and change the appearance of Cornerstones. Although there were no details of materials it was anticipated that any approval would be subject to submitting samples. The major concern was not about the proposed building but whether work was starting ahead of permission, as was the case for the new entrance, which is still awaiting a response from Highways. SDC had not objected to several treework applications and had approved the changes at Brock Farm Stud.

Flooding: Cllr Morten would look at and, if minor, hook out debris which had built up in the brook near the gate into Farmyard Field.

Millennium Green: The play area had re-opened.

Village Hall: It was a shame Covid was preventing users coming and appreciating the new improvements.

All Saints for All Generations: This project to repair our 700 year old church and share the heritage of Ladbroke is making good progress on the repair side. A graphic designer is helping create a village trail leaflet and the map in this will replace the existing boards near the post box and in the church porch. Covid had limited activities for the public this year, but hopefully next year's will include family nature and archaeology events, in conjunction with Fusion, HS2's enabling contractor.

Emergency Plan: This will be reviewed/updated.

Website: Hugo Fox are used for many small council's websites. More discussion at the next meeting.

Next meeting: Wednesday 13th January 2021 by Zoom.

The Warwickshire Federation Trustees have called an Annual Meeting via Zoom on 15th December. Hazel will go online to represent our WI so we look forward to hearing about what the future holds in due course.

Sue Lord and Joan put all the crockery belonging to our WI back in the cupboard in the new kitchen in the Village Hall which is looking great. Unfortunately, it may be a bit longer before we can return but we will keep you updated.

Denman online courses are still going well. The weekly updates are sent to WI members only but are open to non-members as well.

Dianne has been attending some of these and has sent the following comments:



'Tai Chi with Alan was an introduction for anyone who was new to this practice. He explained the Regulations of Posture, Breath and Mind and took us through a series of movements which I seem to remember included "lifting the sky", "horse", "tiger" and "snake". It was an interesting look at this ancient practice although I am not sure that we emulated those very elegant and smooth practitioners who can be seen in Oriental parks early in the morning.

Alan is offering a six week course for those who would like to learn more about this fascinating art.

Pat Lumsdale has been teaching at Denman for 20 years so had a wealth of experience to share in her course on patchwork. She took us through all the equipment that she uses from the choice of fabric to the machine, cutters, board, wadding etc. right down to her pins of choice. She also introduced us to the use of freezer paper which was a revelation to most of us. She demonstrated a number of techniques with many tips and hints along the way. She will be showing us how to make a strip quilt in two weeks' time and this will be followed by further courses on making blocks. She explains everything in great detail so if you have ever wanted to have a go, then look out for the upcoming courses.



These and many more interesting topics are on offer to everyone at Denman at Home so do have a look as there really is something for everyone.'



Ladbroke Village Millennium Draw

Draw for September 2020

£50	Colin and Kay Constable	£50	Steve Morten
£25	Cara Jenkins	£25	Carol Lane
£25	Marlene Schafer	£10	Martin and Debra Neal
£10	David Rose	£10	Alan Lord
£10	Brian Whitehorse	£10	Angela Coleman

Draw for October 2020

£50	Jill Norgate	£50	John Bicknell
£25	Jim and Pauline Laidler	£25	Pauline Long
£25	Rob Kendall	£10	Sue Lord
£10	Margaret Bosworth	£10	Richard Walker

I apologise for my failure to report the results of the September Draw, hence two results this month. You will notice that we have temporarily reduced the number of prizes, this is as a consequence of losing several members from the Draw. We hope to recruit more new members soon and the number of prizes will rise accordingly. Thank you all for your continued support.

Margaret Bosworth



Ladbroke General Section



Ladbroke Heritage

Try out our on-line jigsaws this month. Beginners can choose to have just a few pieces, experts 1000 or more! You can pause and come back and even invite others to do it with you. The first jigsaw is at <https://jigex.com/aF85>

There will be more going up during December with links to them on **Ladbroke Heritage** Facebook and Instagram pages and the church website, ladbrokechurch.org.uk

Here is one of the cheery chaps working on the tower pausing for a moment to thank Lottery players for their support. When the upper scaffolding goes, which may have happened by time you read this, you will be able to see the extent of the repairs the stone masons have done over the last five months. Rotten stone has



been replaced but following conservation principles the sound stone has been retained, even if it's a bit eroded. That means the tower is a mixture of original, previous repairs and new stone. It now looks as if the chancel buttresses will require new stone throughout, costing £40,000 more than we hoped! We have contingency funds that will cover this but unfortunately it means there will be little left for other pressing repairs, including an overhaul of our iconic lychgate. So we will be fundraising again in 2021, unless someone waves a magic wand in our direction before then.

Looking on the bright side we have made enormous progress this year and I'd like to thank everyone for their support of the project, their interest in what's happening and their patience if they've been affected by the works on site. Happy Christmas.

Jackie West



From Your District Councillor for Ladbroke

Covid

Councillors had a briefing on this shortly before the government policy shifted from area measures, to national lockdown.

Possibly by the time you read this, we may be moving towards the end of that lockdown if the national picture is favourable. In recent weeks, there has been an increasing trend of cases, although Stratford District has had the lowest rates in the County. In the first part of November, rates in both the Southam and Feldon areas tripled before falling back slightly as I write this. Rates can fluctuate widely in local areas week by week. So we all must be very cautious with contacts and keep our distance - the data shows it is friends and family contact that spreads the virus the most. There is an interactive map on this web site:

<https://coronavirus-staging.data.gov.uk/> This shows the numbers per hundred thousand population:

Variation in new cases

7th& 16th Nov	Average Per 100k population	Area
1332-1531	229-265	Warwickshire County
183-226	141-174	All of Stratford District
12-27	122-275	Southam, Stockton, Napton
19-20	183-193	Feldon (Ladbroke, Harbury, Long & Bishops Itchington, Fenny Compton, Priors)

Site Allocation Plan (SAP)

This Site Allocation Plan allocates sites for potential housing development across the District. You may remember a SAP was published 15 months ago. Now the whole exercise is being done again. Stratford has to be able to show that they can provide for the building of houses to meet the government's rolling housing targets for the next five years. The plan identifies 'reserve' sites to be given permission if that five year housing supply is not going to be met. A revised version of the SAP is out for consultation.

The fundamental change overall in this version of the SAP is the removal of the restraint on housing sites around Southam which was there before, because of the difficulties of providing secondary school places. Previously, no extra houses were proposed in that version. The new plan proposes the allocation of up to 1,400 additional houses in Southam and the villages around. It is not clear to me how the strain on infrastructure of Southam, including the college, has suddenly been fixed.

Five new sites are shown on the east side of Southam almost from the Stockton Road roundabout down to the Banbury Road. These total 786 houses. In and around Harbury/Bishops Itchington, sites for over 300 houses have been identified. This would add to the housing that already has permission and is yet to be built, or being built now.

The maps of the sites proposed can be found in the consultation document via the link below, together with the way to comment:

<https://www.stratford.gov.uk/planning-building/sap-preferred-options-cabinet-version.cfm> Consultation closes on 18th December.

At the moment the housing supply is calculated to be more than seven years, however a government white paper proposing much more central direction over planning would remove what local controls there are and require an estimated extra 1,675 houses a year in Stratford District. If so, there will be much more pressure for large scale housing development in our villages in the District. Personally, I am not happy about this government idea that is being pushed forward.

I wish everyone a happy and a safe Christmas.

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Harbury Parish Council

Linda Ridgley
Harbury News Correspondent

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

November 2020 Meeting Report

In the public participation agenda item, a number of representations were made regarding SDC's proposed Site Allocations Plan (which designated specific sites in Harbury for more development). We had Rob Cooper expressing concerns about SDC's proposals which could result in serious problems with sewerage disposal and a further reduction in water pressure. Paul Quinney reminded Cllrs that Site B (on the western edge of the village) was on the Scarp Slope and Cllr Gibb was concerned that Site D appeared to include the present allotments. Both District Councillors (Jacqui Harris and Andy Crump) listening in will take up these concerns about the necessary improvement of our infrastructure.

The Cllrs agreed a grant of £1,910 to the Scouts to expand the use of their Hut and make the rear entrance to their Hut "Covid" secure.

Chairman Tim Lockley announced that £13K from Section 106 money had been used to make repairs to the Pre-School roof; Also, the Library was only currently operating (Monday mornings and Thursday afternoons) on a "Click and Collect" basis, but hoped to be open more in January. Biblios would not open before Christmas but the front door of the Library would be used as a post box for the GASS post.

Cllr Gibb for the School Governors said the new Rector, Andy Batchelor, had joined the School Governors. Chairman, Cllr Lockley reported that Southam's new sports hall was finished, but there was no access from the Welsh Road West yet in place. There had been five cases of the virus in Year 10 who had managed well with online learning and were now back at school.

Cllr Rutherford reported that as we were in Tier Three nothing was happening in the Village Hall except the installation of new doors for the Farley Room. The work on the new porch would be a three to four month project and would start in January. There had been suggestions that the Hall could be used as a mass vaccination centre.

Bob Sherman (for the Energy Initiative) would up-date the Cllrs on funding for the car park electric car charging points in January, but Cllr Knowles reminded his colleagues that the Council would need to have an agreement with "Fields in Trust" for the installation. (Our playing field is a King George Memorial Field). The Clerk would need to know if the charging area would be allowed on the fields. The Chairman explained it was to be put there to keep all the existing car parking spaces. Cllr Balch remarked that Harbury was thinking of the future and was well ahead of most other communities.

District Cllr Harris said that there were local business grants available from the District Council. She was concerned about how those with mental health problems would be impacted by our Tier Three status. She was helping to get accommodation for someone with housing needs.

District and County Councillor Andy Crump said the Deppers Bridge Speed Surveys would happen in the New Year. HS2 were still meeting with the County Council. They had already changed the dates for road closures! The Police monitored the traffic using the bridge at Deppers. Lorries taking spoil away from the cutting had covered Station Road in mud. The road had been cleaned but the problem would be there every day and motorists should be aware of the danger. He had been surprised to hear that the County had been placed in Covid Tier Three after information they gave to Government indicated Tier Two.

Cllr Thompson asked both Andy and Jacqui whether the proposed changes to the refuse collections would go ahead. Both Cllrs thought this was likely along with a charge (from the Spring) for collecting green waste, especially if the whole County was made a single unitary authority. Warwick and Stratford District Councils had been hard hit by virus regulations and Stratford which relied on tourists for much of its funding was especially badly impacted.

PC Simms responding to a query about weight limit enforcement at Deppers Bridge pointed out that there was only one warning sign about the limit and that was near Southam. If a lorry missed the sign there was no other warning and nowhere for it to turn round. (The road to Ladbroke itself had a weight limit). Cllr Gibb asked that this deficiency be made clear to the County Council.

Cllr Ekins had heard from an HGV driver that the signs on the Leamington to Southam Road were inadequate. Cllr Crump said he would talk to HS2 about their poor signage.

PC Simms announced three days of speed assessments in our area. He needed volunteers to report high speeds so that the Police could bring in camera vans. Cllr Ekins had four Deppers residents who had volunteered but said they feared being confronted by angry motorists. PC Simms promised they would be trained and would have Police support.

Planning Applications dealt with - all with no comments. The Housing Need Survey was circulated. But there were concerns about the District's Site Allocation Plan referred to earlier. Comments included:

1. The release of land for building could be triggered by Coventry!
2. The Inspectors comments about "local service villages" (like ours) taking more housing to make them "more sustainable" when we were already sustainable (thank you very much)
3. Confusion about whether the allotments were included in land for possible development or not.
4. The allocation for possible development on the scarp slope to the west.

5. More housing might lead to the School being over-subscribed.
6. Their Plan “rides roughshod” over our Neighbourhood Development Plan.
7. Cement Works land for development would join Deppers Bridge to Bishops Itchington.

Cllr Allen would draft a response.

Environment & Properties

Cllrs agreed a site for planting the replacement beech tree on Pound Green. Repairs to the skatepark have been completed. Basket ball area cleaning was approved. £3,108 for the installation of a multi-play area was also agreed. A memorial bench would be placed against the Tennis Courts facing the basket ball area. The playing fields inspection report was approved as was a grant for a strimmer for the Burial Grounds.

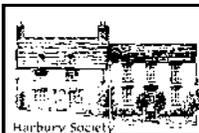
Finance and General Purposes

This was about money spent on grants, repairs and improvements, Covid and the Christmas lights. The risk assessment for the lights had been approved. Cllr Balch recruited volunteers and explained how households and businesses were excited about the project. They were working with Frances Road who had lit up their area for many years to raise money for Guide Dogs for the Blind. The installation would take place on 5-6th December with the switch on at 6pm on 6th December. The Library had put together a “Walking Trail” to see the lights which should include Frances Road where there were collection points for their charity.

There followed a somewhat bizarre discussion on whether the existing “Official Badge” of the Council was in fact theirs, or had been repurposed from Southam. This will be discussed at the next meeting on 28th January 2021.

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 Society

Linda Ridgley

Below are the notes of a talk given to the Society in June 1978.

We welcomed Dr David Palliser, Lecturer in Economic History at Birmingham University who worked with Professor Hoskins to update "The Making of the English Landscape".

He began with the Romans, because although the Neolithic revolution of 3,000 BC was of great importance, bringing as it did a settled system of agriculture to Britain, there was little in the Midlands as obvious as

Stonehenge or Avebury to illustrate Stone Age man's impact on the landscape. The Romans however, introduced towns to Britain and between these towns, proper metalled roads to improve communications. Their villas, essentially similar to the rich Iron Age working farms, but with such refinements as central heating and mosaic floors are an enduring feature of the Cotswolds. Cirencester, a Roman foundation, grew to be the second city of Britain, served by a network of roads and situated in the richest area of Roman Britain.

The next invaders, the Anglo-Saxons, were a pagan Germanic race who constructed the Red Horse of Tysoe, recently re-excavated (in 1978). As the invaders settled and were converted to Christianity they founded Churches and introduced today's settlement pattern. The study of place names is used to discover which were the earliest settlements and to determine by whom the land was first cleared. The earliest in Warwickshire have the ending "ton" meaning village and can be dated to around 600 AD. Daughter settlements grew up on the cleared land round the original homesteads in the following centuries. Ninth century settlements with the ending "Thorpe" show the influence of the invading Danes.

Towns, which had all but disappeared after the Roman withdrawal, began to reappear in Saxon times as agriculture improved and there arose the need for a concentration of trade and craftsmen. In some cases Roman towns revived, but others such as Warwick were newly created. Here in 914 Ethelfleda, Lady of the Mercians, built a large fortress, by the side of the Avon as part of her drive to push back the Danes. The fortress, of earth ditches and banks topped with timber, was the size of the later walled town and was rectangular with a grid-iron of streets.



The Norman Conquest did not have an immediate impact on the landscape except where Norman castles were built. These differed from the Saxon fortifications as they were private fortresses. Warwick Castle, which was a later Norman addition to the Saxon planned town takes advantage of the good defensive position of the river cliff.

After the conquest settlement of the land continued as the spaces between the early villages continued to be opened up. Henley-in-Arden is a good illustration of the growth of agricultural specialisation. Initially there existed the large sparsely populated parish of Wootton Wawen out of which the parish of Beaudessert was created. By the 12th Century, traffic on the main road to the west was increasing and there was movement from Beaudessert to the highway for trade. A new parish was created out of Beaudessert and the Market Town (Henley) was laid out along the road.

Stratford is another example of a planned town - laid out by the Bishop of Worcester in 1190 and it still has surviving examples of timber-framed houses from the 15th Century. Chipping Campden a mediaeval market town for wool has stone houses of a similar age.

In the late Middle Ages the Black Death caused serious depopulation of the Midlands. One in three inhabitants died and of 3,000 settlements deserted in this period, 128 were in Warwickshire. Both Chesterton and Kingston suffered this fate and aerial photographs reveal the extent of the former villages with the ridge and furrow pattern of the open field system being especially clear. Similar photographs can be used to identify boundary ditches and parish boundaries.

In the 1530's the monasteries, which had done much to promote the growth of agriculture, were dissolved and the English country house arose from their ashes (often using the very stone of the Abbeys) and with the country house came the growth of the landscaped park. Previously parks had been purely for hunting game, but in the Tudor/Stuart period they developed as pleasure gardens, reaching their climax in the Georgian era.

Alongside the great wealth displayed in the country was a similar display in the towns, giving rise to the building of impressive houses, although in towns this building was frequently made necessary by such disasters as the Great Fire of 1694 which almost totally destroyed the mediaeval town of Warwick.

By the 19th century many towns were becoming big cities, growing partly as trading centres but in many cases in the Midlands as industrial centres too. The creation of the canal network centred on Birmingham which enabled coal and other essential raw materials to be transported, and the discoveries of Darby which lead to the improved smelting of iron, accelerated the process.

Finally, in the same way that the 16th Century saw the decline of the monasteries, the first half of the 20th Century was remarkable for the decline of the main British contribution to architecture - the country house. Many fell into decay, some were demolished, others converted and only a relatively few remain in private hands or preserved for the nation by the National Trust.

	<h2>Harbury Women's Institute</h2>	<p>Mary Thompson</p>
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Harbury WI committee have been meeting regularly using Zoom and decided November was the time to hold their AGM on Zoom. 24 members attended and fun occurred at the beginning of the meeting as some people got used to a system new to them - but we all managed and two more members joined during the evening. Everyone had entered into the spirit of the evening wearing a variety of hats and holding a glass containing a drink of their choice.



President Ann Mayer and secretary Hilary Scott reported on a strange year - a busy winter and early spring with speakers and socials and then a real slow down caused by the pandemic. We had managed to keep in touch with each other and two socially distanced events had taken place.

Treasurer Gill Thorpe reported that we had 45 members and we welcomed four new members who had joined recently. Gill mentioned our lack of fundraising but our members had been very generous with donating over £900 to Myton Hospice. Gill reminded members that their subscriptions won't have to be paid until April in 2021 rather than January.

Ann Mayer was re-elected as president with Hilary Scott as secretary and Gill Thorpe as treasurer.

The existing committee were all re-elected - Sue Coupe, Maureen Handle, Lin Hayes, Pam Furnivall, Chris Rutherford and Mary Thompson. Pat Mott was warmly welcomed as a new committee member.

At the end of the business meeting Ann proposed that we all raised a glass to the future of WI meetings.

We then welcomed Julie Howard, a member of Norton Lindsay WI who entertained us with a very professional presentation on her travels in New Zealand. Julie is a retired geography teacher who loves to travel. Julie and her husband planned their own itinerary, avoiding some of the more tourist places. They flew to Auckland and then on to Dunedin; they hired a 4 x 4 and drove through South Island, sailed across to North Island and up to the Bay of Islands in the north. They drove, cycled, walked and went in a jet boat near to Queenstown on South Island. They used local cafes and restaurants. Julie showed us some interesting maps and fabulous photographs to illustrate her journey. She told us lots of unusual facts about New Zealand. For instance, there are only two Royal Opera Houses in the world - one in London and one in Wanganui on North Island. New Zealand is the largest exporter of powdered milk in the world. In 1840 the British signed the Treaty of Waitangi with Maori leaders - unfortunately the treaty shown to the Maori leaders had a slightly different translation to the British one - hence there are still some arguments about it!



Royal Opera House, Wanganui

This was a very interesting talk and Julie donated her fee to ACWW which the national WI supports to give women the ability and skills to enable them to be independent, eg bee keeping and rearing chickens.

The report that was circulated to all members included a poem by Gillian Hare which sums up the feelings of many.

*I wandered lonely as a cloud
There was no choice, no friends allowed!
A lark was soaring to the sky, Blythe spirit and so was I;
A day ahead of good intention
To face those tasks we dare not mention
Paint the kitchen, clear the shed,
Sew some face masks, bake some bread
Or – maybe - just go back to bed!*

The speaker at our meeting on 10th December will be Diane Vernon talking about “My Journey as a Blacksmith”. Sadly, lockdown restrictions mean that the meeting will have to take place on Zoom - apologies to a few members who aren’t online but there seems to be no alternative. Members who joined the meeting in November found it to be an easy process - so we hope as many as possible will join us with a festive hat and drink of their choice.

	<h2 style="margin: 0;">Folk Club</h2>	<p style="margin: 0;">Peter McDonald</p>
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Sadly, there is no meeting of the Harbury Folk Club to report on, nor has there been since March. There are encouraging signs about a return to normal life next year so we live in hope. Of course, there have been a few live music gigs during the pandemic, notably Ben Holder’s jazz evening in the Village Hall, but the constraints put on such an event (eg well-distanced audience members and performers, and no audience participation!) don’t really fit with our Folk Club sessions. Our evenings are more than just music recitals – audience chorus-singing is an important part and we also enjoy the social side with humour and general banter. The whole topic of passing infection by singing has been extensively studied in the past few months but there seems to be no way of excluding **all** the risks (and many of us are in the vulnerable age group).

So we have to be patient for a few more months and, hopefully, when we meet again, we’ll all be well-practised after months of staying at home. Unfortunately, the Folk Club Orchestra hasn’t been able to practise since March because we don’t have the luxury of the Royal Albert Hall to space ourselves out sufficiently. The Folk Club Choir **has** been practising regularly since May using Zoom, which is a little odd because the technology doesn’t allow us to listen to ourselves singing together. We’ve been learning some new songs and it will be interesting to see how they sound when we can hear each other!

At this time of year, the Choir would normally have switched into a seasonal mode to practise two carols to contribute to the village Carol Service on Christmas Eve. This year would have been our 34th successive year and it's sad to have to break that tradition. To give us a little of the Christmas spirit, we'll use one of our Zoom practices in December to sing through some of our carols from previous years. To share some of that spirit with the village, I'll be posting videos of some of our past rehearsals on the 'Harbury Village News' Facebook page during the Advent period.

Singers and musicians have used online methods of rehearsing and performing, and several professionals have given some excellent online concerts in the hope of earning some sort of income while their public gigs have been cancelled. We have had real treats from some of the very best artistes in the folk world. Our good friend, Keith Donnelly, has given a couple of online concerts which must be really weird for him, relying as he does so much on heckling and audience feedback. Actually, technology has not only made this possible but has also opened up exciting possibilities for new ways of making music at home and collaborating remotely with other musicians.

Whenever we resume, the Folk Club (and its Choir and Orchestra) will never be quite the same, following the tragic death of Ted Crum from Covid-19 in early April. As well as being a thoroughly lovely man and good friend, Ted was an outstanding musician and singer and he will be sorely missed in the many musical spheres in which he took part. We'll keep the music going in Ted's memory.

	<h2>Harbury Heritage Centre</h2>	<p>Bill Timson</p>
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So how many of you remember 'The Morning News'? Or to give it its correct title the 'Leamington, Warwick, Kenilworth and District Morning News and Daily Circular', or at least that was the newspaper's title in 1939.

In the Heritage Centre I came across a copy of this newspaper from 5th June 1939. It cost one halfpenny. The paper was established in 1896 and the last edition rolled off the press at Courier Press, Tachbrook Road 95 years later on 21st February 1991 at a cost of 10p. Nearly 50 times more expensive than in 1939! Thank you to all those who replied on the 'Memories of Leamington and Warwick' Facebook page (85+ responses), and gave lots of first hand information about this much loved local rag.



There is little or no mention of War which was declared only three months later, instead half of the front page is taken over with reviews of the latest films to be shown! Four local cinemas are mentioned, the Regal, the Clifton, the Regent and the Scala.



Also on the front page is an advertisement for ‘The Championship Swimming Gala’ to be held at the Royal Pump Room Baths. There were also two water polo matches to watch. If you wanted to watch from the gallery it would cost you 8d.

There is also an interesting article about the rise in the use of gas as a fuel in the household.

There are lots more articles on the inside pages of this four page tabloid style daily but I think the most interesting page is the back page where you find ‘The Little Advertisements with the BIG Possibilities’.

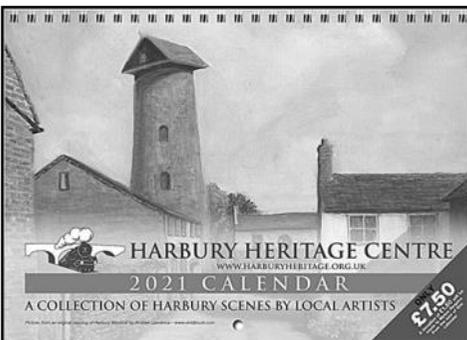
Sheppard’s Coals want a young man to act as rounds-man, permanent job for the right man.

There is a modern self-contained flat to rent on Willes Road with kitchen and bath room – 25/- (25 shillings or £1.25 in modern money) per week, inclusive of bills.

‘Two smart boys wanted for errands’.... A young woman required three days weekly – housework, cooking and good needlework.

Many more adverts and a claim that there are 11,000 readers every day of the week!

We have lots of old newspapers to entertain you and many more interesting articles in the Heritage Centre.



Unfortunately, we had to cancel our open to the public sessions in November due to ‘lockdown’. We also had a formal visit planned from The High Sheriff of Warwickshire which we have postponed until the New Year.

Good News

The Heritage Calendars have been a big success! We have less than 20 left and there are some for sale at the library too. You can buy online

via the library shop on their website. They are happy to send them off for you as gifts to friends and family. Don't forget that £1.50 will be donated to Myton Hospice for every calendar sold. **Sorry - we will not be able to order a reprint** so if you purchase one you have a limited edition! We will hand over the money to Myton over the Christmas/New Year Period.

MANY THANKS for all your support.

	<h2>Harbury Energy Initiative</h2>	<p>Bob Sherman</p>
<p>☎612277 ✉info@harburyenergy.co.uk</p>		

Fireworks

Bonfire Night on 5th November 2020 may have been a damp squib for planned celebrations but there were emotional fireworks for us at HEI and Harbury e-Wheels. We will definitely remember the 5th of November. On that day we heard from the Midlands Energy Hub that our bid for a Stage 2 grant from the Rural Community Energy Fund had been successful (and praised for its quality). We have been awarded £98,000 to continue the development of the electric vehicle charging station behind the Village Hall with its associated renewable technology energy generation. We have to temper our enthusiasm a bit as this grant allows us to complete most of the business development but does not provide the capital funding to install the solar panels, vertical axis wind turbine, battery energy store and five charge points. That's next on the agenda.



The timing of this perfectly aligns with the recent national government announcement of its ten point plan for reaching its 2050 zero carbon target. Most experts consider that currently the plans fall well short of the trajectory needed to achieve that, but the plan has some excellent ambitions (including massive investment in off-shore wind but unfortunately also including fracking). One of the key proposals is a much anticipated shortening of the time frame for the end of production of petrol and diesel engines to 2030. Production of hybrid vehicles is to be discontinued soon after in 2035, so that only electricity and hydrogen become the future energy fuels from that point. The industry has been working towards this for some time and companies are fully ready with the cars and solutions. What they needed was policy support and now they have it.

A key part of this change will be ensuring a huge investment in the charging infra-structure. And look! Harbury was on the case already! As a village we are way ahead of most rural communities. We have been determined to keep our village up with technological developments that will allow a cleaner, greener future and a planet fit for our children to live in. Whilst a very large

number of properties in Harbury have off-road parking, there are still about 10% that won't be able to charge at home. Nationally the figure is 30% of households/individuals with no off road parking and another 30% who do but cannot have a personal charge point (think of flats). Our charging station will serve Harbury e-Wheels, Harbury residents without the opportunity for home charging, anyone local who wants a rapid top-up and visitors to the village.

More charge points nationally means more demand on electricity. Meeting this demand is another challenge and requires a multi-faceted solution. We need to use less. This means not building houses to the lowest permissible energy efficiency standard, not wasting energy, adjusting the way we live to consume fewer high energy demand products and cutting down on waste. There are big solutions and little solutions and we can all be part of the little solutions. It all helps.

The other bid

We still await the outcome of our other bid, this one to the MCS Charitable Foundation, to further develop the Low Carbon Warwickshire Network. We have been talking to the County Council about how we might use this network to support their wish to help communities develop their own carbon reduction actions with the £1million Green Shoots fund (formerly the "Climate Change - Community Investment Fund" - see last month's article). I think it is going to work. A second grant success would be nice.

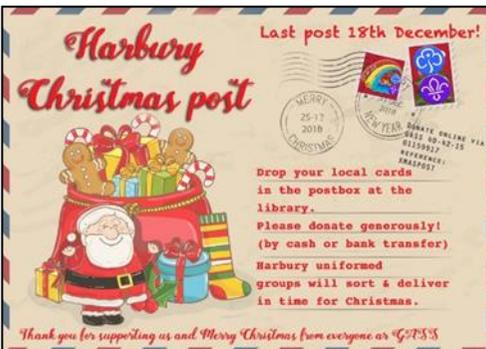


Guides and Scouts Support

Laura Harris
G.A.S.S. Committee

It's been a quiet month for GASS with no Bonfire event to organise and we have missed the remembrance parade for the uniformed groups.

However, we hope that you got a chance to see Paul Quinney's installation using the acrylic 'soldiers' from the centenary event and some clever lighting to create a very touching tribute at the memorial?



Our main fundraising event of 2020 will be beginning on Monday **30th November** and running until Friday **18th December**. Without the bonfire event or the beer festival we are desperate for funds to cover our hut running costs so please support us!

Harbury Village Library has been kind enough to host our special post box again this year. This will only be accessible during opening hours which are currently reduced to Monday morning and Thursday

afternoon but may change as restrictions lift, so please check their webpage and our Facebook page for updates @GASSHarbury.

Due to these restricted opening times, with the help of Rich Fowler and David Turner we are launching our first ever **24hr accessible service** which will be installed on the outside of the library door. You just need to post your cards through the letterbox and make your donation either online (preferred) or with cash in an envelope (please **do not** post loose cash through the door). Online donations can be made via GASS 40-42-15 01159917 Ref: XMASPOST please give generously!

The Scouts, Guides and Explorers will be sorting the post under COVID safe guidelines and our network of volunteers will be making three delivery rounds in December with the final cards arriving at their destinations in time for Christmas.

Don't forget to put the **house name/number and the road name** on your envelopes as we cannot deliver your cards without this information. We are able to deliver anywhere in Harbury village but unfortunately, we do not have the capacity to deliver any further afield.

That just leaves us to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year from everyone at GASS.



SCOUTS

Paul Quinney

Remembrance 2020

As you would understand, the uniformed groups of our village missed their opportunity to support the remembrance service this year, but will be hopefully back next year. However, Joe Quinney an explorer scout still laid the wreath on behalf of the group and various members of the scout and guide sections visited the memorial individually and paid their respects - photos on page 29.

However, we were pleased to be able to illuminate the TBNT soldier silhouettes, placed behind the war memorial in the church, in evenings from

the Saturday until Remembrance Day itself. These transparent silhouettes, were obtained by the Scout group from the Youth United Trust and formed part of the 1918 Remembrance events in the village and beacon windmill, remembering those who were lost, in the community they left behind. It was great to see wide appreciation both in person and comments on social media to the photograph posted. A picture appears elsewhere in the magazine.

Bonfire & fireworks

One of the groups major fun fundraising events, the Harbury Bonfire, clearly could not proceed this year but we plan to be back next year. The suspension of this event together with a lack of other income has provided a number of challenges to the groups' overall financial position. We are therefore appreciative of Harbury PC's support in providing some additional funding. We do however look forward to being able to reinvigorate our fundraising in 2021 and beyond.

Update from our Sections

Our Scout Troop and Explorer unit have separately posted an update on their activities. In terms of our Beaver colony, I wish to thank Abigail Kitchener and other leaders for continuing to bring an introduction to scouting and hope there is an opportunity for more safe face to face activity in 2021.

Whilst the Cub pack has been suspended due to a shortage of leaders, we are keen to resurrect this in the New Year, so again, I strongly appeal to anyone that could help support this section as a leader/helper to enable the young people to not miss out on this opportunity. Please contact me below if yourself, friend or relative are able to help.

We continue to hold waiting lists for all sections and I am personally thankful of the continued support of Katy Spencer-Hammon AGSL in managing this.

COVID-19, enabling a return to use of hut and future improvements

Our fundraising group and executive GASS have submitted an initial grant application to enable a safer return to indoor meetings and use by third parties, to the Scout Hut building in these difficult times, as well as looking to the future. The existing hut has limitations on space, access and facilities which have determined key requirements for potential improvements as below:

1. Space in the hut is limited, as the original hall itself is small. However, opportunities exist for having an outside covered area and to extend or upgrade the hut. These are seen as potential solutions to enabling safer indoor use and increasing ability to grow numbers
2. The route from the rear of the hut is dark and uneven despite there being a rear access door. To operate a one-way system with a separate exit and particularly in winter is challenging as we need a well lit clear level access and to enable leaving via the rear door.

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3. The DDA toilet and toilets need improvement for compliance and better handwashing facilities for COVID processes as well as adding baby changing facilities as the building is normally used by the toddler group.

These will form part of our future development plan and will no doubt require further grant applications and fundraising.

GASS Christmas post

GASS are also launching the Christmas post on 30/11/2020 until 18/12/2020 at the Library and we hope everyone can support our only 2020 fundraiser.

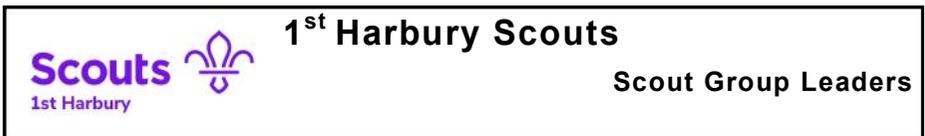
May I thank all leaders and helpers for your continued support and hard work as well as our young people for their commitment to scout challenges and adventures which give skills for life.

Wishing everyone a healthy Christmas.

Group Scout Leader (GSL)

1st Harbury

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Whilst this has been a challenging year for all we have strived to keep the spirit of scouting alive in Harbury in 2020. We managed to have a successful youth hostel weekend in the Peak District just before the March lockdown and since then we have engaged with our scouts in a variety of ways from Zoom meetings, challenges at home and a virtual camp. Finally, just before the summer we were one of the first scout groups in the district to have an approved risk assessed evening of kayaking on the Leam.

More recently we have been outside in small groups venturing on a chip shop hike, '*what three words*' orienteering and cooking on outdoor fires. As once again we were restricted to virtual scouting, we have undertaken:

- Challenges
- quizzes
- games of battleships
- cooking
- and making illuminated Christmas cards

One of our most important events is normally the Sunday remembrance service and parade and despite it not being held this year, Joe Quinney our

young leader and Explorer scout, still laid the wreath on behalf of the group and was pleased to see a number of our scouts visiting the memorial individually to pay their respects.



Sadly we won't have the opportunity to decorate the tree for the Harbury Senior Citizens' Christmas Party this year. However, may we wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and we look forward to the opportunity of further adventure for our Harbury Scouts in 2021 and beyond.

**John, Paul, Andy, Katherine & Joe
Scout Leaders**

EXPLORERS

**Mark Harris &
Steve Gowland**

As you may be aware, Harbury set up its own Explorer Group unit in 2018 to provide further opportunity for fun and adventure for young people from the ages of 14 -18. We are therefore now celebrating two years and have been pleased to see it grow and flourish.

We appreciate that the events of 2020 have been a challenge for us all, but believe the friendships developed in this group have been a positive support for their mental well-being.

Whilst the initial lockdown paused face to face meetings, as soon as scouting activities re-enabled some outdoor activities, Harbury explorers took to the water in kayaks and paddle boards, on a great summer's evening. Other activities since, in accordance with health and safety and scouting guidance, have included hikes, ballistics, capture the flag, fire lighting (with hot chocolate and marsh mallows of course) and other challenges, despite, at times, atrocious weather!

As you may remember Harbury Explorer Scouts, with the support of Harbury Parish Council, helped build, light and run a Remembrance beacon next to Chesterton Windmill on Chesterton Hill, on 11th November 2018 as part of 1,000 Beacons of Light throughout the country, to represent the end of World War One. Whilst there was no parade and service this year, Joe Quinney laid a wreath at the memorial on behalf of the group and installed the lights to illuminate the soldier silhouettes at the church.

Explorers are encouraged to lead themselves in deciding the programme and direction of the Unit, with support and guidance from leaders. The section also includes the Young Leaders' Scheme, where young people are able to take on a leadership role in one of the younger sections.

We look forward to seeing the unit continue to grow and the young people help shape and support more exciting events in 2021.

Merry Christmas and stay safe.



Before the latest lockdown at the end of October, the popularity of Tuesday night **Training Sessions** delivered by Club Coach Hendry Rheeders followed by **Fitness Sessions** on Thursday nights was maintained throughout.

For the first time since last March, the clubroom was opened up for members to watch the Gallagher Premiership Rugby Final on Saturday 24th October, all in accordance with RFU Guidelines on social distancing. Whilst Wasps were narrowly beaten, this was compensated for by the flow of beer and lager served to tables of six.

Such was the success of the event, it was repeated for the following Saturday when the triple header of the Autumn Nations Cup was held. The warm up match starting at 2.00pm saw the Scots forge a win in Llanelli. This was followed up with the main event of the day seeing England cruise to a win at Twickenham and finally, France taking the Irish apart in Paris. Needless to say, with an eight hour drinking window, several barrels were emptied!

Did you know?

Harbury RFC now offers touch rugby for girls (aged 14+) and ladies through their partner club Wellesbourne Ladies (WL). The ladies' team joined Harbury in Summer 2019 and have substantially grown in number, now boasting 48 members aged 14 - 58.

What is touch rugby?

Touch is a minimal contact sport that combines fitness and fun. There is no tackling. Instead players touch their opponents using their hands. Teams consist of six players on the pitch at any one time with rolling subs. Games are 14 minutes long with seven minute halves. WL are always on the lookout

for new players. NO experience needed. They will teach you all the basic skills such as passing, learning the rules and basic drills.

Why should you join?

WL are dedicated to offering our community a club which attracts girls/women of all ages and an opportunity to join a fun social team where they can learn a new sport in a ladies only environment. We want women to know that it is never too late to learn a new sport and to help build their confidence and fitness. Our club ethos of having a positive, inclusive and supportive environment that encourages everyone's abilities has been key to their growth.

How do I join?

WL train every Thursday from 7pm - 8.15pm at Harbury RFC club. Contact Claire for details of how to join on 07506 309821/Instagram-@wellesbourneladies/ Facebook – Wellesbourne Ladies Touch Rugby / Email - wellesbourneladies@gmail.com



The Club has been in lockdown throughout November and patiently waits to see if the restriction will be eased on Wednesday 2nd December. **Keep Safe.**



Harbury Tennis Club

Colin Mercer

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

At the time of writing our courts are closed due to lockdown part 2, but we've just had the good news that we can start playing again from 2nd December so by the time you're reading this we'll be back on court! Prior to the latest restrictions the club had been very busy. The social sessions on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings have all been well attended and we are delighted that we've been able to welcome some of our new members.

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*To all our friends in Ladbroke and Harbury we send you
our very best wishes for the Christmas season and trust
that you and your loved ones stay well during 2021.*

Alan & Sue Lord

**Sending all our friends and neighbours in Harbury
best wishes for a happy and safe Christmas and
New Year. We are making a donation to Embrace
the Middle East this year instead of sending cards.**

Ann and Michael Vincent

**In these strange times, we'd like to wish everyone
in Harbury as happy and peaceful a Christmas and
New Year as possible.**

**Our donation this year will go to e-Wheels.
Jenny & Andrew Patrick**

**Michael and Gillian Hare wish all their
friends a peaceful and healthy Christmas.
Instead of cards we shall send a donation
to Wateraid.**

**Simon and Jackie West wish all their friends
and neighbours a Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year.**

**Geoff and Gill Thorpe wish all their
friends a Happy and Healthy Christmas
and will be donating to charity this year
instead of sending cards.**

**We would like to thank you all for your continuing
support. We wish you a Merry Christmas and
a very Happy 2021.
From The Milk Shed**

**Gerry & Sheila Parker send Christmas Greetings to all our
friends and wish them a Happy & Healthy New Year.**

**Me
Chris**

David and Barbara Thistlethwaite wish their friends in Harbury a happy and healthy, peaceful

**Christmas greetings to
prayers for a
Beryl CH**

**Stan, Chris and family
in Harbury, a very happy
healthy New Year
donation to the Air Ambulance
and Coventry and Warwickshire**

**Happy Christmas to our friends
best wishes for
Pauline & R**

**Pat and Brian Summer
Harbury friends a very
peaceful New Year. We
Air Ambulance**

**Wishing my friends and neighbours
Christmas and New Year. Thank you
Jeanne B**

**Happy Christmas and a very happy
friends in Harbury! I shall put
instead of sending cards
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*Christmas Greetings to all our many friends in Harbury.
Even if you are not able to be with all those you love, we
hope that you are able to find comfort and solace in the
wonderful community of our village and that the New Year
does indeed bring new beginnings and new hopes
for the future.*

Much love to all, Moira Rollason and family. Xx

*We wish all our friends and neighbours a magical
Christmas time and much health and happiness for the
New Year. Instead of cards, we will be making a donation
to a local homeless charity.
All our best, Mark, Hedy & kids*

*A very healthy and happy Christmas and
New Year to all our friends and
neighbours in Harbury
from Alan and Pauline Hayes.
A donation has been made to Myton
Hospice instead of cards.*

*Gordon Bennett would like to thank friends and
neighbours for their kind help and friendship over the
past 12 months, particularly during the periods of
lockdown, and to wish them a very happy Christmas
and a much more enjoyable New Year.*

*Colin and Jen Ingram wish all our friends and
neighbours a very happy Christmas and a healthy New
Year. Instead of cards this year we will donate to GASS.*

*To all our friends in Ladbroke and Harbury, we wish
you a happy and peaceful festive season, and hope for
a healthy and harmonious 2021.*

Nicky and Gray Lewis

*Wishing all my friends, in Harbury and
Ladbroke, a peaceful and happy Christmas.
Keep safe. With love and prayers. Pam Brown*



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The coaching programme delivered by *Coolsportz* coaches Lianne Candappa, Adam Darby and Scott Smith had been going really well with sessions for Juniors and adults being nearly full. Scott's Cardio session on Wednesdays has been particularly popular and a number of non-members have joined it.

When lockdown restrictions were first eased, we were only allowed to play singles, but this led to the most competitive Club Singles events for many years. Because of social distancing requirements matches were played over the summer and autumn on a ladder basis. Congratulations to the eventual worthy winners Sue Panton and Dan Chand.

It was good to get back to competitive matches in October after all summer leagues were abandoned. We have two teams in the Banbury Floodlit League and one in the Weekend format. Floodlit "B" suffered relegation to Division 4 last winter, but the team



has made a strong start this season with two emphatic home wins to go top of the league. The first was against Brackley "D" with Sue Panton, Helen Cooper, Nigel Eaton and Josh Marshall recording an 8-0 win. Byfield "D" were the visitors for the second match and for this one the team was Emma Brangwin, Jane Minchin, Ed Lockley and Josh. Another good win, this time by 7-1. The Floodlit "A" team was promoted to Division 2 and made the trip to Banbury West End "B" for the first match and made a winning start. Eira Owen, Jess Bramley, Ben Fish and Adam Crossling were too good for the home team and had an excellent 6-2 win. The weekend team's only match in Division 2 was also against Banbury West End "B" with Sue, Helen, Nigel and Ben making the trip. There was very little to choose between the teams and the match ended in a 4-4 draw.

Let's hope we get more court time in 2021, but in the meantime Happy Christmas to all readers!

	<h2>Harbury Toddler Group</h2>	<p>Lynne Barton</p>
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Such a long time has elapsed since we had to close the door to Toddlers on 16th March 2020; it is particularly noticeable in the early years when children grow and change so quickly.

We really can't wait to catch up with everyone in person and are holding our breath for 2021.



Selina and myself had a lovely WhatsApp chat with Reg who, as a regular volunteer, had the key responsibility of making all our drinks every Monday! He remains a real favourite with both parents and children alike. He is keeping fit and well and sends his love and good wishes to everyone.

Online Connections

We are trying to stay connected as best we can, learning new skills along the way.

We have been running some online Monday morning sessions with presenters already known to the children. They are hosted on the Zoom platform. The next session is:

Rhythm Time with Rachel, 7th December, 10.00 - 10.30am - see below for registration.

I am sure that the **Christmas Special** will be of great interest with an up to date 'tech savvy' Santa popping in to say Hello and read us a Christmas story. Small Santa treats delivered from the North Pole specially for us will be available for 'pick up' to enhance the magic.



Please email Lynne at lynnebarton@entrustcarepartnership.org.uk to register and I will send the Zoom link to you for every session and you can choose what suits.

We take this opportunity to wish each and every one of our readers a very Happy Christmas and hopefully a more familiar New Year.

With much affection from Lynne, Selina, Reg, Suzi and Judy xx





Diwali: We have had a lovely few weeks learning all about Diwali, the Indian Festival of Light. The children have enjoyed watching short videos and looking at books to give them an insight into how Diwali is celebrated across the world.

The role play area was transformed into an Indian home area with some Indian clothes for the children to look at and jewellery to try on.

The children enjoyed 'cooking' and serving up food in Indian tableware.

We learnt all about Diva lamps and the children were very enthusiastic about making their own. They used clay to form a mould for the tealights and will be decorating them to make their very own Diva lamps!

Stencils and paints were used to create some intricate and striking rangoli patterns.

Snack was also a big hit; the poppadums, naan bread and chutney certainly didn't last long after being served to the children. The room smelt lovely afterwards, not least because Emma had brought in some Indian spices for the children to grind and smell.

This year's cohort love to dance. We played some Indian dance music to the children and showed them some traditional dance on the iPad and the children replaced the moves excellently. Outside, the children wanted to continue with the music theme so we got out some drums and beaters for the children to make their own music.

Autumn Collages: Instead of our traditional Autumn walk, we asked the children to take home a paper bag to fill with anything they can find relating to Autumn to make their very own Autumn collages. The children have used their imaginations to create some superb autumn collages which are now proudly on display on our Pre-School wall. Here is a small selection:





"I went for a walk and got all these things, leaves conkers, acorns"



"Elsa. That's her dress there. That's her arms"



"Look it's got a hat on. That's dried fern leaves"



Graphics: Many of our normal routines have changed over the last few months but the children have adapted amazingly well. Graphics resources are no longer kept in a central area, but instead each child has their own graphics tray full of drawing equipment within their own named drawer. It is not an uncommon site to find a group of children have self-resourced their graphics trays and quickly got busy drawing, cutting and snipping!

Pumpkins: October is not complete without the odd pumpkin and the children enjoyed exploring the different sized and coloured pumpkins which we had acquired. They have painted some fantastic representations. They have been fascinated by a rotting pumpkin within our garden area which has also prompted much discussion about decay and decomposition.



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.



Lockdown Photo - Tree Seasons

I have taken photos of the same tree in Thwaites Estate across the seasons for a year. It shows the lovely area we live in even in these lockdown days.

Peter Walshe





Village Hall Update

Andy Rutherford

Having just heard the news about Warwickshire being put into Tier Three restrictions, it is really not a very good day! There will not be a lot of activity in the Village Hall over the coming weeks.

I am struggling with the logic of Harbury going into Tier Three with a fairly low infection rate, and Liverpool coming down to Tier Two with a much higher rate!

However, we are still working on Hall improvements, with new doors between the main Hall and the Farley room, and the probability of work commencing quite soon on the new porch.



Harbury Village Library & Biblio's Café

Rich Fowler

Opening Times

Library hours and services won't change when lockdown ends on 2nd December. We will continue to provide Click & Collect for books and jigsaws, a takeaway shelf, and public access computers, on Mondays from 10am to 12 noon, and on Thursdays from 2pm to 4pm. Our last day before Christmas will be Monday 21st December. We hope to reopen on Monday 4th January.

As Warwickshire is now in Tier Three we will not be able to open Biblio's Café for the time being. The Biblio's team wishes everyone a safe, and happy Christmas and New Year.

Ring and Read

From the beginning of December we are offering a Ring and Read service. Just phone the library and speak to one of the volunteers, or leave us a message if there's no-one there, and tell us about the sort of books you like to read. We will choose some books for you and let you know when you can collect them. Our phone number is 01926 258776.

Food Bank

Donations for the Food Bank will be accepted until 21st December.

GASS Christmas Postbox

The GASS Christmas Postbox will be available again at the library from Monday 30th November to Friday 18th December. You'll even be able to post cards, and leave a donation, when the library is closed.

Seasonal Light Trail

Seasonal Light Trail walking maps will be available from the library and on the library website.



Report from the Chairman of the Library and Café Steering Committee

2020 has been an extraordinary year that has changed all our lives. In January Harbury was, as usual, humming with activity and at the centre of it was the old Wight School building with the Library open six days a week and Biblio's Café open Wednesday to Saturday. Little did we imagine that for most of the year the building would be in darkness.

However, this is Harbury and our wonderful volunteers have, against the odds, kept a Library service going with Click and Collect and a delivery service for those housebound. For a short period, it was possible to browse the collection. Biblio's opened outdoors in the summer, our loyal customers embraced sitting on plastic chairs in the car park and the coffee was still excellent though served in disposable cups. In October, the Café opened indoors for three mornings a week. Social distancing, table service and masks meant it was very different, but it was lovely to hear the buzz of conversation again. Sadly, the second lockdown meant closure once more but Biblio's will reopen just as soon as the rules allow.

On behalf of the Trustees I would like to thank the volunteers for their efforts. I must mention in particular Janice Montague, Rich Fowler and Jill Credland for providing the leadership and vision that has enabled a service to be maintained. We still have a long winter to get through but there is some hope now that a degree of normality can return some time in 2021 with the promise of an effective vaccine. Whatever happens, I am certain that Harbury's renowned community spirit will not fail. On behalf of everyone involved with Harbury Community Library may I wish you a Happy Christmas.

Sharon Hancock
Chairman



Harbury Village Club & Institute

Judy Morrall

We had an extremely good month financially in October and we were shaping up for another - and then the new lockdown happened. As they say never count your chickens etc etc! The Halloween film matinee was a great success and some of the children who came wore fancy dress and everyone really enjoyed themselves. The popcorn was enjoyed by the children and the adults. All of the children who came were given a small prize. The buzzers on the tables were working overtime for drinks. Our latest young recruit Joshua under the guidance of Tom settled in well and was soon in the swing of things. They both helped out again at the curry evening on 30th October, another success. So nice to see everyone enjoying the food and the company. Our concert room was heaving. We are so lucky that we have this room as there is ample space for the required social distancing.

The last few weeks though seemed to have flown by and I have been busy changing the plants in the four pots along the wall and the borders either side

of the car park entrance. I have been very pleased with the plants from Farnborough Nurseries. They have a great selection and very reasonable prices too. They are all looking so cheerful and colourful and once again thank you for the lovely comments I received from passers by. Patrick and his team have now installed the new fence and it looks fantastic. Do go along and have a look at it - we are very pleased with the results.



Some of the windows in the snooker room have been fitted with air vents and they look very smart now. The club cottage has been having remedial work inside and out as the previous tenants left a couple of weeks ago. The inside has been redecorated and again some of the windows have been fitted with air vents and sterling work has been done by Malcolm and his helper, our thanks to them. New carpets will be installed, the chimney repaired and hopefully new tenants very soon.

The outside area where there is decking had been left in such an untidy state with unwanted toys, plant pots and weeds etc. I spent four hours tidying it up and clearing out all unwanted articles, mostly junk and sweeping up countless leaves. What a difference it made too. Also managed to get some ivy from the adjoining wall. I planted up a trough alongside the door, a hanging basket and four pots near the decking. One of these was a tall chimney pot which had been left and I put a pot of violas inside the top. Two days later John and I spent another three hours removing the ivy and the creeper. No easy task and John had to use his ladders to reach awkward spots. I was a very good labourer!!!! End result perfect, no more ivy, a final sweeping of the deck area and all done.

Peter and I met with Mark from Murphy's as we have a problem with a drain outside the cellar. He has agreed to help us to clear the blockage and will send two or three of his men to do this. I expressed our thanks as we are so grateful for the help offered. Last month I mentioned about our store room being full to the brim. We have been able to sort through wanted and unwanted items. We advertised some old tills, speakers and stands on Marketplace and have sold all of these for £60. So, as you can see, we may have been closed but an awful lot has been happening.



The curry van came on 13th November and took orders by phone and was very busy. He will be on car park again on Friday 27th November and on Friday 11th December. See our Facebook page for details of times. The breaking news that we are now in tier three has meant that we have temporarily had to cancel our plans for another film matinee afternoon featuring Home Alone. We will keep everything crossed and hope that after the two week period we can revert back to tier one or two. Obviously once more is known, our Facebook page will be full of future planned events etc. Our festive decorations have been put up including Christmas trees so it would be good if we could reopen before Christmas.

We will be fully prepared with the sanitisers at the ready and the bar staff will be raring to go. They have done an incredible job over the last few weeks and we thank them for their continued loyalty. Also thanks to Beckie for ensuring that the premises are sparkling clean. Our committee has been working hard too with new ideas and suggestions to ensure that we have something for everyone of all ages. A massive thank you for all they are continuing to do. We are so lucky to have regular members who have been using our facilities, and visitors and guests, and have received some really positive feedback. Another three new members which is incredible. Even with the shortened opening hours etc we have welcomed almost 40 new members this year, fantastic. Our next committee meeting will be on Monday 7th December at 7.00pm.

So much for returning to volunteering at Upton House. I did manage ten sessions in September and October and my next scheduled one will now be Saturday 5th December. The only drawback will be that it is always very cold in the house in December and January even more now as we have to have adequate air flow. I will be wearing lots of layers to compensate. Just hope that we are able to reopen the House. I will be going to Waddesdon Manor on 3rd December. The Manor will not be open but there will be a Christmas market and lots of food and drink to sample. The light show is always spectacular so really looking forward to seeing that again.



No time to be bored at all. I have almost finished my winter digging at my allotments. Still managing to pick produce, parsnips, carrots, beetroot, squashes, cauliflower, and celeriac. The sprouts are coming along nicely as are the broad beans, garlic and various cabbage plants. Nothing like time spent there as the robin and blackbird are always on hand to help with the worms. Lots of homemade soup is in the freezer and now eating the frozen runner and broad beans from earlier in the season.

Just a quick reminder re annual subscriptions which will become due on 1st January. I know it soon comes round. The subscription will be either £12.50 or pensioners rate of £5. I will let you know in my next article which days I will be at the club, hopefully end of December and in January, usually a Sunday lunch time.

We hope that you all keep safe and are sending all our very best wishes for the Festive Season and a happy and healthy New Year.



I wonder if you would agree that gardening is an activity which is good for the body and soul? Horticultural therapy has long been recognised as a way of helping relieve stress and anxiety. We all need to find ways to relax and feel positive through these difficult times. But would you also agree that it is very

controlling? Gardening is all about keeping shrubs pruned, grass mown, weeds removed and general tidiness. I realise that if the general maintenance wasn't kept up that brambles, creeping buttercup and thistles would quickly take over. At the same time, I am aware that there is a severe reduction in insect life. Do you get 'splat' on your windscreen?

For a thought provoking read I would highly recommend 'Wilding' by Isabella Tree. There are also videos on YouTube. She provides fascinating facts and figures on farming, trees, soil, flood management, and much more.

You don't stop gardening when you get old, you get old when you stop gardening.

All best wishes for the Christmas season.

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



Nature Notes

John Hancock

In the winter edition of 'Wild Warwickshire' is an article on the spread of otters throughout the county. The writer, Pete Sanders, has studied the creatures for over 20 years. When he started otters had not recolonised the county, mink were rampant and consequently were wiping out water voles. Now, Pete and a group of enthusiasts can say with pride, otters are back in every river in Warwickshire. Mind you, they



are still elusive. I was cycling towards Moreton Morrell early in November when I saw a creature lying on the verge. At first I thought it was a large cat but on closer inspection it proved to be an otter which had presumably been hit by a vehicle. It was a sad sight but it proved otters are back in the area. The stream close by was a tributary of Thelsford Brook which flows west to join the Avon in Charlecote. Otters move overland at night and can quickly spread widely especially when population pressure occurs. Numbers are such that it is no longer necessary to construct artificial holts. Habitat improvement and water quality are the keys to success.

Today, Monday 23rd November, dawned cold and clear with a light frost. By 10am I was walking along the south side of Ufton Wood. It was reasonably warm with the odd fly on the wing and flocks of pigeons occasionally erupting from the shelter of oaks which still bore many of their leaves and stood out in

comparison to the ash. These had lost all their foliage but clung on to clusters of seeds, the typical 'keys'.

Entering the wood and delving through the leaf litter revealed 'buried treasure'. The fresh leaves of Violet. Ageing Primrose leaves retained some greenness and marked the points where new shoots will emerge leading us into the New Year and onward to spring.

There were just a few leaves left on the hazels fluttering like pennants in the breeze. Now, the flowers of ivy are one of the main nectar sources for insects. Somewhere butterflies such as the Brimstone will be hunkered down, hibernating until warmer weather arrives.

Yesterday, I cycled over Bromson Hill from the direction of Ashorne. Near the brow - yes, I was walking by then - were a mass of plate-like leaves covering the side of the road. Lilac pink flowers were beginning to open. This is Winter Heliotrope which is related to our native Butterbur and is a member of the daisy family. It's an invasive species from the Mediterranean region.

I have just read a rather worrying article in our newspaper by Stephen Moss, a naturalist and author based in Somerset. Swallows, as well as other migratory birds are, it seems, attempting to overwinter here. They choose their sites with some care. Insects are likely to be prevalent and the micro climate a few degrees up on the norm. This might be a sewage farm or an oil refinery. Generally, swallows eventually give up on their 'staycation' and head south. Sadly many late migrants will not make it. Stephen Moss's latest book 'The Swallow-A Biography' is published by Square Peg - I'm hoping to get a copy for Christmas.



Sharon and I try to get out for a bike ride together each week. We tend to pick the best of the weather and use sheltered lanes shielded by hedges from the wintery blast. Recently we reached Stockton which incorporates a facsimile of the fossil ichthyosaur dug from the adjacent limestone quarry. At the centre of the village a striking reddish boulder sits inside a low fence. An interpretation board states that this granite rock had been found near Stockton and was moved to its present site by the Vicar, the Rev William Tuckwell, known for his radical views in the latter part of the 19th century. He was an enthusiast for the new science of geology and worked out that the erratic boulder had been transported the 50 odd miles from Mount Sorrell in Leicestershire in a glacier during the last ice age some 20,000 years ago.

Now, as we race towards the turning of the year, it remains for me to wish you Happy Christmas and Best Wishes for 2021. Please send me some of your special wildlife sightings if you are able: j.hancock43@btinternet.com Thankyou.



General Section



Roberta Newman 1940 - 2020

“All the Lonely People, Where do They All Come From.”

Bobbie, as she liked to be called, arrived in Harbury, not that long ago, by taxi with all her worldly goods in one suitcase, plus a cat and some personal issues. She lived among us in a bungalow in Vicarage Lane and generally, she kept herself to herself. Little is known about her but we think she lived in Stratford with her mother. Bobbie was aged 65 when her mother passed away. After that we understand that she lived in various places within the district until she came to Harbury. Obviously life had been tough and now she was completely alone. She found it hard to trust people but eventually was able to confide and trust a few people who helped as best they could, when they were allowed to. She was not an easy person to help and sometimes you would wonder whether she knew if it was day or night. If she wanted help, she just called regardless. She did shop in the village and the staff in the stores got to know her and helped as best they could. She didn't really understand what the "Corona" lockdown was about, but she did cope as best she could. She did her own thing. She became unwell and in September she fell down in her house and was unable to get help. Her absence and the noiselessness of her house was noticed by neighbours who called the police who found her on the floor. She was taken to hospital but did not recover and died. Her funeral was on 19th November 2020 at Oakley Wood. Her cat, Snowy, was looked after at a local cattery, but has also now died. May they now rest in peace.

“All the lonely people, where do they all belong.”

Mike and Liz McBride



Royal British Legion Poppy Collection 2020

On behalf of the Royal British Legion, we would like to thank everyone who contributed to the collection in Harbury and Ufton this year. The following businesses and organisations were kind enough to allow us to use their premises (when open) as collection points:

The Crown Inn, The Gamecock, The Shakespeare, The Salon, the Co-op, Harbury Stores, the Fosse Garage, the Bull Ring Garage, Harbury Village Library, Harbury Village Club and Banana Moon.

The total collected within Harbury District this year currently stands at **£1,253** and this amount has been forwarded to the RBL. Many thanks to all who

contributed to such a marvellous effort in what has been a difficult year for the collection due to Covid 19.

Thank you cards showing the amount raised at each outlet have been delivered.

Finally, thanks also to John Holden who gave help with setting up the boxes and counting the collection monies.

Gill Holden & Nicola Thompson

Half Marathon Challenge for Hemiplegia



My grandson Adam Draper has just completed his first half marathon. He decided to run to raise money and awareness of Hemiplegia. Adam has had the condition all his life which affects one side of the body resulting in it being weaker than the other side. This makes it harder for him to do everyday tasks and he has to adapt to be able to do things an able bodied person takes for granted.

Adam was born in Harbury and still lives in the village. He went to Harbury School and Southam College. He is now a Business Apprentice with EON. During Lockdown Adam decided he wanted to keep fit and started running round the village and put a lot of effort into his training, which is remarkable given that he wore splints for the first ten years of his life, he had years of physiotherapy sessions and many hospital admissions.

Adam began to believe in himself and with the support of his family he realised he could push himself to run further than he thought possible.

His determination was to inspire and show other young people who live with Hemiplegia that anything is possible if you put your mind to it and they could do the same things as able bodied people. He spent many hours running round the village to build up his stamina and distance and worked in the gym.

On the 1st November Adam was due to run the Coventry Half Marathon but unfortunately it was postponed. Undeterred by the news, Adam decided to identify a venue and run the half marathon on the date the Coventry run was postponed. He chose Draycote Water as the ideal location. He needed to run three laps round the Water to succeed. On the day Adam pushed himself to the limit but with the encouragement of many friends and family who turned up to watch him he carried on. Towards the end of the run he struggled and was in pain but completed the course.

Adam wants to continue running and has started to try and improve his timing. His next goal is to run 5K in under thirty minutes which he is determined to achieve in the near future.

Hemichat was the charity Adam had chosen to raise money for. It is a charity that supports children and young adults with Hemiplegia. Initially Adam's target was £1,000. At the time of writing Adam has raised over £5,000.



Adam is amazed how many people have supported him with their generous contributions and can't thank them enough.

To donate go to www.just-giving.com/fundraising/adam-draper4

A very proud grandfather.

Ken Draper



Wednesday Walks

It looks as if we have the all clear to meet again, in a safe way. So, starting on 9th December (wherever did the year go?) we'll meet as usual in the village hall car park at 9.40am and split into 6s to plough through the mud! Before the last lockdown we had just started arranging for six people to drive separately, just a few miles, to a different venue, so maybe we'll look at that again. And, thanks to the mild autumn, the countryside is still quite green and there are redwings on the berries. If anyone would like to join us for the first time, you will be most welcome.

Gillian Hare

HS2

Upcoming Abnormal Load Movements

High Speed Two (HS2) have advised that there will be some planned abnormal load movements over several weeks starting from early December.

The first in a series of heavy load movements will involve the transportation of large sections of a HS2 tunnel boring machine (TBM). An external haulier, on behalf of Balfour Beatty-Vinci, will be used for these movements. The last in the series is expected by the end of March 2021 at the latest. The TBM, which is manufactured in



Germany, passed its essential factory acceptance test and is being prepared for shipping over to the UK.

The inaugural delivery is planned to arrive into Tilbury Docks and make its way along an approved route exiting the M40 motorway at Junction 12. From here it will travel along the B4451, B4452 and A425 to Ridgeway north of the village of Ufton and finally arriving at their site in Long Itchington Wood North Tunnel Portal compound.

What to expect: Abnormal loads traveling from M40 junction 12 to the construction site at Long Itchington Wood North Tunnel Portal compound.

How many vehicles are involved? In total around 60 abnormal load movements will be transported slowly to the construction site and will be under the control of an escort vehicle.

When will the vehicles pass through? The deliveries will take place out of hours to reduce inconvenience to communities and road users between early December 2020 and late March 2021. The vehicles will transport the TBM components in a staged process.

HS2



Lions Christmas Float - "Just Visiting!" 2020

At the moment it is more difficult to get out and about to see people because of the coronavirus epidemic, so Father Christmas has had to abandon his usual plans and make alternative arrangements for the meeting and greeting of the children of Southam and our surrounding villages.



In addition to a number of **Zoom meetings** with him, when you will be able to tell him about yourself and what you would like for Christmas, he is planning to visit Southam and some surrounding villages so watch out for him. He will be in each place from 6pm each evening and will drive slowly round some of the roads so that you can wave to him from your house or garden. **Unfortunately, he will not be able to stop anywhere this year.** Watch out for further details of his route for each evening on our Facebook pages and website.

Facebook: Southam Lions

Website: <https://southamlions.org.uk/home-2/>

Scheduled Visit for Harbury and Planned Route: Monday 14th December

Route: Starting from Butt Lane, Vicarage Lane, Frances Road, Dovehouse Lane, Church Street, Church Terrace, Hall Lane, Crown Street, Vicarage Lane, South Parade, Constance Drive, Park Lane, Manor Road, Hereburgh Way, Bush Heath Lane, Brooks Drive, Rainbow Crescent, Manor Orchard, Heber Drive, Mill Street, Farm Street, Sutcliffe Drive, Farley Avenue, Dickens Road to finish in Farm Street.



All donations received this year will be given to Helen & Douglas House Children's Hospice

Southam & District Lions



Warwickshire Trading Standards

Warwickshire County Council's Trading Standards Service is warning consumers to beware of puppy scams in the run-up to Christmas.

Trading Standards Animal Health Officers have received reports of criminal gangs illegally smuggling puppies into the UK to sell, puppies being stolen and sold on and consumers paying thousands of pounds to bogus online sellers for puppies that don't exist.

The demand for puppies has led to prices doubling, with popular breeds selling for £3,000 or more. This has also encouraged more puppy farming, where puppies are often bred in appalling conditions, increasing the risk of disease and ill health.

In April 2020 'Lucy's Law' was introduced, meaning that anyone wanting to get a new puppy (or kitten) in England must now buy direct from a breeder, or consider adopting from a rescue centre instead. Licensed dog breeders are required to show puppies interacting with their mothers in their place of birth. If a business sells puppies or kittens without a licence, they could receive an unlimited fine or be sent to prison for up to six months. The new law seeks to tackle the low-welfare, high volume supply of puppies and kittens, by banning their commercial third-party sale in England.

Demand for puppies has surged during lockdown, driving up prices and encouraging criminals to enter this marketplace. If you are considering buying a puppy, follow our top tips.

- Buy from a reputable and recommended dealer. Consider the Kennel Club Assured breeder scheme
- Always view the puppy with its mother and siblings, where it has been bred

- Ask to see the health test certificates for the puppy's parents and the puppy's vaccination documentation
- Be prepared to wait for the puppy you want. Be very wary of anyone claiming they can provide the puppy you want quickly
- Never pay for a puppy in advance. Many bogus breeders 'sell' puppies on social media where money is taken, but no puppy is ever delivered
- Never agree to meet the seller anywhere other than where the puppy is kept, for example car parks, motorway service stations etc. Do not allow the seller to deliver the puppy to your home
- Beware of anyone offering a puppy at a 'too good to be true' price
- To report puppy scams, the illegal sale of puppies and obtain advice on your consumer rights, contact the Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 0808 223 1133

For more information and advice about buying a puppy, visit:

<https://www.rspca.org.uk/adviceandwelfare/pets/dogs/puppy>

<https://www.dogstrust.org.uk/help-advice/buyer-advice/>

<https://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/getting-a-dog/>

Lucy's Law <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/lucys-law-spells-the-beginning-of-the-end-for-puppy-farming> Dog breeders can contact their local authority for more advice.

Back of the Van TV Seller Warning

Warwickshire Trading Standards has received reports of individuals selling televisions from the backs of vans in car parks and at motorway service stations. Such individuals can sometimes be very pushy and intimidating. The products may be being sold at 'bargain' prices.

You can't tell a good trader from a bad one on the doorstep or in a car park! Trading Standards advises consumers not to buy TVs or other consumer goods if they are approached unexpectedly in a car park or on the doorstep. It's very hard for a consumer to locate a trader again in these circumstances, if the goods later turn out to be fake or faulty.

Trading Standards also understands that there are bogus traders selling TVs that have been taken from recycling centres before they are re-packaged in boxes and bubble wrap with fake labels.

Always buy from genuine traders you know and trust. This way, if something does go wrong you can find the trader and exercise your consumer rights. For more advice visit: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/tradingstandards>

PPI Money Back Scam

Warwickshire consumers have reported receiving scam phone calls from people claiming to have obtained PPI compensation for them. Some residents have reported making failed PPI claims in the past. The fraudster suggests that normally they would have to charge a 40% commission fee, but

this could be circumvented if the consumer takes out a policy for life insurance or a funeral plan.

Trading Standards suspect that these callers are simply high pressure sales people trying to sell consumers financial products that they would not normally be interested in, with the bogus promise that they would receive PPI compensation. Residents are advised to put the phone down on bogus callers.

Bogus HMRC Callers Target the Self-Employed

Fraudsters falsely claiming to work for HMRC are now targeting self-employed people in Warwickshire stating that they have been 'flagged for tax fraud and evasion' and that a 'warrant has been issued' for their arrest. They have been described as being very convincing. The callers are also spoofing HMRC telephone numbers to make them appear genuine. This is the latest in a long line of HMRC related scams. Always put the phone down and never reveal any personal or financial information under these circumstances. More on spoofing: <https://www.ofcom.org.uk/phones-telecoms-and-internet/advice-for-consumers/problems/tackling-nuisance-calls-and-messages/phone-spoof-scams>

Email Account Takeover Scam

Email account takeover occurs when a fraudster gains access to a legitimate user's email account. They may do so by obtaining passwords and usernames from the dark web or via phishing scams. When this happens, fraudsters can send emails (posing as the legitimate user) to the users' friends and family in their email address book. These emails can appear very genuine because the fraudster can word them in the same way as the legitimate user would do.

This is a typical case: a person receives an email they believe is genuine (but has in fact been sent by a fraudster) asking them to purchase some gift cards on behalf of the email sender, as gifts for a relative. The email's recipient does so and is then asked to send the card numbers to the email sender (the fraudster). Fraudsters don't need to see the physical cards to use them, only the card numbers.

Your email account is arguably the most vital online account you possess. Cyber criminals can use your email to access many of your personal accounts, leaving you vulnerable to identity theft.

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Bogus Sky Callers

Warwickshire residents are again receiving bogus calls from people falsely claiming to be Sky TV and stating that they must take out compulsory breakdown cover for their Sky box. Put the phone down. More on Sky related scams: <https://www.sky.com/help/articles/sky-scams>

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HELPING TO PUT YOUR AFFAIRS IN ORDER

Local solicitors, Brindley Twist Tafft & James (BTTJ), who have recently acquired the Southam office of McNamara King, are seeing an increasing number of people who are choosing to complete their wills.

The Covid situation has highlighted the importance for many people of getting their affairs in order so they have peace of mind at such an unpredictable time. According to financial advisory organisation de Vere Group demand for wills jumped by 76 per cent at the start of the Covid-19 outbreak with a similar spike in recent second lockdown.

Helen Strong, Head of Private Client at solicitors BTTJ says taking action now can avoid heartache and confusion further down the line.

She said: "None of us have ever lived through times like these and they are forcing many of us to re-examine arrangements we have in place to safeguard our own interests and those of our loved ones.

It is good to plan ahead and while we appreciate that illness or death are not things anyone wants to contemplate, the reality is that taking action now can actually make things easier should the worst happen. Many people's finances are more complicated nowadays and families shouldn't be afraid of having these conversations for the benefit of everyone."

BTTJ has remained open for business throughout the crisis, and wills can be drawn up by having initial meetings via Zoom or over the phone, or where necessary face-to-face, where staff ensure maximum safety by wearing masks and adhering strictly to social distancing guidelines. BTTJ has been as flexible as possible in the ways it works with clients.

Helen continued: "Flexibility and creativity have been key and we have done everything possible to ensure it was business as usual, just not in the conventional sense.

During the pandemic we have held meetings in gardens, witnessed the signature of documents through windows and even in drive-by situations where wills have been signed in car parks with the person making the will, never having to leave their car!"

The Government has further recognised the exceptional situation by introducing legislation in England and Wales allowing for wills to be witnessed remotely via video, enabling the 'presence' of witnesses to include presence via video call. The emergency legislation applies until 31st January 2022.

"We appreciate what a worrying and concerning time this is for people and that loneliness and mental health can be affected so we are supporting the facilitating of as many avenues as possible for people to put the necessary arrangements in place," added Helen.

For further information please call 01926 217555 or email enquiries@bttj.com

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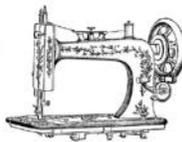


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