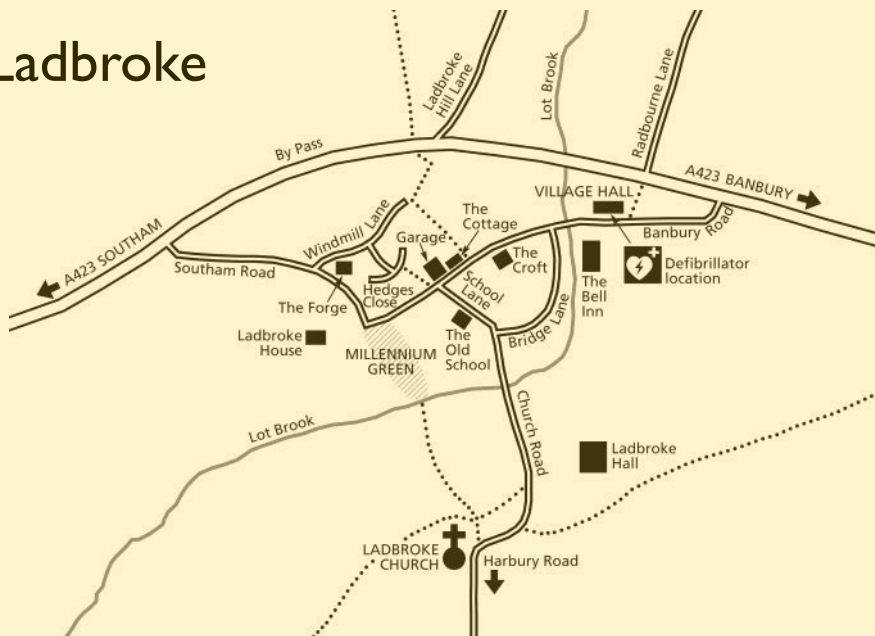


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Editorial



As mentioned in the Harbury Church Wardens' article this month, the daffodils and primroses in the churchyard have been a lovely sight. Andy Shiell's photograph has caught them in all their glory.

From the 12th April onwards when restrictions start to be lifted, no doubt everyone will be looking forward to getting a haircut, having an outside drink and/or meal at the pub and maybe doing a

spot of retail therapy in person. In Harbury you will be able to enter the library to browse books again and pick up coffee and cake from Biblio's. If you've developed a problem with your bicycle during lockdown with the extra exercise you've all been doing (!), the Bicycle Repair Clinic may be able to help and should be opening up in the carpark behind the library in April - see article.

The Scouting Leaders are urgently looking for additional volunteers to enable Beavers and Cubs to resume after Easter. If you think that you may be able to assist then please do get in touch with them.

Bob Sherman from the Harbury Energy Initiative will be recruiting project participants from Harbury to take part in Project ADVENT, a monitoring programme to check the resilience of our electricity network. If you are interested in applying to participate please see the article.

In Ladbroke they have been busy working on their church and village trail leaflets, the summer activities programme and they will also look to resume their work on the 'Who's in the Churchyard 2' project.

Don't forget that on Thursday 6th May residents will go to the polls to have their say on who represents them on Warwickshire County Council and also as the Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner. Voting will be as usual in the Village Halls of both villages between 7.00am and 10.00pm. We carry profiles for the WCC candidates who are known to be standing as we go to press.

Finally, we extend our condolences to the families of Hazel Harrison and Pat Hearn.

Harbury Diary

APRIL

Sun 4 EASTER DAY

Celebration Service, 9.00am, at Church

Wed 7 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Carpark (walks in group of 6)

Thurs 8 Harbury WI meeting, 7.30pm, by Zoom, followed by a talk "The Edge of Doom"

Sun 11 EASTER 2

Holy Communion, 10.30am at Church

Mon 12 Library now open for inside browsing each Monday, 10.00am - 12 noon

Wed 14 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Carpark (walks in group of 6)

Biblio's Café now open for takeaway refreshments each Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 10.00am - 12 noon

Thurs 15 Library now open for inside browsing each Thursday 2.00 - 4.00pm

Sat 17 Harbury Bicycle Repair Clinic, 2.00 - 4.00pm, carpark behind library

Sun 18 EASTER 3

Holy Communion, 10.30am at Church

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Holy Communion, 10.30am at Church

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Thurs 6 Local Elections, 7.00am – 10.00pm, Village Hall


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As we commemorate the one year anniversary of lockdown due to the pandemic, it seems that we have been surrounded by bad news for the past 12 months. The strain on the NHS, the impact on the economy and education, the loss of loved ones and the enforced isolation has affected us all. Sometimes the focus on Coronavirus has eclipsed all the other things going on in the world. For example, last year Category 4 Hurricanes Eta and Iota devastated lives and communities in Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua; and currently in Australia, New South Wales has been hit by once in a century flooding. Perhaps you remember that huge explosion in Beirut that left over 200 people dead and thousands injured and, as always, a variety of conflicts have continued to cause misery and suffering across the world.

Maybe we wonder where God is in all of this. Maybe we are tempted to blame him for allowing these things in the first place.

Of course, much of what we term natural disasters are simply a consequence of our planet Earth being a place where life can develop and thrive in the first place. Plate tectonics, the process responsible for earthquakes, also recycles carbon, which stabilises the planet's temperature. Plate tectonics is also involved in the production of the magnetic field that protects our planet from dangerous charged particles from the sun.

Hurricanes are a natural and recurring consequence of our dynamic climate system, although much of the scientific community believe they are

worsening as a result of man-made global warming. Even viruses have played a vital part in the evolution of human beings despite the many deaths they sometimes cause.

God could have created a world where we are protected from all danger, but without risk how dull would life be, and how much wonder and beauty would we lose? A snowstorm can be deadly for anyone caught out in it, but it transforms the landscape around us into something magical. Climbing a mountain, sailing an ocean, exploring the moon are risky endeavours, but that longing for adventure and challenge are an intrinsic part of human nature, and we celebrate those who are brave enough to overcome that risk.

Some of the blame for human suffering must lie squarely at our door. Global warming, ethnic cleansing, and famines, are something we have caused, or allow to happen. There is even a persuasive theory that COVID 19 originated in a Chinese laboratory. We look the other way while so many live in conditions which put them at risk, we allow injustice and prejudice to wreck lives and communities. And yet sometimes our response to disaster also brings out the best in us, displayed in courage, compassion, and generosity. We have seen this displayed time and again during the past year.

Maybe in all of this there are lessons we need to learn, maybe we can heed God's call to make our world a better place by the way in which we care for each other, and take responsibility for one another, something Jesus demonstrated so vividly when he gave up his life for us, his friends.



From the Churchwardens

Liz & Michael

Hooray. We are returning to church for services from Palm Sunday and continuing each Sunday through April and May. That's the intention as we write this on 25th March. At the moment one service is planned for each Sunday. All the same guidelines as before are in place for services - you know the drill - facemasks, sanitise hands on entry, keep socially distanced, well ventilated space (no problem) and no singing. Please call Liz on 612421 in the week before the service if you wish to come, to book your space.

The services on 11th, 18th and 25th April are at 10.30am. It is still a little chilly in church so do come in warm clothes. The services in church will also be available live on Zoom and will be recorded and available on Facebook or YouTube.

Although public worship and private prayer is allowed in church, the Tom Hauley Room will still need to remain closed. According to the government "Roadmap out of lockdown" this will not be allowed to open before mid-May, at the earliest.

The Easter Trail was a new venture this year. This is a form of reflection, mainly for children, for Holy Week around the villages of Harbury and Ladbroke. Thank you to all those who took part and to the group who planned

and executed the trail. We had great fun at our Zoom meetings getting to know new people while we tried to work out what we were doing. We hope we succeeded as this has yet to happen at the time of writing!

If you don't pass church on your daily walk, do take a little detour one day and have a look at the churchyard. The daffodils and primroses look fantastic and don't know the meaning of social distancing!

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)



Heat, Light and Stone; Slow Progress

The wheels of the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) grind slowly. It reputedly took five years for one Warwickshire church to gain approval for a toilet. And sadly, our application is also taking time. Their adviser has a preference for traditional space heating (warming the air in the church and Tom Hauley Room) rather than the more efficient radiant heaters (heating the congregation directly, rather like the sun) that we have chosen. We aim for our heating to be low-cost,

low-maintenance, and zero-carbon. We hope that we can reach agreement in principle with the DAC in order for our application to be considered by the DAC on 29th April.

One benefit of removing the gas heaters from the Tom Hauley Room is that the one in the lobby that faces you as you enter can be removed, clearing the wall completely and offering the chance of a new door directly into the memorial garden, with wheelchair access. At present, the garden can only be accessed by walking right round the church. So this has been added to the development plan.

It's a pity all the work wasn't completed before the lockdown. Our electrical improvements, and the installation of WiFi, would have made it possible to Zoom events like weddings to those who were unable to attend in person. But future weddings can be enjoyed by faraway relatives as they happen, via the Internet.

We are preparing grant applications to match the generous donations, made a year ago, of Harbury's congregation and villagers. The appeal is not over; the more we raise, the less we shall be dependent on grants, and the higher the matching funding.

Here's a poem in the series 'what my church means to me' from another anonymous poet. It celebrates the atmosphere of our village church. Contributions - in prose or poetry - are warmly welcomed by john23stringer@gmail.com. Thank you.

John Stringer

The Church

*In the shelter of the lichened lychgate
a congregation of gathered leaves
chatter hesitantly
waiting for the breath of God to shepherd, fold them quiet and still
in a safe corner.*

*The stone sure patient path leads through gap-toothed graveyard
to divine devotion, duty, praise and prayer.*

*Door half open, door half closed
here certainty and uncertainty meet to worship
different deities.
Here for the certain and the doubting is all loveliness and gestures
known and warm.*

*Here is solid stone sanctuary for storm-ripped souls,
for the easy and uneasy evenly familiar.*

*Are the silences more sacred?
The gaps between the words, space framed by ancient stones and beams,
columns of dreams and hopes,
exhortations, incantations, expirations and new birth
rise into the stained glass streamed sunlight, specked
with prayer and praise
high above the hard-backed pews and trenchant views.*

*They come for whispered words or hallowed walls.
Some believe and some grieve
some doubt, some need the company of saints and souls
of chant and creed
the bond of simple Sunday friendship.
But who will reach beyond the ritual and the rite
to that breathless exhilarating wondrous but uncertain light?*





Mothers' Union

Gillian Hare



We hope you enjoyed marking Mothering Sunday with the piece of Simnel Cake; it was good to have some doorstep chats as we brought it round. I hope some of us were able virtually to join the Diocesan service for Lady Day. Now most of us are receiving our second vaccines and will be more confident to return to worship in Church as we celebrate the risen Christ at Easter.



Harbury and Ladbroke Easter Trails

Many thanks to all who took part in setting up the Easter Trails in Harbury and Ladbroke. They are running through to Easter Day on 4th April from 10am - 4pm every day. Also thank you to anyone who joined in the

fun by creating their own Easter Garden.

If you have collected all your jigsaw pieces, don't forget to claim your Easter Egg from Harbury Church from 2 - 4pm on Easter Sunday and also the following Wednesday (7th April) or Ladbroke Church on Easter Sunday 2-4 pm from church or contact Sue Wright 07768 333675 for a convenient time.

Ann Clucas

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Sun 4 EASTER DAY

Family Communion, 10.30am

Bring your Easter Trail jigsaw to church for a treat, 2.00 - 4.00pm

Sun 11 EASTER 2

Holy Communion, 9.00am

Sun 18 EASTER 3

Holy Communion (BCP), 9.00am

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Wed 5 Parish Council, 7.45 pm, by Zoom

Thurs 6 Local Elections, 7.00am – 10.00pm, Village Hall



Ladbroke Church News

Peter Rigby

www.ladbrokechurch.org.uk

During March our regular Zoom Sunday services, followed by virtual coffee and chat, have continued. We have now made the decision to re-open for Sunday services in person, so our services for the coming month will be:

4 th April	10.30am	Easter Day Family Communion
11 th April	9.00am	Holy Communion
18 th April	9.00am	Holy Communion
25 th April	9.00am	Holy Communion
2 nd May	10.30am	Family Communion

We are still subject to Coronavirus restrictions regarding social distancing, singing and chatting indoors afterwards and the scaffolding is still in place in the Chancel. Because of our space limitations it is advisable to book a seat in advance by emailing ladbrokechurch@gmail.com (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).

A reminder that the Church is open for private prayer on Sundays at the end of the service until 4.00pm, and if you would like to be added to our email list please contact ladbrokechurch@gmail.com



Ladbroke Parish Council

Jackie West

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

Speeding: Each meeting begins with a slot for the public to bring topics and this time concerns were raised about vehicles not respecting the 30mph zone past the church but accelerating straight after the bend. This, coupled with an increase in walkers and horse riders using the road and more traffic despite lockdown, has made nearby residents very concerned someone will get seriously injured. Solutions to speeding are on the council's radar, though investigations into a moveable speed indicator sign have not progressed since last time. Apparently HS2 gave money to WCC for road safety but it was questioned if they only release funds after accidents have happened, to prevent recurrence. The Alibone Trust might be another source of funding, especially as it was set up centuries ago to support roads in the parish, before local government was responsible for them. Cllr Rock offered to obtain satnav speed data as he has done for other locations.

WCC and SDC: Written reports were provided and not discussed during the meeting, so do read the District Councillor's report in the magazine a few pages on.

Planning: The new porch at Attwood Cottage had been refused and alternative plans submitted, there would be no representation on this nor for the listed building application for internal repair at Ladbroke Hall. The application for changes at Cornerstones had been withdrawn; concerns had been raised about the level of activity there before planning approval, especially relating to the road and the enforcement team at WCC were aware of this.

HS2: Footpath SM33 from Ladbroke to Southam is being closed for 2.5 years. Lots of hedge clearance and fencing work has started along the A423 and the Kinton road near the overbridge location. The Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) components are arriving, it should be fully assembled by June, bore the first tunnel in about seven months, then be dismantled, transferred back and bore the second tunnel. It seems that local civil engineering works are going slower than expected. Cllr Rock will seek clarification on the impact of this on the closure of the A425.

Parish Council Website: the clerk is transferring information to a new site and demonstrated it so far. She reported it was easy to set up and she could also set up a parallel website on a free Hugo Fox community template for the village, if required.

New Village Map: It's planned this will fill the open part of the village noticeboard by the postbox, technical details are awaited.

Annual Village Meeting: this will be delayed until we can meet in person.

Next meeting: Brought forward to Wednesday 5th May, by Zoom, contact the clerk for joining details.



Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge Women's Institute

Carol Lane & Dianne Surgey




It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of our president, Hazel Harrison, in February. Hazel had been an enthusiastic member of the WI for many years and served as our treasurer before becoming president. Skilled in the use of many crafts, she was generous in sharing her gifts with others and led a number of evenings where we had fun learning something new. A great baker, Hazel was renowned for her scones and mince pies which she provided for a number of organisations at Christmas. Although Hazel was involved in a wide range of other activities, including two large choirs, she always found time to offer



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support when needed. She had a great sense of fun and there was much laughter when Hazel was around.

Hazel's life was celebrated at Oakley Wood on the 24th March and the service opened with 'The Rose' which was one of the favourite songs in the Karousel choir repertoire. Hazel had written 'Memories of My Life' which were read out as was the poem which Hazel sent as a message to all 'Feel no Guilt in Laughter'.

We will all miss her so much and we send our deepest condolences to Mick, Vanessa and the whole family at this very sad time.

Donations to Warwickshire Air Ambulance have been made in memory of Hazel.

The Annual Federation Meeting will be held on Wednesday 28th April on Zoom between 10 and 11.30am. The speakers will be Chef Brian Turner CBE and Mary Rhodes from BBC Midlands News. If you are interested in attending please let Joan know before 19th April.

Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Draw for February 2021

£50	Laura Taylor	£50	Steve Morten
£25	Kevin and Kate Pickin	£25	Dianne and Trevor Surgey
£25	Cara Jenkins	£10	John Lowman
£10	Keith Archer	£10	Simon and Jackie West

Margaret Bosworth



Ladbroke General Section



Ladbroke Heritage

Church Repairs

The stonemasons were off on other jobs for much of March but returned at the end of the month to do the final stone on the tower (the gap reminded me of a missing tooth - good to see it filled) and replace some other stones. These were the six on the south aisle that have been crumbling away due to masonry bee erosion and the ones above the porch doorway failing due to general weathering. At the chancel end of the building, good use was made of the top level of scaffolding to paint the gutters there (thanks Andy) and do some roof maintenance before the "scaffs" whisked it away to somewhere else.

The list of tasks still to do (this time round) is slowly getting smaller. By the time you read this, two more windows should have the glass back and stone conservators done their magic with the heads of the windows. During April we expect work to start on the buttresses and other stonework at the east end of the chancel. The external scaffold will be modified for this but the internal one will stay a while longer as the glaziers need it to return the stained glass windows when these have been re-leaded. Unfortunately that means the building is still closed Monday - Saturday but you can admire progress outside and see the lambs next door any day of the week.



Coming soon.....

Church and village trail leaflets

With Covid restrictions easing, we are looking forward to re-starting our programme of activities. During lockdown, we have been beavering away designing and testing our new Village Trail, Church and other leaflets to welcome visitors to our village; all with our new Ladbroke Heritage logo. The final versions are almost ready, and will provide information on the church and its history, village history, nature, and much more. **Watch this space.....** ...we will spread the word as soon as they are ready. Then, why not invite friends and family to come to Ladbroke and enjoy walking around and discovering more about our lovely village. The Bell pub might even be open for lunch too!

Who's in the Churchyard 2?



Following on from the success of our first Workshop, as soon as Covid regulations allow, we will be running our second session to photograph and record information from more of the graves in our churchyard. Caryl Thompson has already uploaded information on over 200 graves onto the Billion Graves website www.billiongraves.com **Watch this space.....**we will confirm dates in the next Harbury & Ladbroke news.

Summer Activities programme

When restrictions finally lift, we will roll out our plans for summer activities, including talks and tours of the village and church, family workshops on a range of topics, nature activities, photography competition and many more. There will be plenty on offer for everyone this summer, with opportunities to get out and about locally with family and friends.....**watch this space!**

Jackie West & Nicky Lewis



From Your District Councillor for Ladbroke

HS2

There has been some intense discussion of the last few days and weeks since it came to light that the road closure of the A425 at the Polo Ground might continue for a considerable period beyond the current proposed end date of June 2021. When the HS2 Acts of Parliament were passed, the plan for the A425 was to temporarily realign the road, but this idea was scrapped last year by HS2 at short notice causing significant disruption and anger among local businesses and residents. It was never properly explained why this approved realignment was not used and it is still unclear now. This route would have kept the A425 open between the Bascote crossroads and Southam, with a temporary road through some of the polo grounds. Local councillors have combined to express the unacceptability of the behaviour of HS2 and their contractors BBV. The lack of disclosure of the underlying situation and the reasoning for any re-think is not helping anyone. Instead of addressing problems, and jointly working towards a solution, the HS2 side seem to be trying to keep problems hidden away, until we force them into the open. My personal view is that the contractor should be made to stick to the original plan and use the realignment - and I have said this to our MP. My colleagues have researched the traffic figures to find that more than 6000 vehicles a day used that road before lockdown and HS2 cannot treat local communities and road users in the way they have. I will continue to work with others on this.

Covid

The number of cases locally has continued to fall back, so we have rates last seen at the beginning of October. As of 15th March, the seven day rate per 100,000 was under 40 around Southam. Across Stratford District, there have been some local hotspots where the decline has reversed such that the average in Stratford district is 78.4 per 100,000.

As at 4th March 2021 there were 53,317 people vaccinated in the Stratford on Avon District Council area with at least one dose. Local data is shown on the next page:

	Number of people vaccinated with at least 1 dose				
	Under 65	65-69	70-74	75-79	80+
Southam, Stockton & Napton	1,991	518	608	485	617
Feldon	1,777	616	615	571	589

Elections

As per my report last month, County Council and Police and Crime Commissioner elections are due to go ahead on 6th May. The pandemic is a continuing and changing factor and there is still concern about the availability of sufficient temporary polling staff - I have a contact if anyone wants to volunteer. There will be a push to increase postal voting to minimise the visits to polling stations. There will be an emergency 'Covid proxy' available on the day so Covid positive electors do not have to go to the polling station.

Nigel Rock - 07971 343065
Councillor for Ladbroke, Napton and Fenny Compton Ward
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Harbury Parish Council

Linda Ridgley
Harbury News Correspondent

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March 2021 Meeting Report

I am sure it was a very interesting meeting for those who were able to make Zoom work, but I singularly failed to do so! *Chairman Tim Lockley has kindly added to Linda's report in italics with some of the actual agenda discussion which took place - Editors*

However, I know that the High Sheriff of Warwickshire, our own Joe Greenwell CBE, was to give an award for the village's Volunteer Group (co-ordinated by members of our Parish Council) for their efforts during the Pandemic.

Public Participation looked interesting as an exchange of information was promised from Southam Police. I imagine that this would largely have been about the impact of HS2 and the effect of all the road closures (*the police did not attend, though County Cllr Crump was scathing about HS2 and the lack of progress on the A425*) and a "member of the public" was due to suggest that Harbury Station should be re-opened – an interesting idea. (*Cllrs raised a number of concerns about this, doubting that there would be a strong business case for any train company to make additional stops, and that the*

risk that a new station would be a justification for large amounts of additional new housing in Southam, Deppers, Bishops, and Harbury.)

The Energy Group series of projects to make our village even more energy efficient is an on-going topic and included a Community Carbon Footprint Tool, or so the Agenda promised.

(The Harbury Future Energy Project was the major item on the agenda – they did a presentation demonstrating that the project (to provide public charging for electric vehicles at the VH car park) would involve renewable energy (solar panels on the Village Hall roof and a wind turbine located near the skate board park). A battery store would be needed, probably to be sited on the car park as well, but the car park would be extended to provide six extra spaces. Cllrs discussed this in detail and resolved to support this plan, with the proviso that it needs also to be approved by Fields in Trust as well as going through the usual planning process.)

Planning

Sometimes a contentious part of the discussions, this was to include a review of the Council's previous decision on the Co-op plans to install a new shop-front, refrigeration plant, extraction systems, automatic door opening, air conditioning and relocation of the cash machine. At the previous meeting a member of the public had raised concerns about potential noise from these additions. *(As a result of our previous objections to this, the Co-op have revised their scheme to provide additional screening and the PC has withdrawn the objection. The nearest resident was also present and was happy with the outcome.)*

The Council has made no representations on plans for a two-storey rear extension at 19 Bush Heath Lane; tree reduction at Wisset Lodge in Church Street; replacement windows, doors to the kitchen, and outside rendering to 3 Binswood End or to cut back trees at The Shakespeare Inn. Whilst not seeking to object to changes to an outbuilding at Bishops Bowl Lakes, the Parish planned to ask for the Planning Officer to consider the impact this would have on the Harbury to Bishops Itchington footpath.

Consultations

The Council was to discuss the Boundary Commission's Consultation about potential changes to Ward Boundaries in Stratford District. *(We made no representation on this).* They were also to consider the impact of the possible merger of Stratford District and Warwick District, which it appears both District Councils are actively considering themselves. I fear this would just push more development our way as Warwick District contains a large chunk of the Green Belt where developers find it difficult to get planning permission.

Environment

Harbury Energy Initiative has offered to help the Council on how to use the Carbon Footprint Tool, to understand and improve our impact on the environment of our village. *(We approved this).*

Councillors have to decide whether to accept a request for a memorial bench and if so where it could be sited. (*This was delegated to the properties group*). They had also to be updated on the chapel repairs (*due to start in April*). You may remember that last month they realised they had to get all the items stored in the chapel moved to facilitate work on the roof and the stonework.



Elm trees along Park Lane

An update was to be tabled on the parking problems at Five Ways. (*The clerk is meeting the tree surgeon next week about this*). I know just what damage has been done to our verges there as I was deputed to take photographs of the mess caused by cars being parked on the grass verges and the damage to the mound. If you ever wondered why that mound at the top of Bush Heath Lane was built - it was to stop the lights of

vehicles coming from Bishops Itchington from dazzling motorists using Bush Heath Lane. The Parish Council has been considering planting more trees on the mound, partly to discourage motorists from parking there, but also to replace some of the many Elms (the Cathedrals of the Feldon) we lost due to Dutch Elm Disease in the 1980s.

Finance and General Purposes

This covers some rather routine items like the monthly bank reconciliation, Internal Audit and budget update, but also things of use to villagers: street light maintenance; requests for the PC to fund hire of the Village Hall for the Local Market and, for the Clerk, an office computer. I sincerely hope she got one. (*The main items here were the upgrade to the clerk's laptop (approved), and the decision to pay for the regular local produce market to be held at the village hall*).

Other Council Business

They would have confirmed the Clerk's Delegated Powers and because there is uncertainty on whether Parish Councils will be allowed to continue to have 'Zoom' meetings over the internet, instead of 'real' ones in the near future, they had to approve revised meeting dates.

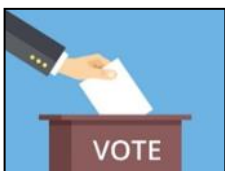
As they could not be sure what was to be allowed, the date of the next Parish Council Meeting was not confirmed. When the Government decision is made, the meeting dates will be published on the Parish Council website (www.harbury-pc.gov.uk).

(We will not meet in person in April or May, so the earliest in person meeting will be June, and if the regulations are updated I think we will continue online for the moment)

When open meetings resume at the Village Hall, I do urge residents to go along (fourth Thursday in the month at 7.30pm) as it is more interesting than my reports, and you do get a chance to ask questions at the beginning and to put your points of view to your Councillors.

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



County Council Elections - Thursday 6th May 2021

On Thursday 6th May 2021 residents will go to the polls to have their say on who represents them on Warwickshire County Council and also as the Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner.

Voting will take place in Harbury and Ladbroke Village Halls between 7am and 10pm.

We invited candidates who are standing to be elected as our County Councillor, to submit a profile and at the time of our deadline date we have received the two printed below.

The last day for receipt of nominations is Thursday 8th April so there may be other candidates standing.

Editors



Conservatives Chris Kettle



Dear Resident of Harbury and Ladbroke

I am delighted to have been selected as the Conservative candidate for the Feldon Division in succession to our great former Councillor, the late Bob Stevens.

I have lived in Bishop's Itchington, in the Feldon Division, for most of my life, representing Bishop's and Harbury Wards at the District Council and I am now seeking your support to be your County Councillor for Feldon in 2021.

I have been a Councillor for both District, 7 years, and BI Parish, 23 years. I have recently stepped down, after an unprecedented 2½ years as Chairman of SDC, and was then invited to join Cabinet as portfolio holder for Planning, Community Safety and

Rural Affairs. In both roles I have had considerable experience of working with WCC officers and with Bob. I was also Bob's Vice Chair of the WCC sponsored Feldon Community Forum.

As Councillor and through the Community Forum I have helped residents with many problems including affordable housing, planning, the GLH development and its impact on communities and the environmental, anti-social behaviour and fly-tipping, and recently working with Jeremy Wright, WCC and SDC to challenge HS2's catastrophic decision to close the A425.

As we look to the future, I look forward to representing your concerns about the ongoing impact of HS2 addressing the challenges of our over-crowded roads, and tackling environmental issues and ensuring residents receive the services they need.

My knowledge and experience of working at a senior level within SDC gives me the confidence to know I can work for the benefit of residents across the Feldon Division at WCC. I hope you agree with me that my track record demonstrates I am the right person to be your candidate for the Feldon Division.

Email me at chriskettle4feldon@btinternet.com or call me on 07798 692683.

Nick Solman



I live in Long Itchington with my wife and daughter and work part-time at Warwick Business School as a researcher, specialising in the future of UK Energy Policy

- focussing on Net Zero and sustainability.



My family have a long association with Feldon and the surrounding area. During the Second World War my grandfather was evacuated to Wormleighton, near to where his Aunt and Uncle managed the reservoir at Boddington. My Great-Uncle also worked at Jaguar as a test driver for several decades after he left the Army. My wife completed her teacher training at Fenny Compton School and I'm a Parish Councillor in Long Itchington.

The Feldon Division is made up of lots of villages, hamlets and farms and each one is unique, with its own priorities. However, some things apply to all of us. We all need to make sure that we have sustainable communities. This means ensuring that we have the right infrastructure in place, such as: good quality roads; the right number of school places in the right locations; and a full range of jobs for people living in our area. We also have to make sure that the damage done to our area by HS2 is minimised by holding them to account. These are all things that the County Council can either do or help to encourage.

If you elect me as your County Councillor, I understand that every community is not only unique, but also needs the same good local services to help it

thrive. Ensuring we have sustainable communities doesn't have to be about spending more money, just spending it in the right places. This area means a lot to me and my family and I want to help keep the bits we all love and work to improve the bits we don't!



Harbury Society

Linda Ridgley

With railways (or a future railway) being in the news at the moment and with a suggestion to re-open the old Harbury and Southam Road Station, published below is a Harbury Society report from the December 2012 edition on the restoration of Leamington Railway Station.



Archie Pitts from the Leamington Society gave a comprehensive and fascinating account of the work the Friends of Leamington Station have done to bring back its Art Deco features. Once again Nigel Chapman's display of archive GWR material relating to Harbury enhanced the event.

The Friends formed in 2004. Over the years alterations made to the Station had lost some important

features. The Friends replaced the Roll of Honour to 2,500 GWR employees killed in WWI, improved the waiting room, replaced lost posters, running-in boards, and GWR benches and refurbished the lamp hut and coal compound.

Waiting room benches were polished, teak parquet floor revealed, fan heaters encased in wooden covers; £100 repro Heritage Railway Posters added; the stone fireplace cleaned and stainless steel surround polished; GWR logo mirror installed, automatic doors and screen added.



An exact copy of the original booking hall clock was made; granite and other stonework uncovered and professionally repaired and a reproduction of the bench was commissioned. Six reproduction posters of destinations on the GWR and a Leamington original print were bought and

the Captain Morgan Rum advertisement will be expertly repaired and repainted.



The restoration of the gardens both alongside the platform and the upper and lower terraces adjoining the car park are the most obvious improvements. Ten volunteer gardeners led by Paul Edwards work once a week throughout the year to keep them in trim. Rubbish, brambles and graffiti were cleared and the terraces planted with climbers, perennials and hedging. Mr Pitts' display material and Nigel Chapman's archive reports and photos were

very well received and in thanking Mr Pitts for his talk Chairman John Hancock commented on the size and enthusiasm of the audience. Mr Pitts agreed to arrange for the Society to have a guided tour of the Station in the summer next year.



Harbury Women's Institute

Mary Thompson

At our meeting in March we welcomed 24 members plus a few husbands. Our speaker was Trevor Langley from Warwick. He is a retired teacher who clearly has a passion for the history of Warwick.



In the early 1970s he worked as a guide at Warwick Castle and this started an interest in the 36 Earls of Warwick. The castle started as an earth mound in 914 and was rebuilt in stone in 1068. Trevor said the stories of the Earls would make a good soap opera; he provided us with centuries of historical matter about the various characters - some good, some extremely powerful, some corrupt. We heard surnames like Dudley, Greville and Beauchamp. Francis Greville married Frances Maynard better known as Countess Daisy, a mistress of Edward VII, when he was Prince of Wales. The castle's "Town Gate" was built for the prince so he could discreetly enter the castle. Daisy did a

lot of good work for the town of Warwick and fought for women's rights. Trevor related memories when he was a young guide that no mention could be made of Countess Daisy - now she is a highlight of a display in the castle.

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Charles Guy Fulke Greville fancied himself as a film actor in America - he wasn't successful and lost huge amounts of money on gambling etc. His son David Lord Broke inherited the castle in 1967 and the title in 1984. Sadly, he inherited his father's debts and owed the government a lot in death duties. In 1976 the castle was sold to Madame Tussauds and eventually to Merlin.



**Charles Greville in
1933**

The castle hasn't been lived in since 1976. The present Earl, Guy, lives in Western Australia and has nothing to do with Warwick or the castle. He did return to Warwick for his father's funeral in St Mary's Church and wasn't amused when he had to pay to park at the castle.

Sadly, the pandemic is still having an effect on WI plans. The Warwickshire Federations AGM at the Dallas Burston grounds has been cancelled for the second year in a row. They are holding a Zoom AGM on 28th April with two speakers - chef Brian Turner and Mary Rhodes from BBC Midlands Today - each WI will be able to nominate four members to attend. The National AGM in June has also been cancelled again.

On the bright side we hope that we might be able to resume proper meetings in July or September. Our annual Garden Party has been booked in the Farley room on 5th August. Members have been invited to enter a Warwickshire Federation Easter Extravaganza photo competition and we know members have entered a decorated egg and a Simnel cakes (remotely of course). The Federation have sent details of courses they are running on Zoom during April from making biscuits to Jane Austen.



Our April speaker has had to cancel because of illness - we hope that Penny will be able to demonstrate willow weaving in 2022. We have managed to book two speakers who are going to tell us about the history of the Stratford Guild Chapel and its famous wall paintings - a talk which has the intriguing title of "The Edge of Doom". As it's our Easter meeting, we invite members to wear Easter headwear as they join us on Zoom on 8th April.



Harbury Heritage Centre

Bill Timson

The coronavirus pandemic continues to hold back our plans for the Heritage Centre, as it does for the rest of the village, but we continue to plan for when we are allowed to fully reopen in the, hopefully, not too distant future. Since completing our refurbishment last year, we have not managed to have a grand opening ceremony and that will be something to look forward to. We do plan to repeat the successful treasure hunt again this year in the summer, as

this was great fun for all the family while at the same time providing some information about Harbury's past - with prizes for the lucky winners. If things continue to improve we shall resurrect our programme of talks, which we had in place prior to the lockdown and, hopefully enable the centre to become the hub for research and learning we were working towards.

The Tom Hauley Room

Last month's article gave a brief history of the Village Hall and, following on from that, I would like to give some facts behind another of Harbury's community spaces, **The Tom Hauley Room**, situated behind the church. The room belongs to All Saint's Church but is available for hire and has been well used since it was built in the 1980's.



Entrance to The Tom Hauley Room which was opened on 3rd December 1989.

Its inception was at a meeting in 1985 when it was considered to be of great benefit to the church to have a meeting room attached to the church. At that time there was really no money in the pot to fund the project but an interest free loan was secured of £50,000 and a fundraising committee appointed which was headed by Peter Towell.

The death of Samuel Thomas Hauley in July 1987, described as "a loyal worshipper and a fine man", was a great loss to the

church and the village. A well-known and popular figure, "Tom" as he chose to be called, moved to the village with his family in 1932. Tom's father had a smallholding at West End Cottage in Mill Street, where the family lived and where they kept chickens. They sold the eggs and occasionally the poultry. After Tom's father passed away, he found keeping the chickens too much and turned the land into an orchard. In 1939 Tom, a stalwart of All Saints' Church, took on the task of winding the church clock and continued to do so right up to his death.

Tom bequeathed his cottage and garden to the church. The money raised funded a great deal of the building behind the church and enabled it to be designed and built far sooner than members of the church had expected. The sale of fruit from the orchard raised £50 in the autumn of 1987 and in the December edition of the Harbury and Ladbroke News it was reported that £700 had been raised at a market stall on 12th November and coffee mornings had raised £1,000.

It was Tom's gift that realised not only his request "for the church to install a toilet" but so much more as well! The fundraising committee raised about £25,000 in total, towards the target.



The fundraising logo was taken from the plans and is shown opposite. As always, the people of Harbury showed their generosity by supporting this cause.

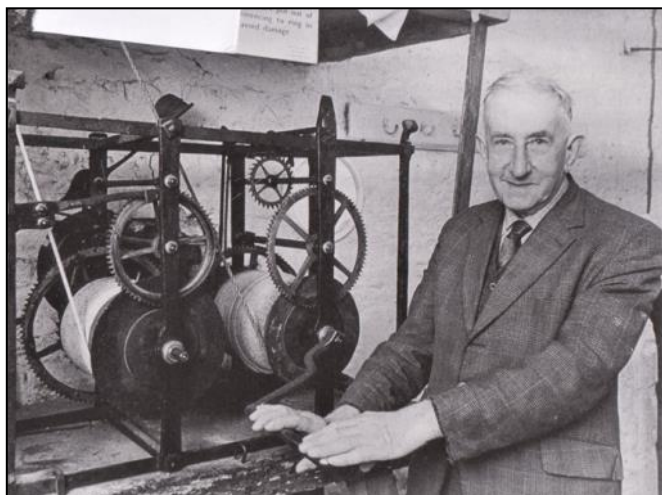
Photographs below show the construction of the room during 1989. (Courtesy of the Mike Bloxham Collection).



Used regularly by the church, the Tom Hauley Room, named in his honour, is hired out and is an ideal venue for parties etc. Indeed, before the first lockdown the room was being used for Sunday morning church as the heating in the main church had broken. Saturday coffee mornings are held there and very well supported by villagers. They are run to raise funds for local and national charities as well as village organisations. We look forward to these starting up again and indeed to the room being hired out.

Two fine detached houses were built on the land next to West End Cottage, named appropriately as 'Bell Ringer House' and 'Hauley House' together with the Tom Hauley Room a daily reminder of this benevolent gentleman of Harbury.

Tom winding the clock in the 1970s (courtesy of John Stringer from his book 'All Saints' Church Harbury')





Harbury Energy Initiative

Bob Sherman

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We need your help with a national project!

Below you will see an invitation to Harbury householders to support an important national project. Please do read it; it isn't an advert! HEI has been asked to find as many residents as possible prepared to register to join this very simple InnovateUK government funded monitoring programme.

All you have to be prepared to do is plug in a small device to a socket in your house and leave it for six months. It uses hardly any energy.

Harbury has been chosen yet again before all other communities in the Western Power Distribution region to take part in an important national project organised by CrowdCharge, working with Western Power Distribution, University of Reading and Hangar-19.

We need at least 40 households to register for this, so if you feel that you would like to host a device that might help to lower all our bills, please access more information and register at: **www.crowd-charge.com/advent-project-info**

Affiliate scheme

Fairly recently Octopus Energy and Co-op Energy created a joint new venture, Co-op Community Energy. The main difference is that this company, as well as providing a 100% 'green' tariff, specifically supports local community energy projects, such as HEI. Last year we began discussions with them about joining their affiliate scheme with a view to benefitting Harbury e-Wheels. Harbury e-Wheels has already received a small grant from them for the Harbury Future Energy EV charging station project. Any Harbury resident switching to what is almost the same as an Octopus tariff will mean a small affiliate payment to e-Wheels.

At the moment I don't have the full details of the scheme. More news next month.

Harbury community helping the UK on their journey toward Net Zero

An invitation to the Harbury community to participate in Project ADVENT!

Why Harbury?

Harbury was recommended to us as a very knowledgeable, energy-conscious community - committed to decarbonisation and energy efficiency. This has been clearly demonstrated over the past decade with a wide range of Harbury energy initiatives covering energy reduction, LED lighting, solar installations and insulation, to name a few. One of the project partners (Hangar 19) has experience working with the community already – assisting with the e-Wheels

social transport scheme. As one of the most forward-thinking communities – it feels like an ideal location to test out an idea that may assist communities across the UK to decarbonise more rapidly, and at lower costs and disruption to us all.

Our energy system is changing!

Electricity grids have changed quite gradually in the past, but now things are changing rapidly – both in the way we use electricity (e.g. electric cars, static batteries, heat pumps) and the way we generate electricity (more wind and solar, less coal). Whilst we pay our energy bills to an energy supplier – they in turn pay part of this to regional Distribution Network Operators (such as Western Power Distribution) who are responsible for looking after our electricity infrastructure – including maintaining and upgrading substations, the cabling in our roads up to the fuses to our homes.

With so many changes occurring they need an effective way of monitoring the health of the electricity network

What is project ADVENT?

One way to check that the electricity network is resilient is to monitor the voltage of electricity as widely as possible. The aim of ADVENT is to conduct a trial to test this theory – by collecting and reporting voltage readings from multiple points across your neighbourhood – to see whether it is feasible to use this information to provide an insight to the health of your local electricity network.

More and more electrical devices at home will be connected to the internet in future, and some may be designed to report voltage. We therefore want to test whether obtaining data in this way can provide a quicker, more cost-effective approach that will benefit all our communities during this low carbon transition.

Participating in our trial

We would like to recruit a number of participants in Harbury to plug-in a device (such as the emonPi - see photo) into a plug at home and then connect over a wireless connection or wired cable to their internet router, to measure the voltage in the home and send this back to our project partners electronically. We will then monitor voltage levels for a few months - whilst comparing this with measurements taken at a local electricity substation. We will provide periodic updates and will be available by email or over the phone if you have any queries. *emonPi dimensions ~10.5 L x 8.5 W x 6.5cm H.*



As a small thank you...

As a small thank you for participating in project ADVENT, we would like to offer a £10 thank-you voucher for your local Co-op supermarket. This would

be available for each participant who plugs in the energy monitoring device so it can communicate for the duration of the 6-month trial. This voucher total would more than cover the energy (~£2) it would consume during the trial period (*the emonPi would use ~2-3W, which totals ~12kWh of energy over the 6-month trial*).

Find out more and how to apply

If you are interested in applying to participate in Project ADVENT, please complete the Expression of Interest form located at the CrowdCharge website at **crowd-charge.com/advent-project-info**, along with further project information. If you have any queries, please email the CrowdCharge project support team directly to projects@crowd-charge.com. During the final participant selection process, there will be a short Participant Agreement form issued for project participants to sign and return should you wish to take part, which explains what is involved again, and how we will use your data.

Your ADVENT local champion

If you are interested in applying to participate in Project ADVENT, you can also speak with your **ADVENT Local Champion** who will be recruiting project participants from the Harbury community:

Bob Sherman, a member of Harbury Energy Initiative

Tel: **01926 612277** Email: **info@harburyenergy.co.uk**

Registration will open from 6th April to coincide with publication of the Harbury and Ladbroke News.

Project partners University of Reading have research experience and expert academics on electricity system modelling. **Hangar 19** Develop transport solutions for energy systems and electric car charging **including in Harbury!** **CrowdCharge** have a smart platform for managing electric car chargers alongside solar and batteries. **Western Power Distribution** is the local Distribution Network Operator who will help us gather data from substations. **Innovate UK** have contributed funding.



LOCAL FOODBANK - there is a facility in the village to donate non-perishable food to a Foodbank, which supplies the local area, including Harbury. Please bring donations to the Wight School (library) car park on Mondays between 11.30am and 12.30pm, one of the e-Wheels drivers will be there to receive your items. Alternatively, donations may be dropped off at the library on Mondays, 10am - 12 noon and Thursdays 2pm - 4pm. Thank you.



Springing Back to Face to Face Scouting

Whilst the days of winter appeared short it was still good to see that a number of our young people have remained engaged in our scout and explorer sections, despite the challenges of Zoom and government restrictions. As we have seen the green shoots of spring and displays of daffodils we look forward to brighter days ahead. The Scout Association has confirmed we can return again to amber and all sections can meet face to face outdoors in accordance with our approved risk assessments.

Wanted: Everyday heroes. Volunteer today.

For our younger sections the challenges of virtual scouting and engaging leaders has meant a pause of these sections. However, we urgently need additional help to enable Beavers and Cubs to resume after Easter.



(6 to 8 years) and



(8 to 10½ years)

We need smiling and inspiring adults to help:

- Play games
- Light fires
- Cook outdoors
- Go kayaking
- Messy stuff
- Have fun

Does this sound exciting and interesting? Great active and outdoor experiences help build skills for life.

Scouting is needed now more than ever. The pandemic has hit our young people hard – with two thirds saying it has impacted on their mental health. Having people positive role models to guide the way, and give that extra bit of encouragement is so important in times like these. We help young people step up, speak and find their place in the world. We help them gain skills for life.

Three great reasons to volunteer:

- You'll share your skills and experience with young people, while developing yourself
- You'll have fun and meet new people in your area
- You'll inspire a generation (and they'll never forget it)

What to expect:

- A warm welcome
- Flexibility to get involved in a way that works for you
- Easy access to training and resources online
- Plenty of support and a great team

Whether you join us to directly support young people, or behind the scenes, as a volunteer manager, treasurer or fundraiser, we'll match you with a role that suits the skills you have to share and those you'd like to gain.

No two weeks are the same, but the impact you make is always great.

If this sounds of interest for you, a friend or relative please don't think twice and contact me below.

Financial challenges

Also, the challenges of the last 12 months have had a financial impact of the groups' finances and, despite some valuable support from Harbury Parish Council, the lack of fundraising is eating away at our reserves. We therefore will have to resume a request for the payment of full subs for all sections to enable us to pay scout insurance and support future activities. We are looking at wider fundraising opportunities and all ideas/help are welcome.

Happy Easter.

Paul Quinney, Group Scout Leader (GSL)
1st Harbury Scout Group
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1st Harbury Scouts

Scout Group Leaders

Through the winter months we have continued to strive to keep the spirit of scouting alive in Harbury in 2020. As the lockdown continued, we have engaged with our scouts in a variety of ways from Zoom meetings, challenges at home and activities they could undertake as part of their daily exercise routine including:

- Challenges - house scavenger hunts, strawberry lace knots and devices, Morse code
- Quizzes - world
- Cooking - microwave mug cake and pancakes
- Making things - a rubber-band helicopter, plastic bottle boats and a simple motor

- RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch
- 'What three words' orienteering of the Blue Plaque Trail around the village and learning about some of the soldiers represented.

With spring now in the air, we look forward to returning to face to face scouting with our risk assessment approved for outdoor groups of 15 young people commencing with a night hike and plans including games, knots and pioneering, cooking, outdoor fires etc.

We also have wider ambitions, subject to restrictions, to enable older scouts to progress their expedition challenge, an evening of kayaking on the Leam and possibly a summer holiday camp (watch this space).

Finally, may we wish you all a safe and happy Easter as we look forward to easing of restrictions and the opportunity of further adventure for our Harbury Scouts in 2021 and beyond.

John, Paul, Andy, Katharine & Joe
Scout Leaders

EXPLORERS

Explorer Unit Leaders

It has been great to see that the young people that make up Harbury Explorers (ages of 14 -18) have still remained engaged despite the continued challenge of lockdown. As we have said before, we believe it has been in part due to the friendships developed in this group and their positive energy that has helped us all sustain the group during this time.

With the challenge of the winter months, Explorers were enthusiastic in 'team' games of peg turf wars that has encouraged healthy rivalry, as part of their daily exercise within government guidelines. A treasure hunt followed.

Explorers are encouraged to lead themselves in deciding the programme and direction of the Unit, with support and guidance from leaders, therefore it

was great to see them leading and running a quiz recently on topics such as flags, food and their knowledge of the village.



With restrictions lifting and in accordance with health and safety and scouting guidance, we plan to get back face to face outdoors for some fun activities including hikes, capture the flag, fire lighting and other challenges, hopefully with some great weather!

As restrictions hopefully open up further, we would also like to encourage them to consider progressing some of the Explorer awards earned through time being an Explorer, including nights away (hopefully camping again!), engaging in school DofE and challenges including helping in one of the younger sections.

Happy Easter and stay safe.

**Mark Harris & Steve Gowland, Katharine Giblin
Harbury Explorers Unit Leaders & Support**



At the time of writing, we are due to come out of lockdown and move into step one part two of the nation's road map to freedom. From Monday 29th March we will be allowed to organise a return to training outdoors - indoor sports will still be off limits. RFU guidance for training activity focuses on building players' general fitness levels and rugby skill development along with non-contact game play such as Tag, Touch and Ready4Rugby.

From the start of April, Tuesday nights will concentrate on rugby skills and Thursday nights will feature more on building fitness levels. Ladies Touch will also re-commence on Thursday nights. New and returning players are welcome to come along and join in.

Work at the Club has continued throughout March with the grounds being verti-drained and fertilised. The "Major" continued to prepare the cricket square in readiness for the start of the summer season and work started on the erection of additional boundary netting. On a bit of a sour note, we had to pour a few hundred pounds worth of beer, cider and soft drinks down the sink that were "out of date".

Whilst the Mini and Junior section of the Club has thrived and grown over the past five years or so, the same cannot be said at senior level. Across the country, many clubs at grassroots level that previously fielded three and four teams on a Saturday (Harbury used to boast a regular 4th team with the very occasional 5th team!) now find themselves in a situation unable to field a 3rd team or even a regular 2nd team on a Saturday. At Harbury, we are working hard to turn this around.

Harbury RFC have launched a "Colts" team - the **Harbury Hawks** that will compete in the Warwickshire Colts league for their inaugural season in 2021-22. Hendry Rheeders is taking on the role of lead coach and several senior

members are pulling together with what promises to be a fantastic setup for the lads.

Hendry played four seasons at Coventry RFC where he made 75 appearances and scored 13 tries before leaving to play for Jersey RFC in 2008. He has had Currie Cup and Super 12 experience between 1995 and 2003 playing for The Bulls and Eastern Province Elephants before turning professional with the Cheetahs and the Pumas.



Harbury Hawks is aimed at U17 players and forms the transition from junior to senior rugby at the Club. Plans are in progress to ensure the boys have a great experience of playing Rugby at this level amongst a close group of players where the watch word is to have FUN!

The current U16s are back training on Tuesday 30th March at 7pm; new and returning players will be made most welcome. To find out more about **Harbury Hawks**,

contact Chris Woodhams on 07834972999 and follow us on Instagram @harbury_rfc_hawks. If you are looking to spread the word about your business and would like to support this brand new venture by providing sponsorship, please get in touch with Chris Woodhams.



Harbury Toddler Group

Lynne Barton

Hello from everyone at Toddlers

Selina and I have really enjoyed our Zoom Sessions with those families who have managed to join us, it has been great to remain connected in these difficult times and say 'hi' to our little friends.

We are now planning to 'wind down' our virtual activities so we can fully concentrate on preparing for a reopening of our Toddler Sessions, possibly on Monday 10th May.

The Early Years Alliance provides a splendid guide on the government rules and give practical advice such as how to reduce the transmission risk and the use of toys and resources.

We know that these face-to-face sessions will have a different feel as we will:

- Only be able to admit limited numbers of parents and children
- Have to respect social distancing and, where this is not possible, wear masks
- Record contact details for Track and Trace purposes
- Consider a different method of 'signing in'

- Probably have to have a pre-booking system
- Maybe have a shorter session
- Hand sanitiser will be available and good ventilation is a must as is a robust cleaning regime
- Consider the most effective ways of entering and exiting.

We are liaising closely with our colleagues from Scouts and Guides.

We will let parents know any further information as soon as we can.

Princess Belle

We loved Princess Belle, she read us her story and told us all about the Beast who turned into the Prince. We thought her Castle was splendid. Thank you DBA Theatre Company.



Miss Lorraine

Miss Lorraine from Love Ballet Dance Company has long been a favourite with all our Toddlers, here we are 'strutting our stuff'!!



And for the grand finale **Mini Disco Superman** have you got the tune in your mind ?

Let's see you clap your hands, sleep, wave your hands, hitch a ride, sneeze, go for a walk, swim, ski, spray, macho man, sound your horn, ring the bell, okay, comb your hair, wave your hands, come on wave your hands! SUPERMAN!!

With much affection, stay safe and we look forward to opening up our Toddler Group very soon. Love from Lynne, Selina, Reg, Suzi and Judy x x



Harbury Pre-School

Staff & Committee



New starters: We have had a particularly lovely couple of weeks welcoming our new starters and running settling in sessions for those joining us after Easter. The existing children have been taking them under their wings and we cannot wait for them to start their Pre-School journeys with us. We are also delighted to welcome back the children who had a delayed return due to school closures. They have slotted back in brilliantly with their friends and we are very happy to have them back.

Online Journals: We are particularly excited to have launched Tapestry Digital Learning Journals this month. Now instead of viewing the child's paper journal a few times per year, parents will be able to receive and view more frequent information about what their children have been up to at Pre-School, online from the comfort of their homes. Thank you to the Parish Council for supporting us to purchase this software and the necessary technology.



Pancake Day: Pancake Day fell in half term this year, but this was not going to stop us having a belated pancake celebration! The children cracked the eggs, poured the milk and stirred up their mixture. They then enjoyed a yummy pancake treat for snack.

World Book Day: We celebrated World Book Day over the week. The children were able to dress up as a character from one of their favourite books and they each brought in a book from home to share which we read during circle time or small group time. The adults and children alike thoroughly enjoyed hearing some new stories and the children loved sharing their favourite books with their friends!





The West End may be closed but theatre is alive and kicking at Harbury Pre-School. We alternated between a puppet theatre and a stage, both having 'audience' seating. The children had a lot of fun with the puppet theatre making up their own stories and it was great to watch our budding performers dancing, singing or putting on a 'show' on the stage, while their audience watched and clapped. The children also made and sold their own tickets.

Beans: After having so much fun with The Three Little Pigs, our chosen traditional tale this half term was the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. The children have been really captivated by the story and we have revisited it a few times during morning and afternoon circle

times. We have read a few different versions of the story and I was particularly impressed today when some of the children picked up on the subtle differences between the books.

We have been very busy making our very own giant beanstalk and have painted some golden eggs. We are looking forward to seeing the finished results!

Planting: We have also been planting beans. Each child has chosen a bean, written their name on a zip lock bag and added a bean to a wet paper towel. We have been talking about what the bean needs to grow and the children have volunteered 'sunshine', 'rain', 'air', 'light' and 'water'. Some have asked whether the beans are magic and whether they'll also grow into a giant beanstalk like Jack's did. We are eagerly waiting to find out!



Alongside the theme of growth, the children were excited to open our new resource this morning and got to work constructing their own flowers. Between



them, they worked out that the construction blocks could join together and they connected their flowers to one another to make a giant garden. Another child assembled the watering can and proceeded to water their beautiful garden!

Places filling fast: We have a record number of Pre-Schoolers currently enrolled and some of our sessions from September 2021 are

already full. If you are considering Harbury Pre-School for your child, please do get in touch.

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



Harbury School PTA

PTA Committee

A huge thank you to all those in the village who supported our "Big Curry Night In" on 5th March. We were absolutely thrilled to raise over £965 for the PTA. This is much-needed following a year of not being able to do very much at all, and will certainly be a big help in contributing to the creation of the new school library space.

Our school lottery now has over 140 numbers and the first prize is now a whisker off £100! The more who join, the bigger the prizes get. Anyone is welcome and we'd love your support - it's £2/month and half the proceeds go to the school. Your name doesn't have to be published if you'd rather remain anonymous. Just send us an e-mail to harburypta@gmail.com for a quick five minute form to join in.

Congratulations to our February lottery winners:

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| 1st | 119 - Gerald and Dorothy Barr |
| 2nd | 89 - Anthony Brunton |
| 3rd | 44 - Fiona Richards |



Look out for our **Egg-tastic Easter Egg Hunt** around the village. Sunday 28th March - Sunday 4th April.

Guess how many Easter Eggs you think are hiding around the village and decipher the secret phrase to be entered into a draw to win an egg-tastic PRIZE!! £2.00 per entry either online at www.pta-events/harburypta or

via the secure post-box on the main school gate.



Harbury Village Library & Biblio's Café

Rich Fowler

Recovery Roadmap

Library

From Monday 12th April we will be opening again for limited browsing and borrowing. We will be admitting one person, or family group, at a time. Social distancing rules must be observed, masks must be worn, and we'll ask you to sanitise your hands when you enter the building.

Initially we will continue to open on Mondays from 10am to 12 noon, and on Thursdays from 2pm to 4pm, but both days and times will be reviewed after two weeks.

We will continue to offer Click and Collect and Home Delivery services for books, audiobooks, board games, jigsaws and seeds. Books can be collected and returned without having to enter the library and we will continue to accept donations for the Food Bank.



Biblio's Cafe

We hope to open for take away drinks and baked goods from Wednesday 14th April.

We intend to be open on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10.00am to 12 noon, weather permitting.

- The service point will be at the kitchen door.
- There will be signs to guide you to the correct place.
- There will be seating at the front of the library and at the back of the car park.

We look forward to welcoming you all back to Biblio's.

Local History

As part of a growing collaboration between Harbury Village Library and the Harbury Heritage Room, part of our collection of Local History books will now be held in the Heritage Room. So, if you can't get to the library during the day, you can still go along to the Heritage Room when it's open in the evening.

You can still borrow any of the books using our Click and Collect and Home Delivery services, and details of what's available are in our online catalogue.



A Library of Things

First there were books, then board games, then jigsaws, then seeds, and now "Things".

The concept of a Library of Things has been around for quite a while and is often best explained by the following anecdote.

"How many of you own a power drill?" Rachel Botsman, the author of the book 'The Rise of Collaborative Consumption', asked the audience at TEDx Sydney in 2010. Predictably, nearly everyone raised their hand. "That power drill will be used around 12 to 15 minutes in its entire lifetime," Botsman continued with mock exasperation. "It's kind of ridiculous, isn't it? Because what you need is the hole, not the drill." After pausing for a moment as the audience chuckled, she provided the obvious solution. "Why don't you borrow the drill?"



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Harbury Village Library & Biblio's Café

Harbury Village Library

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Audio Books, Jigsaws, and Board Games. Public Access
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Biblio's Café

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goods either as takeaway items, which can be
consumed in an area of the car park, or served at your
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Government regulations.

Please check in the Harbury Ladbroke News, on Social
Media, www.HarburyVillageLibrary.org.uk and village
notice boards for information about current opening times



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Over the next months we'll be adding "things" to the list of items you can borrow from Harbury Village Library. We're starting with things to help you maintain and repair your bike, things to help you work in your garden, and simple tools which you never have when you really need them. We'll even have some lengths of rope for when you need to tie down a tarpaulin, or secure a load in the back of your car.

Want to get in touch?

Got a question or a comment for us? Phone 01926 258776, email library@harburyvillagelibrary.org.uk, message us on Facebook @hvlbc, or simply drop a note through our letterbox at Harbury Village Library, The Wight School, High Street, Harbury CV33 9HW.



Harbury Village Club & Institute

Judy Morral

Hello, another month has come and gone. The weather has improved and we have been able to enjoy lighter nights. Plus, we have the bonus of an extra hour of daylight after this weekend (27th March).



Since my last article I have processed more members' subscriptions and as at today (24th March) the number of payments made is, wait for it! a massive 304. We have now 21 new members which is incredible as we aren't even open. The total number of members is 321 an all-time record. We are so grateful to everyone who has paid and I suspect that the remaining 17 will do so once we are able to reopen.

We have not yet started to redecorate the inside of the club as mentioned previously but we intend to do so in April. We are intending to purchase paint, rollers and brushes in the next few days. It will be so good to see it all spruced up ready for opening in May. We will be having a short meeting to finalise our plans for an event as a big thank you for your continued support. The latest suggestion is for a BBQ and musical entertainments plus games for children. All very exciting. Watch this space. We will be building on our special relationship with The Crown and will be getting together with John and Amanda to put loads of ideas into practice. If you have not yet tried the fish and chips from The Crown you are missing out. We had a super meal delivered from The Crown to John and myself and Sarah on Mother's Day it was delicious and no cooking. Thank you to everyone concerned in making it a special day.

I have been busy working on the rockery bank along Crown Street again. I have had more stones delivered to the club from two very kind sources. I have managed to scale the top of the bank and place quite a few at the top and filling in any gaps elsewhere. Also, along the top I have planted some seeds, wildflowers, cornflowers, rudbekias and ragged robins. In a couple of weeks I will be planting seeds of cosmos, poppies, marigolds and sunflowers.

I managed to water these in and fork around the plants, some of which are now flowering and there are tulips pushing through as well. Thank you to everyone who took the trouble to chat to me as I was working on the rockery and for all of your kind compliments. I had to water the four pots along the wall as they were bone dry! I watered the plants along the drive too.



There are some lovely tete a tete daffodils nodding their heads on the one side.

Thank you also for supporting the curry van. He will continue to visit the car park at the club every two weeks, usually on a Friday but sometimes he changes it to a Saturday so please see our Facebook page for up-to-date details. Just think back to days last year when we were open and the lounge and concert rooms were packed with everyone enjoying their food and of course a drink or several! Once we reopen in May we can all do this once more, only a few weeks away. Plus we intend to have other food, maybe pizzas, still in planning stage but once we have finalised our plans again it will be featured on Facebook and in the Harbury and Ladbroke News. Can't emphasise enough about how safe we are and very well equipped with our bells on tables and table service too. We are so lucky to have the large concert room so that we can follow the Covid rules. Just a reminder that the hire of our concert room is free of charge and we already have two bookings for the Summer. If you would like more information just speak to one of the committee members or pop in to see what we can offer you. I know that many of our members can't wait to come back and play snooker, pool or darts.

It seems that we will be able to get back to our volunteering at Upton House after 17th May. We are having our annual volunteers' pre-season meeting via Zoom next week. It will be so nice to see my fellow volunteers and to chat to our visitors about the amazing Bearstead family and our wonderful art and porcelain and furniture. Name dropping again after I mentioned last month about meeting Philip Mould and how much shorter he was than me, I can confirm that George Clarke is much taller than me! We had a made to

measure theme a few years ago focussing on the architecture and how the house was altered from a shabby Edwardian mansion to a welcoming modern home to house the treasures but most of all a family home. George Clarke came to see how the changes were applied etc and was such an interesting person to talk to. He particularly liked the downstairs and the inglenook and picture room with its double height. He thanked me for the information I passed on to him - another perfect gentleman.



I have a huge amount of seeds and have drawn up a plan of where to plant these in my allotments. I am still finishing digging over and adding pelleted chicken manure tablets to feed the soil. I decided to dig out some very old lavender bushes on one plot and along the way managed to dig out loads of cooch grass and tubers of the wretched bindweed. You think you have got it all out but no, and some of these tubers were underneath gooseberry bushes, a bit prickly too. A bigger task than I envisaged and have the last piece left to dig now. Then the last two plots which hopefully will take much less time. The strawberries have to be divided but I am pleased with progress so far. Buds on the plum tree and on gooseberries so the apple and pear trees should follow suit soon. The rhubarb will be picked this weekend - delicious. We will be dismantling a small greenhouse from my late ex-husband's bungalow in Oadby and it will fit beautifully into my allotments. The foundations are already there. So it will be all systems go next month.

The three horse chestnut trees opposite our house have started to sprout sticky buds, a sure sign of Spring and hope. The blossom as you drive past the windmill and then onto the Fosse is so colourful this year too, both white and pink blossom. When I went to Farnborough Garden Centre yesterday the blossom along this route was out too and as you turn into the family run garden centre there are drifts of daffodils both inside and outside the parking spaces. The plants on sale here are so very reasonable and a huge range to choose from. I am never disappointed with any of my purchases. I got some plants for a small rockery I have at home thankfully not on such a huge scale as the one at the club! So yesterday afternoon another rockery was completed. I bought two lovely hebes, very reliable New Zealand plants, two red grasses and saxifrages, sempervivums and miniature box bushes. I must be a glutton for punishment. Pleased with my efforts. The huge magnolia tree in our garden is starting to flower, it is pink. I looked on my phone for a picture of it from last year and would you



believe it on 23rd March 2020 it was further in bloom than it is this year. I am very boring I keep a diary of the fruit, vegetables and flowers in the allotments and garden each year and loads of photos to refer to. It must be the ex-civil servant in me!

Thank goodness my favourite programme is back on BBC, The Repair Shop. It certainly lifts your spirits and is so rightly called the workshop of dreams. I have also discovered Salvage Hunters on Quest. You can relax and enjoy both of these programmes and appreciate the skills and talents of so many people. Plus, the odd glass of wine helps. Must close now before I start to mention Unforgotten.

I hope that you all continue to keep well and safe and enjoy Spring. Not long until we see each other at club. All my very best wishes to everyone.



Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery

Christine Dakin

This is one of the busiest times of year for all gardeners. The rate of growth, depending on the weather, can be staggering. Weeds seem to grow faster than anything else so it is vital to remove them before they get to the seeding stage. If your borders are stuffed full of plants there will be less opportunity for weeds to get established. Any excuse to buy more plants!

It might be a bit trickier to find vegetable plants now that Greenleaf Nursery has sadly gone so you might have to do more seed sowing than in the past. That's if you can get the seeds, there seems to be some shortages at the moment of various horticultural supplies.

Time to....

- Prune roses and also give them some fertiliser or manure.
- Plant potatoes either in the ground or in very large pots
- Sow peas, broad beans, more lettuce, beetroot, carrot, spinach and brassicas
- Trim and/or prune heathers, forsythia, winter flowering honeysuckle, hardy fuchsias, Viburnum bodnantense 'Dawn'
- Divide clumps of snowdrops

Be ruthless, remove any scruffy plants from your garden and treat yourself to something new. I'll be happy to help you choose.

Opening times at the moment are Fri/Sat/Sun 10.00am - 4.00pm plus any other time by appointment.

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



Nature Notes

John Hancock

Today, Wednesday 24th March, the high pressure system which has given us calm, dry conditions is set to end and a period of unsettled conditions will take its place. Footpaths have been popular as villagers seek out new routes or variations on old ones. Spring flowers including Primrose, Violet, Coltsfoot and Celandine brighten the verges and sunken ways. A favourite of mine is the copse and cutting at Bascote Top Lock on the Grand Union Canal. Here, Pudding Bag Lane crosses the cut on Bridge 28 and yields a wonderful display of white violets together with plenty of the standard blue colour. I came that way by bicycle on Saturday 20th March and thought that it has improved, in a floral sense, over the years, with violets spreading along the north side of the cutting and thus protected from the elements. The copse has been thinned sympathetically so allowing more light.



In Harbury, certain footpaths which run in minor cuttings or between hedges are bedecked by spring flowers. I am thinking in particular of the one that links Vicarage Lane to Drinkwater Close and the one leaving the Beeches before debouching into the fields above Chesterton Road.

The swale close to Overs Grove is worth scrutiny. Not so long ago the banks of this minor waterway, in essence a ditch, were bare ground. It has been seeded with grass and, on searching, species such as Coltsfoot and Lesser Celandine are revealed. I noticed that at least two of the saplings planted by the developers have been snapped through. It hardly looks accidental and it is to be hoped that the remaining trees can be left to mature.



Dog's Mercury is an inconspicuous flower of woodland and hedgerows typically growing on limey ground. It is poisonous and the 'dog' in its name probably means false or bad and refers to this fact. Ufton Wood is awash with this plant at present though the spear-like leaves of bluebells, our Wild Hyacinth, are beginning to assert themselves. I look forward to the blue haze of this plant taking centre stage towards the end of April. That will be the time to search for the Early Purple Orchid, never common, but always a sight to lift the spirits.

Several readers have told me they had seen butterflies, often a male Brimstone, a Small Tortoiseshell, or a Peacock flying about their gardens on sunnier days. Today Sharon and I joined the growing crowd as a butterfly, male Brimstone 'toured' our back garden

Gillian Hare and Martin Randall told me of the Little Egrets they have seen on the pool below Kingston Manor. Martin also saw a somewhat more unusual bird, a Great White Egret, in the same location. Although I hurried down to get a sighting, I was unsuccessful. A good place to see these all white 'Heron' is Boddington Reservoir.

Now, the hedgerow hawthorns are in tiny leaf and various blossoms are set to burst open. Weeping willows, with their delicate light green foliage, are eye catching. In the large field next to All Saints, Ladbroke, young lambs were having a fine time gambolling about while their mothers rested. The stroll over the bridge onto Millennium Green is always worthwhile with the string of old fishponds, fed by the brook, a window on times past. Near the church I found a number of cowslips and the occasional bumble bee buzzed by.



We look forward to warmer days and the chance to walk more widely in the burgeoning countryside with family and friends.



General Section



Wednesday Walks

At last the ground is drying out and the countryside is showing great promise of Spring. If the current guidelines still stand, we will start to meet on 7th April, to walk from the village hall in groups of six, and catch up on everyone's news! As ever, we meet at 9.40am, bring a drink for half time and be out about two hours. We will be really pleased to welcome anyone who hasn't been with us before.

Gillian Hare

Bicycle Repair Clinic

Got a problem with your bike? Help is at hand! Unless the weather is against us, the first Harbury Bicycle Repair Clinic will take place on Saturday 17th April from 2pm to 4pm on the car park behind Harbury Village Library.

So, if there's something wrong with your bike, our expert repairers will be there to help diagnose and fix the problem, tell you how you can fix the problem yourself, or tell you what needs to be done and suggest people who can help.



Full Covid safety measures will be in place, and we'll have marshalls present to ensure social distancing rules are followed.

If you've got a question, or are interested in helping, please email us at repaircafeharbury@gmail.com

Repair Cafe Harbury

Subject to the usual provisos, our first Repair Cafe will happen on Saturday 22nd May, from 2pm to 4pm in the Harbury Scout Hut. Watch out for more information in the May edition of the Harbury and Ladbroke News.

If you'd like more information about the Repair Cafe, or would like to help, the same email as above works, repaircafeharbury@gmail.com.

Rich Fowler



Harbury Village Show

We are now hopeful that we have got judges for this year's village show and that it will be able to go ahead on Saturday, 11th September 2021 in the Village Hall.

We will be preparing a schedule but this will be later than usual because of present circumstances. However, it will be along the traditional lines of our shows. Those of you that have entered before will know what that format is - lots of fruit, veg and flower classes along with baking, photography and art and crafts. There will be a children's section too.

As soon as we have further details and a full schedule we will let everyone know.

Village Show Committee



Warwickshire Trading Standards

Consumers are paying thousands to criminals for stolen and sick puppies and in some case puppies that don't even exist, **Warwickshire County Council's Trading Standards**

Service is warning.

Warwickshire County Councillor Andy Crump, Portfolio Holder for Community Safety said:

"The popularity of owning a dog has increased since the pandemic began, such that demand for puppies has gone through the roof and prices for many breeds have more than doubled. Unfortunately, this has encouraged criminals to get involved, leading to more puppy thefts and prospective owners paying huge sums for stolen or sick puppies or large deposits for puppies that don't even exist."

Published below are some top tips to assist would be dog owners to avoid these scam puppy sales.

Trading Standards Animal Health Officers have received reports of criminal gangs illegally smuggling puppies in to the UK to sell, puppies being stolen and sold on and consumers paying huge deposits to online sellers for puppies that don't exist. Illegally imported puppies may carry diseases that



are a threat to human health such as rabies. Criminal gangs have also been involved in puppy farming, where dogs 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.

On Monday 8th March, Warwickshire Trading Standards launched a new campaign to promote their top tips, search 'buypuppysafe' or follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/warwickshiretradingstandards> and Twitter: <https://twitter.com/WarksTSS>

Top Tips to Buy a Puppy Safely

1. Buy from a reputable and recommended dealer. Consider the Kennel Club Assured breeder scheme
2. Always view the puppy with its mother and siblings, where it has been bred
3. Ask to see the health test certificates for the puppy's parents and the puppy's vaccination documentation
4. Be prepared to wait for the puppy you want. Be very wary of anyone claiming they can provide the puppy you want quickly
5. Many bogus breeders 'sell' puppies on social media where money is taken for large deposits, but no puppy is ever delivered. If you're asked to pay a deposit, check to ensure the seller is genuine first.
6. 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
7. Beware of anyone offering a puppy at a 'too good to be true' price
8. 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
9. For more information and advice about buying a puppy, visit:
 - <https://www.rspca.org.uk/adviceandwelfare/pets/dogs/puppy>
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- 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.



Bogus Royal Mail Parcel Delivery: More residents are reporting receiving bogus emails stating that Royal Mail has attempted to deliver a parcel to them without success and now requires 'additional details' in order to attempt to re-deliver the parcel, as the 'address appears to be incomplete'. The emails contain a 'book your delivery' link that directs you to a bogus website. Never click on a link in a suspicious email. For more information on scam emails visit: <https://www.getsafeonline.org/protecting-yourself/spam-and-scam-email/>

Simon Cripwell

Harbury & Ladbroke News

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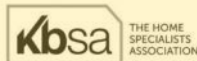
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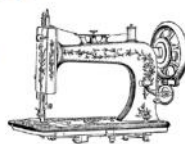
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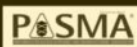
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