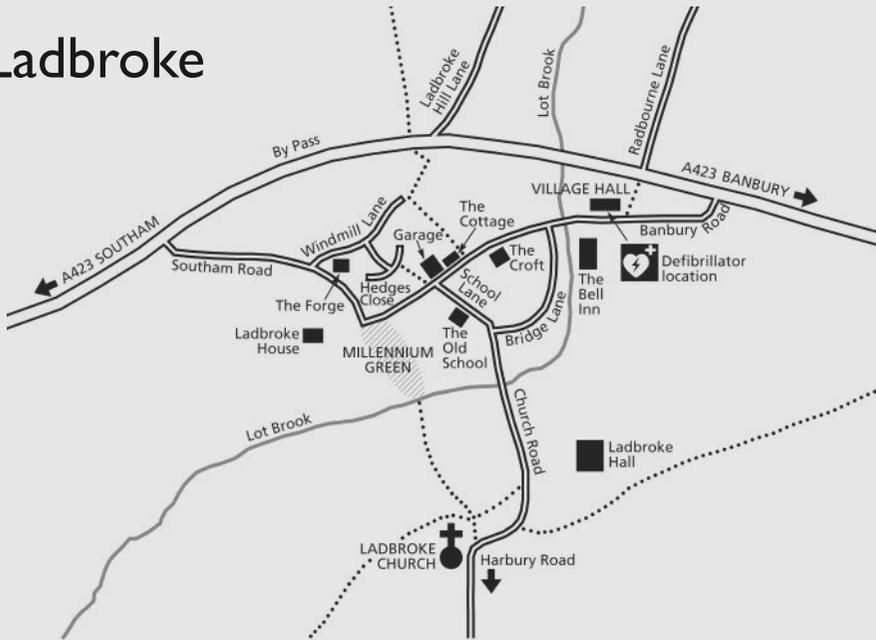


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Editorial

By the time you read this, villagers will have celebrated Halloween and it will be Guy Fawkes bonfire and fireworks weekend. Our photos show an artistic pumpkin display in Hereburgh Way.



There will be the usual Remembrance Sunday service at both Harbury and Ladbroke churches on the 14th of the month as well as the laying of wreaths at the War Memorial.

Other events in Harbury in November are a Murder Mystery, the Craft Fair and the Harbury Theatre Group pantomime, Aladdin.

Ladbroke has been busy giving guided tours of the village and on the 13th November those who have bought tickets will be enjoying an "Evening with Lady Alice". If you are interested in seeing photos from the recent photography competition, there is a mini-exhibition in church as well as the best 50 online.

This year Harbury Parish Council have purchased more seasonal lights and these will be lit up on Saturday 27th November. An updated trail will be available online and from Harbury Library. During the evening refreshments will be available at various points in the village too.

With thoughts turning towards Christmas, everyone will be hoping for a more normal event this year and getting together with family and friends. Early December events see Harbury Christmas Fayre on Saturday 4th in the Village Hall. For the little ones, Southam & District Lions will be accompanying Santa on his visit around Harbury on the 6th and 7th.

In next month's edition of the magazine, we will be publishing Christmas greetings from those villagers who prefer to give donations to charity rather than send individual greetings cards. Please submit these to the magazine in good time and no later than Thursday 25th November.

Finally, our congratulations go to Richard Bloxham and Kayleigh Barrett on their October wedding at All Saints' Harbury.

Harbury Diary

NOVEMBER

- Sat 6 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Save the Children
'Build a Guy Activity', 1.00 - 3.00pm, Village Club
Harbury Bonfire and Fireworks, gates open 5.30pm, bonfire lit 6.00pm, firework display at 6.30pm, Village Hall playing fields
- Sun 7 **3rd BEFORE ADVENT**
Holy Communion, 9.00am
Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall
- Mon 8 Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall
Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall
Yoga, 8.00 - 9.00pm, Village Hall
- Tue 9 Harbury, Ladbroke & Ufton Parish Church 'Surgery' evening, 7.00pm, All Saints' Church, Harbury
- Wed 10 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car park - Weston under Wetherley - Wappenbury (4 miles flat)
Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
Slimming World, 5.30 & 7.00pm, Harbury Rugby Football Club
Ballroom Dancing, beginners 7.30pm, experienced 8.30pm, Village Hall
Murder Mystery - 'Murder at Raymondo's', 7.30pm, Harbury Library
- Thurs 11 Holy Communion Service, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
Harbury WI - AGM including pudding tasting, 7.30 for 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room
Murder Mystery - 'Murder at Raymondo's', 7.30pm, Harbury Library
- Fri 12 Ben and Soph's Jazz, doors open 6.30pm, show 7.00 - 9.00pm, Village Hall - 07515 275655
- Sat 13 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge WI
Harbury Craft Fair, 10.00am - 4.00pm, Harbury Village Hall
Harbury Village Cinema presents, 'Official Secrets', doors open 6.15pm, film starts 7.00pm, Village Hall
Harbury Pre-School Speed Quiz, 7.30pm, Harbury School
- Sun 14 **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**
Holy Communion, 8.00am
Remembrance Service, 10.00am, (masks required)
Messy Church, 3.00 - 5.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall
- Mon 15 Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall
Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall
Yoga, 8.00 - 9.00pm, Village Hall
- Tue 16 Harbury, Ladbroke & Ufton Parish Church 'Surgery' evening, 7.00pm, All Saints' Church, Harbury
Harbury Society talk, 'Medieval Deserted Villages around Ladbroke' by Linda Doyle, 7.30pm, Tom Hauley Room
- Wed 17 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car park - Clifford Chambers with optional pub lunch (4 miles)
Connections (Dementia) Café, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room

- Wed 17 Slimming World, 5.30 & 7.00pm, Harbury Rugby Football Club
Ballroom Dancing, beginners 7.30pm, experienced 8.30pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 18 Holy Communion Service, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
- Fri 19 My Life and Times with George Orwell, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Twining Association AGM followed by French film, 7.00pm,
Tom Hauley Room
- Sat 20 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid
of Harbury Tennis Club
Southam Indoor Market, 10.00am - 12.30pm, The Grange Hall
Deadline for Senior Citizens' Party invite replies, 12 noon, return to
Harbury Village Library
Table Top Sale, 12.00 - 4.00pm, Village Club
Christmas Quiz, open 7.15, 8.00pm start, Village Club
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- Sun 21 CHRIST THE KING**
Holy Communion, 10.30am
Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall
Heritage Centre open, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Harbury School, Park Lane
entrance
- Mon 22 Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall
Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall
- Tue 23 Harbury, Ladbroke & Ufton Parish Church 'Surgery' evening, 7.00pm,
All Saints' Church, Harbury
- Wed 24 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car park -
Long Itchington (4.5 miles)
Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
Slimming World, 5.30 & 7.00pm, Harbury Rugby Football Club
Ballroom Dancing, beginners 7.30pm, experienced 8.30pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 25 Holy Communion Service, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
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Harbury Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, Tom Hauley Room
Harbury Theatre Group presents Aladdin, doors open 7.00pm,
performance 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Fri 26 Harbury Theatre Group presents Aladdin, doors open 7.00pm,
Performance 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Sat 27 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid
of Southam Heritage Collection
Repair Café, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Scout Hut
Harbury Theatre Group presents Aladdin, matinee - doors open 2.00pm,
performance 2.30pm, evening - doors open 7.00pm, performance
7.30pm, Village Hall
Seasonal Lights on from today, refreshments available at various points
in the village
- Sun 28 ADVENT 1**
Holy Communion, 10.30am
Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall
- Mon 29 Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall
Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall
Yoga, 8.00 - 9.00pm, Village Hall
- Tue 30 Harbury, Ladbroke & Ufton Parish Church 'Surgery' evening, 7.00pm,
Ladbroke Church

DECEMBER

- Wed 1 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car park - Hampton Lucy - Wasperton (3.5 miles flat)
Slimming World, 5.30 & 7.00pm, Harbury Rugby Football Club
- Sat 4 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Agnes Court Care and Nursing Home
Christmas Fayre, 2.00 - 4.30pm, Village Hall
Festive Family Bingo, 7.30pm start, Village Club

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	Deppers Bridge	Harbury, Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge outlying properties	Collection Week
November	Wed	Fri	
	10	12	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	17	19	Grey Bin
	24	26	Green & Blue Lid Bins
Dec	1	3	Grey Bin
	8	10	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	15	17	Grey Bin

From the Churchwardens

Liz & Michael

We will be holding the village **Remembrance Sunday Service** in a cool church, **starting at 10.00am** on Remembrance Sunday 14th November, and then moving outside to gather shortly before 11.00am around the war memorial for the traditional ceremony, including the laying of wreaths, the roll call and observing the two - minute silence. We are requesting everyone who comes to the service to **please wear a mask**, to best protect everyone, due to the numbers attending and the current level of Covid in the local area.

In our churchwardens' report last month we were hopeful that our plans for heating the church would be approved by the end of October. Disappointingly, we were not able to submit our revised proposal to the October meeting of the Diocesan Advisory Committee as our various suppliers were not able to complete the modified design, technical specifications and cost details in time. We are now on schedule to submit our modified faculty proposal for consideration at their next meeting in early

December. We have considered the feedback from the Diocese and have adjusted the details of our proposal for installing Radiant Heating into the church and Tom Hauley Room, and we believe that our proposal now meets all the requirements.

We hope that we will get approval this time from the Diocesan Advisory Committee and the Diocesan Chancellor, who has the legal responsibility (rather than the local council planning department) for approving building plans in listed Church buildings. Once this approval is secured, we will then be able to apply for grant funding from a range of potential funders to match funds raised by the local community. Our top priority, which we continue to believe is achievable, is to install new heating in the church before next winter, and to schedule the other works as soon as funding allows.

The Harbury Folk Club and the Warwickshire Singers have kindly agreed to put on a joint special fundraising concert to be held in the church on Saturday 19th December, along with mulled wine. Please put this date in your diary and lookout for notices elsewhere on how to purchase tickets for what will be an excellent event.

Another date for the diary is Saturday 4th December when we plan to hold our traditional Christmas Fayre at the Village Hall where we will be raising funds for our Heat, Light & Stone appeal. Father Christmas has been booked and there will be stalls selling suitable gifts as well as the usual games and tombolas.

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

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

From the Registers

Baptism

10th October Amber Kostiuk

Marriage

1st October Richard Bloxham and Kayleigh Barrett



Mothers' Union

Gillian Hare

Our October meeting started with communion, led by Rev Andy; it was good to have him with us. The speaker, Rev Barbara Clutton, served as an Agricultural Chaplain, and although theoretically retired is still deeply involved in that calling. She made us aware that real life farming is not quite "Cider with Rosie". The problems are often emotional as well as financial and she has many ways of helping, in person or by making connections. We felt she would be a truly friendly listening ear.

A reminder that we are as usual putting on a toiletries stall at the Christmas Fair on 4th December; there is a box in church for your gifts.

If you like the look of the Christmas cards in Connections but haven't sent for them, we are putting together one order to share postage. Ring me (Gillian, 614809) and I will do it for you.

Due to a change in their rules, banking of cheques or cash to charity accounts will carry a charge, so Jo is asking everyone who can to pay their subs (£30) online. Do speak to her for the link.

Next meeting: 1st December. After the service there will be a brief AGM. We would love to welcome anyone else to our small committee, think about it. We are often reminded, when she speaks, of how much our Queen is upheld by her faith, so, as her platinum anniversary approaches at a time of some concern about her health, we thought we would focus on her this afternoon. If you have any memories of seeing her, or photographs, please come and share them in an informal session. As ever, non-members are always welcome to join us; maybe you have a royal story to tell.

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

NOVEMBER

- Sun 7 3RD BEFORE ADVENT**
Family Communion, 10.30am, followed by refreshments
- Tues 9 WI, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Wed 10 Parish Council, 7.45pm, Village Hall
- Sat 13 Meet Lady Alice Dudley (supper & drama), 7.00pm, Village Hall
- Sun 14 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**
Village Remembrance Service, 3.00pm (no morning service)
- Wed 17 Table Tennis, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Mon 20 ADVERTS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE TO 36 MANOR ORCHARD, HARBURY OR EMAIL ADVERTISING@HLNEWS.CO.UK
- Sun 21 CHRIST THE KING**
Holy Communion (BCP), 9.00am
- Mon 22 Millennium Green & Village Hall AGMs, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Wed 24 Table Tennis, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 25 ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST OR EMAIL TO ARTICLES@HLNEWS.CO.UK BY 5.30PM
- Sun 28 ADVENT 1**
Holy Communion, 9.00am
- Tue 30 Harbury, Ladbroke & Ufton Parish Church 'Surgery' evening, 7.00pm, Ladbroke Church

DECEMBER

- Wed 1 Table Tennis, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Sun 5 ADVENT 2**
Family Communion, 10.30am, followed by refreshments
- Tues 7 Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Wed 8 Table Tennis, 7.30pm, Village Hall



Ladbroke Church News

Peter Rigby

www.ladbrokechurch.org.uk

Our Harvest Festival Service at the beginning of October was well attended with almost 60 present. It was followed by our Harvest Brunch in the Village Hall, for which getting on for 100 dropped in. A big thank you to all those who made harvest donations - we raised £200 in cash in addition to the gifts of harvest produce. Perishable foodstuffs have been donated to Galanos House, the cash donations have been used to buy food vouchers and, along with the non-perishable items, are being passed to Southam food bank for the benefit of those most in need locally.

Our next major event will be the village Remembrance Day Service at 3.00pm on Sunday 14th November. The wearing of face coverings is now optional in Church and will continue to be so at this service (subject to any change to current guidance). However, because of the numbers expected we shall be asking the congregation to use alternate pews as much as possible and to be respectful of the space and wishes of those nearest to them. Please note that there will be no morning service that day.

Forthcoming services and events:

Sun 7 th Nov	10.30am	Family Communion
Sun 14 th Nov	3.00pm	Village Remembrance Service (no morning service)
Sun 21 st Nov	9.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sun 28 th Nov	9.00am	Holy Communion
Sun 5 th Dec	10.30am	Family Communion

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From the Registers

Baptism

17th October Elizabeth Teverson



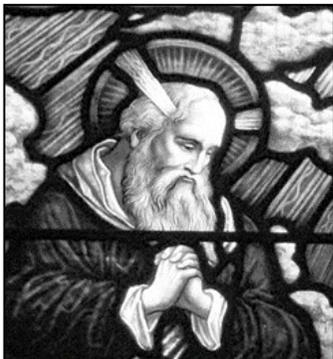
Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge Women's Institute

Carol Lane

At the WI meeting in Ladbroke Village Hall on Tuesday 12th October, Jackie West shared her enthusiasm for the intricacies of the stained glass in Ladbroke Church and the renovations which have just taken place.

The quality of the slides she showed us was exceptional as she led us through a brief history of the church and the windows, the majority of which

were Victorian, with one installed in the 1400s. We learned how we might be able to recognise the makers by 'codes' which they incorporated into the design, as in the spider's web indicating the maker Webb in the window in the front left of the nave.



She showed us slides of the different windows and how we could distinguish the saints, for example St Agnes with a lamb, Mary with lilies and St Giles with a deer and an arrow in his knee as patron saint of cripples. Jesus can be recognised by a halo with a cross and Moses with beams of light coming from his temples. So many of us have been in the church on hundreds of occasions over many years but these insights were eye openers.

Jackie then talked about the colouring of the glass, the pigment which sits on the surface or the stain which is fired into the glass and showed how a new window would be planned and constructed.

Some of the windows had been removed and renovated but, luckily the huge East window only needed a small area removed and replaced. Made in 1876 and donated by Mr Palmer Morewood, this spectacular window has more characters than I can count but Jackie broke them down into groups with Jesus at the top flanked by angels. This is my favourite window but Jackie prefers the expressions on the faces of the assassins in the Errington Window, which is in the chancel behind the choir stalls on the right.

This is only one of the talks Jackie has prepared on different related topics and I can thoroughly recommend her for any group with an interest in stonework, stained glass and local history.

The website www.ladbrokeheritage.org.uk has details and contact numbers.

Dianne led the business meeting which followed and members confirmed that they were happy for the end of the financial year to change to March with the AGM in May.

The Tom Hauley Room coffee morning is on 13th November and items of bric-a-brac, raffle prizes and cakes are welcomed. The cakes should be covered and, if possible, the ingredients listed with allergens in capital letters.

Joan was thanked for keeping us all informed about the Denman events and members were encouraged to look at the website www.warwickshirewi.org.uk. Members had been generous with donations to Afghan refugees and Dianne showed a pictures of the masses of bags she was able to donate.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 9th November when Heather will demonstrate and then help with card making, so please bring pairs of scissors and tweezers and £2.

The Christmas meal is booked at The Bell on the evening of Thursday 16th December so please put the date in your diary.

Dianne's offering to send us all away smiling was the poem 'Dust if you Must'!



Ladbroke Matters

David Wright

The Ladbroke Matters team looks after the Village Hall and the Millennium Green. To help with this we organise regular fundraising events so that we can continue to offer both facilities for the benefit of our community.



It's the event we've all been waiting for! It's the return of the ever popular Ladbroke Supper and Film Night. We have booked the Village Hall for **Saturday 11th December** for our first post-COVID film night. Put that date in your diary now and hope and pray we don't have another lockdown! Further details will be available soon.



Our Annual General Meeting will be held on **Monday 22nd November** in the Village Hall at **7.30pm**. Everyone is welcome to attend. It will be an opportunity to meet the team, hear about what we do, and our plans for next year. Please bring your questions, comments, and suggestions for future events.



Don't forget that you can hire the Village Hall for your party or celebration at a very reasonable rate (£15 per hour with a 20% discount for Ladbroke residents). We have a new kitchen, and room for up to 80 people. To book your special occasion contact Debs (tel 07779 225105 or email debs.dptv@gmail.com).

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

Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Draw for September 2021

£50	Kate and Kevin Pickin	£50	Maggie and Tony Watts
£25	David and Jo Rose	£25	Trevor and Jan Jay
£25	Linda Spence	£10	Cara Jenkins
£10	Joan Perry	£10	Russel and Donna Griffith

Margaret Bosworth



Ladbroke Photography Club

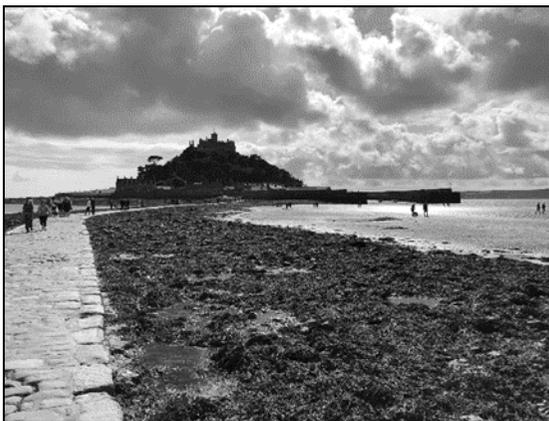
Kip Warr

'Ten of your best' was the theme of our October meeting. With eleven members displaying their favourite shots from the past eighteen months we had a feast of content, colour, shapes and textures. Barbara got us off to a start with a picture of two slugs in a highly compromising position. Birds, bugs, flowers and babies also featured but without a hint of scandal. There was a wide variety of other images such as bubbles and masks, a castle and

Right: Icicles - Barbara Bicknell



Above: Repairing
Ladbroke Church
window - Jackie West



St Michaels Mount - Graham Gee

skyscrapers, sunrise and mist. The Photography Club has survived the pandemic in good shape.

Our coming meeting will be 2nd November in Ladbroke Village Hall: Steve Gale will run a workshop on artificial lighting - so bring your camera, experiment and learn. On 7th December we shall have a competition and phototopic on the theme of Autumn.

Anyone can participate in any of these events and it is free this year for all. Photos we took during lockdown are still on display at kwarr.co.uk/photography. If you would like more information about this very friendly club, please contact Jackie West: [ladbrokphotoclub@btinternet.com](mailto:ladbrokephotoclub@btinternet.com)

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Ladbroke General Section



Ladbroke Heritage

Visitors from Lime Tree Village Enjoy our Guided Tour

We were blessed with a bright sunny day in late September to welcome our visitors from Lime Tree Retirement Village near Rugby. They opted for the full village guided tour of about two hours, and five of our guides took them round in small groups to enlighten them with village and church history, the story of Alice and Robert Dudley, thatching and of course the story of Ladbroke the bookies!



They then retired to The Bell and enjoyed a baguette and soup lunch.

The feedback we had from the group was very favourable and they really enjoyed the visit. Our guides are gaining in experience and confidence with every tour they lead.

So, if you are a member of a group who would enjoy a guided tour, please contact Nicky Lewis on nicolalewis1958@gmail.com or 01926 815196.

We are looking forward to welcoming the Harbury Society in May next year.

Talks and more

Our talks are taking off too, you will have read about the one to the WI already in this month's edition and a friendship group, two local history societies and the U3A have us booked into their programme. To book a talk contact Jackie on 01926 810331.

However, until the middle of November the focus of our effort is preparing for our "Evening with Lady Alice" on Saturday 13th. Already, Alices's reminisces have been videoed, the Dudley Plate photographed, costumes acquired and made, music defined, dances choreographed and guests invited. What's more, it's already a sell out! However, as some people may have to drop out



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Photography Competition

We had some stunning competition entries and the judges - Russell Griffith from Prestige Photography, Linda Doyle our local historian and Jackie West, volunteer project leader had a difficult task selecting which should win.

Throughout November there is a mini exhibition of the judges' favourites in Church (open daily 10am - 4pm) and the best 50 or so can be seen online at ourladbrokeheritage.org.uk. Do take a look at either or both, enjoy the photos and learn a little more about Ladbroke's natural and man-made heritage.

Nicky Lewis & Jackie West

Alice and the Adventurer - Part Three

SPOILER ALERT!!! If you are coming to the Evening with Lady Alice on 13th November you may prefer to wait and see what happens at this point in the story rather than read it now.

Last time you heard about the beginning of my marriage to Robert Dudley and he had left me and our five children to go abroad on the King's business for two years.

However, after a while the news came to me that his cousin Elizabeth Southwell had been in his party, disguised as a page, and had become his mistress. I was forced to accept that the children and I had been abandoned.

As if he hadn't hurt me enough, he converted to Catholicism and tried to say that our marriage was not legal. I was relieved that there were so many witnesses to the event but even so, he 'married' Elizabeth the following year.

The King ordered Robert to come home and I didn't know whether or not I could take him back after all that had happened. However, I didn't have to make that decision because Robert refused and was declared an outlaw and his lands were confiscated.

I realised that I would have to fend for myself and my children although my father was a tremendous support and used the law to help me to stay in my home for some more years before I was forced to sell Kenilworth Castle which was valued at the time for £50,000. Henry, Prince of Wales offered me £14,000 which I had to accept but he had only paid me £3,000 before he died in 1612 and the new Prince of Wales, Charles, who was to become Charles I, took over the castle but refused to pay the balance of the money. These were very anxious and unhappy years but I did realise how fortunate I was that, even though the lands including Ladbroke were taken by the Crown, I was allowed to benefit from the rents, which brought me in some income so gradually I got back on my feet again. By this time the girls' ages ranged from 15 down to 9 years.

Obviously people were keen to tell me about what was happening to Robert when news of him came back from the continent. Part of me didn't want to know but a bigger part did and I couldn't help feeling a stab of jealousy when I learned that he and Elizabeth went on to have 13 more children, including the boys I had longed for. By the time Elizabeth died giving birth to the last child, their lives were so divorced from mine that I couldn't really empathise with the situation. I always knew how clever Robert was, with a wonderful mathematical brain and maybe he needed to be out of this country to find an outlet for his talents. Once established in Florence, he became advisor to Ferdinand II, Grand Duke of Tuscany where he designed and built warships. With the Emperor's agreement he took on his Grandfather's title, the Duke of Northumberland. He also masterminded the construction of harbour fortifications and the draining of the swamp around Livorno. He built a palace in the heart of Florence for his family.

Since he was a boy, Robert had been fascinated by everything to do with the sea and exploration so I was not surprised to learn he had written notes about navigation and seamanship intending them to be published as a book but I never imagined the scale of it. 'Dell Arcano del Mare (Secrets of the Sea) was published in six parts in 1646-7. Within a couple of years, a friend of the family had a copy and I was invited to go and see it. It is a book of wonders, starting with the size of it - there are over 600 pages. I have to admit that the Italian explanations and drawings of navigation instruments were too difficult for me to follow and although I was curious to see the five different sized ships that Robert had designed, it was the maps he had created that really impressed me. It was as if I was a bird flying over distant seas observing the coastline and seeing tiny ships and sea creatures far below.

I couldn't help feeling sad when I heard that Robert died at about that time and, after those short years we were together having our children, I never saw him again. However, I do have to admit that he did more good for the world in his chosen life than he would have done remaining in Warwickshire.

Because I had more than enough money for myself and my household, I followed my parents' footsteps in trying to help those less fortunate than myself. Just before I was born they had founded a row of Almshouses in Stoneleigh which housed ten single people, five men and five women. I wanted to donate things of quality to the churches I was associated with and I have to admit that I wanted to give things which would keep my name alive for generations. I chose Church Plate and donated different sets to Ladbroke and other Warwickshire and Northamptonshire churches at different times. The Ladbroke set comprised a paten with a cover for the communion bread, a tall flagon and a chalice, all embossed with cherubs' heads and depictions of St John.

As the years rolled by, my girls found their own lives. Alice was betrothed to be married but sadly died before the date. I wanted her memory to be cherished and therefore I commissioned a monument to be placed in Stoneleigh Church of her effigy and decided that my own memorial would be created above her.

The other girls all married men of distinction and in 1622 Charles, Prince of Wales obtained a special Act of Parliament so that I could act as a 'femme sole' to determine the states of my property in my own right. This meant that I could finally dispose of my holdings in Kenilworth Castle. I was doubly grateful for this when my father died three years later.

In 1632/ 33, my daughters and I passed the holdings in Ladbroke over to William Palmer for the sum of £8250.

Next Time: *My life as an elderly lady living through the Plague and Great Fire of London.*



Report from your District Councillor for Ladbroke

Covid Rates

Covid infections in the District are higher than they have ever been and considerable caution is advised in your personal contacts, although measures such as wearing masks in confined public places, such as shops, are not yet being required by the Government. The rate in our area at around 8-900 per 100,000 is higher than Stratford District as a whole which is 570. This in turn is higher than main conurbations like London, and is at odds with previous experience where our rural areas tended to be lower.

Whilst the majority of cases are still in school age children there is an increasing number now in the over 60s which is a particularly vulnerable group. The over 60s rate has more than doubled in the last month. There are high rates in the Districts surrounding us, also. Personally, I am perplexed by the Government's messaging that controls are not needed, because it seems that many people think the pandemic is more or less over - it is not.

Boundary Review and Merger

Work on the potential merger between Stratford and Warwick District Councils has been continuing and the consultation has now closed. A representative sample of residents have been contacted for their opinions, and an analysis of responses is underway. Meanwhile, there are Boundary Commission proposals for changing council ward boundaries if no merger takes place. The Commission's proposal involves a mixture of single councillor wards and wards shared between councillors, as well as some strange looking boundaries.

Stratford Council has resolved to resist the Boundary Commission proposals in a couple of key matters: 1. that the Boundary Commission have not respected the Council's wish for single councillor wards, and 2. that the very large two-councillor ward the Commission proposed from the M40 to Shuckburgh is not acceptable. The Boundary Commission proposals are here:

<https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/west-midlands/warwickshire/stratford-on-avon>

The date for public responses to the Commission has been extended to 6th December.

The Council went on to unanimously agree a way that overcomes both issues. I had considerable input to that response and it has my support, although the choices are not entirely satisfactory, being driven by numbers rather than communities. Getting the same number of electors for council wards around Southam is impossible while keeping to Southam parish boundaries, so there have had to be some compromises. The Council's response is at <https://democracy.stratford.gov.uk/> as a paper attached to the Audit and Standards Committee minutes for 18th October.

It's worth saying there are a couple of things I am not completely happy about in the Council's response to the proposals - locally it might have been preferable to put Ladbroke with Harbury rather than Bishops Itchington, but the numbers have dictated otherwise. In the end it is up to the Boundary Commission to decide. However, if the merger of Stratford and Warwick happens - we will have to start again!

HS2

Work around Ladbroke continues to expand with more hedge removals and more equipment compounds being created. I have had complaints about traffic and light pollution which I am taking up with the contractors. If you have problems please report them to the HS2 'help line'. I am told they get logged that way. HS2 suddenly announced that they were imposing traffic restrictions on the A425 (just reopened) as the same time as disruption to the Fosse Way/Welsh Road junction, which after protests by local councillors, was a decision that was reversed.

Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe

I do not normally cover international affairs in my writing however in this case a local family are deeply troubled by the plight of their relative detained in Iran. I formally tabled this matter at Stratford's full council meeting and was gratified to receive full support from the council for the family of Nazanin who live in one of the villages that I represent.

Nazanin has now been unjustly detained in Iran for 2,000 days. You may be aware that her husband Richard, who lives in London with their daughter, has gone on hunger strike to keep the situation in the public eye and encourage the new foreign secretary Liz Truss to redouble efforts for her release. The Council agreed to contact the Government to encourage any measures to hasten her release. If any residents wish to write to our MP and to Liz Truss I am sure that this would be welcomed by her family here in South Warwickshire.

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Harbury Parish Council

Linda Ridgley
Harbury News Correspondent

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October 2021 Meeting Report

This was an important meeting for our climate and how the changes that we make, as individuals and institutions such as Parish Councils, can have an impact.

Members of Harbury Energy Initiative gave the Councillors information about the long term impacts of carbon dioxide on the environment and explained why people were becoming more and more aware of the dangers from climate change. They particularly wanted the Parish Council to acknowledge that there was a climate change emergency, and its dangers to us all.

Sea level rises would have consequences for hundreds and thousands of years and our ability to mitigate these impacts would soon be beyond our reach. In the next 25 years, at 1.5 degrees Centigrade, warming would lead to devastating fires and floods.

They wanted our Parish Council to acknowledge these dangers as our District Councils have already done, and to consider all their future decisions in the knowledge of the climate change effects. They said our Parish Council had "influence beyond their powers" and they could use it to "change hearts and minds of our parishioners and others" and that HEI would help them in this. HEI chair Bob Sherman said the recent Conference on Climate Change gave a blueprint for Town Councils to use as a starting point.

The dialogue started immediately with Cllrs citing a range of issues: number of delivery vans; need for more electric vehicles; how old hybrid batteries could be recycled, how to reduce the carbon dioxide being vented into the air etc. Members of the public also highlighted eco anxiety and the lack of information there was about climate change.

Other Bodies

Library - A recent talk at the Library was monitored for CO2 and they are considering air purifiers if levels reached over a certain limit. Community Groups can also use the Library to sell tickets and other goods to villagers; for instance, GASS selling the Bonfire Tickets there. Cllr Gibb thanked the Library for producing the bus timetable, which he thought should have been provided by the County Council.

Cllr Kettle reported that the Covid virus was still strong with a high number of cases in Stratford District, with most cases amongst the young and not being severe, but with more concern for the elderly who were infected. There were still many people in Harbury and the surrounding villages who had not been fully vaccinated.

He had attended three meetings with HS2 about road closures especially the A425. He said HS2 were making things “too complex” and these were actually delaying its progress. Our Minister had attended the meeting but could not answer any questions!

Work on the Harbury Lane/Fosse Way Junction may start before the winter, but Cllr Kettle thought this would be madness given the heavy clay and water that would hamper the works.

The dip in the carriageway at Station Road which flooded, was due to HS2 transport having smashed the culvert. It had been investigated by CCTV camera and although the highway was a County responsibility the developers would have to pay for the remedial work.

The County Council could not ban lorries carrying soil from using Bush Heath Road. He said that such vehicles were less likely to speed than other traffic. Cllr Gibb mentioned the coming development by Homes England and the imminent closure of Old Gated Road at Chesterton.

Planning

Cllr Allen suggested the Cllrs make no representation on the application regarding the walnut tree at Walnut Tree Cottage, but was concerned about the proposed render and cladding at 59 Mill Street. The Cllrs agreed to object to this proposal.

Environment

Several Parish Councillors agreed the Council should declare a Climate Emergency having attended a conference on the impacts of climate change. They wanted our mature trees to be protected as it could take 100 years for a sapling to replace them if they died or were felled.

They gave the example of Chippenham Town Council which had given such a declaration. Our Cllrs had been impressed by what they had heard about lifestyle changes that helped mitigate climate change and they would add their ideas to our Neighbourhood Plan and include protection of wildlife corridors whilst updating the Development Plan.

Chairman Tim Lockley suggested they set up a Working Party on the Climate Emergency to come back with ideas about what the Council could do in liaison with HEI. Cllr Gibb supported the resolution that they acknowledge the Climate Emergency and act upon it, with a Working Party to advise them. The Chairman agreed to this and wanted the Working Party to report back to the Council for the January Meeting.

Highways

Cllrs were concerned about the potential cost of traffic surveys for Deppers Bridge and whether it was feasible to get money from HS2 for this. Meanwhile the PC would go ahead with the Automated External Defibrillator and budget for some benches for the playing field there.

The council agreed to pay for a feasibility study for traffic calming measures on Butt Lane and Bush Heath Road.

Tree Planting

Paul Quinney said the Scouts would help to organise this and could get free trees from the Woodland Trust. Dan Whitlord of Oblong Trees could be able to source the trees and their planting on the playing fields would be the responsibility of an “Environmental Company”. Paul would find out who owned other lands within the scheme. Tools and gloves would be paid for from a grant of £400 and planting would be done during March to October.

Chairman Tim Lockley was annoyed that Fields in Trust (which has to be consulted on all matters relative to the playing fields) wanted £300 from the Council for any work done there.

Cemetery

A sign would be erected at the Cemetery to show it would only be open in daylight hours. The Council was still waiting for confirmation that it had approval to lay down the potentially dangerous memorials.

Allotments

Approval was granted for a group of volunteers who wanted to clear a neglected plot and rotivate and spray it.

Winter Lights

Lighting up was planned for Saturday 27th November. The lights would come on as it got dark and refreshments would be provided by the Shakespeare and the Milk Shed. Lantern making would take place at the Library.

Finance and General Purposes

These were the usual approvals of: the bank mandate; the appointment of an auditor; money for the Parish Councillors’ Poppy Day wreath; reserves policy; tender for grounds maintenance; and accounts for payment.

Other Matters

The Parish Councillors would send a note of thanks to Geoff Thorpe who had announced his retirement from the Village Hall Committee.

Next Meeting: Thursday 25th November

Harbury Parish Council News

Autumn 2021

Welcome to our latest round-up of parish council news.

Winter and Christmas Lights

We are building on the success of last year’s display and have purchased more lights for this year. They will be switched on late afternoon on Saturday, 27th November 2021. Please look out for more information elsewhere in Harbury News and on our Facebook page.



Budget 2022/23

Our financial year runs from April to March. We begin our annual budgeting process in late autumn with the final budget being approved at the January council meeting. We look in detail at every line of expenditure and compare it to what we spent last year, how much we've spent to date and how much we think we will spend by the end of the year. We do the same with our income. We take into account any special projects we want to fund, and any unspent funds at the end of the current year or transfers to reserves. We then work out how much money we need to raise from council tax (the precept) and how much that will cost per elector and the percentage increase on last year. If there is something which you would like the council to consider spending money on next year, please contact us as soon as possible.

Cemetery

Repairs to the chapel have now been completed with the final touch being renovation of the doors which have been treated with preservative while the hinges have been painted and well lubricated. If you've ever tried to open the doors, you will appreciate what a difference this should make. The interior of the chapel



has been completely cleared of all the rubbish which had accumulated over the years and shelving has been installed so that future storage can take place in an orderly fashion.

A **new memorial safety policy** has been adopted (available to read on our website, or a copy can be obtained from the parish council office). This sets out how inspections will be carried out and the processes to be followed for making memorials safe and contacting relatives etc. We are currently making plans for the memorial inspection which is due now and a formal notice will be displayed on the cemetery gates and village noticeboards in due course.

The number of available **burial plots** is becoming critical. Over the next few months, we will begin to use the last complete row of plots and when this is full, we will use the few extra spaces we created a few years ago along the edge of the burial ground at the rear of the houses in Park Lane. To ensure that we can continue to provide burial plots for as long as possible, the council has decided that it will no longer permit the purchase of a burial plot in advance, i.e., it will no longer be possible to reserve a plot. We hope people will understand the reasons for this.

We ask people not to use **glass vases/containers** for placing flowers on graves. They are easily broken and are a health and safety risk for all visitors

to the cemetery, including our staff and contractors, especially the strimmers and mowers.

Playing Field Drainage

Drainage works are to be carried out at the far end of the playing field and should begin within the next few weeks. This area is often completely waterlogged for weeks at a time during the winter months, making the path impassable without wellies, and the football pitch unplayable. We are hoping this work will make a big improvement.

Village Tree Planting

Lots of people have contacted us about this. It's great to know so many people are interested and want to help. More information about this will be available soon.



No-idling Signs

In partnership with HEI, we have placed an order for some new “No-idling” signs which will be installed at various locations around the village but particularly outside the school and the shops where drivers tend to let their engines tick over while waiting to pick up their passengers. Please switch off your engines. This is a very simple thing that everyone can do to help the environment and people's health.

Overgrown Hedges

We've received several complaints recently about garden hedges which are spreading across the footpaths. If you have a hedge on your boundary, please go and take a look from the footpath side and consider whether it is causing an obstruction for pedestrians. Please think particularly about older or less mobile people, including people with prams or small children, and those with mobility aids. If people have to walk in single file to get round it, it probably needs cutting back. If people have to walk in the road to get past, it definitely needs cutting back! Your help with this is much appreciated.

Attending Council Meetings

We are pleased to welcome people back to our face to face council meetings. Anyone can come along and listen to the debate. There is also a short time set aside at the beginning of the meeting for members of the public to ask questions or raise concerns about anything on the agenda. We have recently published a protocol for members of the public who wish to attend so you know what to expect and how to make the most of your time in the public forum. This is available on our website or from the parish office. If you have something you would like to raise with the council, please contact the clerk first who will advise you on the best way forward.



Councillor Vacancy

We currently have a casual vacancy for a parish councillor in the Harbury ward. The role of a parish councillor is diverse and interesting; no special qualifications are required as training will be provided but you will need access to email and the internet and you must be available to regularly attend council meetings on the fourth Thursday of the month. We welcome people from all backgrounds and of all ages from 18 years onwards. It doesn't matter if you are new to the village, or have lived here all your life, if you are keen to serve your community and willing to get involved, we would like to hear from you. Please contact the parish council office for more information.

Contacting the Parish Council

The office is usually open between 10.00am and 12 noon Monday to Thursday. Tel 01926 614646 or clerk@harbury-pc.gov.uk Casual callers are welcome, but if you are making a special trip, please phone first to make sure the parish clerk is available to see you, just in case she has another appointment or has had to go out somewhere.

Current Parish Council members contactable via the Parish Office are:

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



The first meeting of the Harbury Society since February 2020 took place on Tuesday, 19th October. It was well attended and was a very convivial occasion particularly as, instead of the usual cup of tea and biscuits, cheese and wine were on offer. The meeting started by holding the AGM which had been postponed from March 2020. The following members have agreed to continue in their current roles which are:

Ed Wilson - Chairman

John Smith - Deputy Chairman

John Holden - Treasurer

Sue Turner - Secretary/Membership Secretary

Linda Ridgley - Planning

The following remain on the committee: Margaret Wilson, Eileen Dronfield and John Hancock. The above were approved by the Harbury Society members present.

Following on from the business part of the evening, Gordon Robbins then gave a very informative and interesting presentation entitled 'The Honey Bee and Beekeeping - what's the buzz?' Did you know, the honey bee is the only

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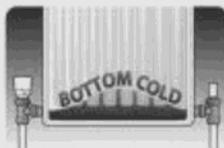
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insect which lives in a 'managed colony', with one queen, up to 50,000 female workers and up to 2,000 male drones in one colony at the height of summer? Gordon then gave a fascinating insight into the lifecycle of the honey bee - egg, larva, pupa and adult. Depending on the productiveness of the queen, the environment and time of year, a queen bee can lay approx. 2,000 eggs per day! The eggs hatch into larvae after three days and then worker bees feed the pupae for five days before these are sealed into their cell. They pupate from a white, legless grub into a winged insect, going through a series of stages or 'moult's'.

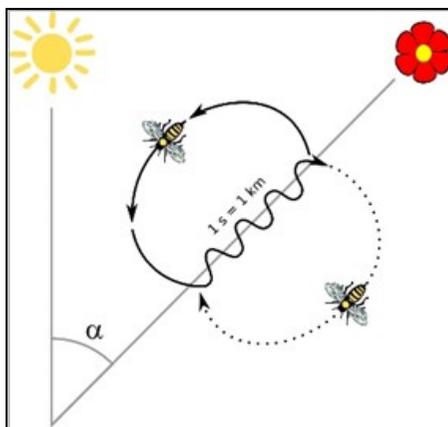


A worker bee is female and lives for around six to ten weeks in the summer and around six months in the winter. She spends the first three weeks of her life in the hive before she becomes a flying bee going out to forage for food. The colony needs both pollen, for new bees to be raised, and nectar, for making honey, with pollen being carried in pollen baskets on the last pair of legs and nectar being carried internally.

Each colony normally has one queen bee who can live for up to five years. She mates with a number of drones (males) but once she starts to lay eggs she is unable to mate again and usually never leaves the hive. A queen is able to lay fertile eggs that become workers or queens and infertile eggs that become drones.

The male drone bees never make honey or work in the hive. Their main purpose is to mate with queens which is performed on the wing.

Incredibly a honey bee, on returning to the hive, is able to communicate with the other workers in the hive to indicate the distance and direction of a good source of nectar and pollen by performing something called a 'waggle dance'. Within the hive, the direction the bee moves in relation to the hive indicates direction. If it moves vertically the direction to the source is directly towards the sun. The duration of the waggle part of the dance signifies the distance.



The Waggle Dance

Gordon had brought a beehive with him to demonstrate the structure of the hive and the function of each of the components. This provided a fitting end to the talk and members left with their heads 'buzzing' with all they had learnt. As one member later commented, 'Next time I have honey on toast for breakfast, I'll think about how many miles the bees flew to gather the pollen and nectar!!'.



At the beginning of October you may have seen a group of WI members doing their annual litter pick around the village. For obvious reasons, we haven't been able to do it for a while but most remarked how much the litter was reduced compared with previous occasions. The only exception was the spinney where there was a lot of litter!



Our speaker in October was Harbury resident Joe Greenwell who, along with his wife Ann, told us about their experiences during Joe's year as High Sheriff of Warwickshire. The role of High Sheriff has existed for over a thousand years. It's an independent, non-political role for a single year and their powers have waned over the years. Duties now include attendance at royal visits in the county and giving active support to judges, magistrates, police, emergency services, probation and the prison services. The High Sheriff also plays an increasingly active role in promoting a wide range of voluntary work within their communities. Joe made about 70 High Sheriff Awards during his year of office including to Harbury Parish Council for the community support during lockdown and Harbury Heritage Centre. There is a move to appoint High Sheriffs who are more representative of the community and not just landowners.

Joe and Ann's year ran from April 2019 to April 2020 so Ann's IT skills came into great use and they became very familiar with Zoom, Teams, Twitter and Instagram etc. Joe bought his official dress made of blue velvet which he had fortunately been able to buy second hand as it could cost £7,000 to £10,000. The legal service is usually held in October at St Mary's Church in Warwick - they held theirs in March 2020 when it was attended by six people and launched on YouTube.

Joe has also been a Deputy Lord Lieutenant for ten years and that role continues. He recently helped to raise funds for the restoration of the Lord Leycester Hospital in Warwick.

This was a really interesting talk and made additionally enjoyable as we welcomed two people who many knew so well.

Our next meeting on 11th November is our AGM when we shall also partake in some pudding tasting.

The final cinema of the year on 13th November will show the film "Official Secrets" - the true story of British Intelligence whistle blower Katharine Gunn starring Keira Knightley and Matt Smith. Tickets will be on sale at the chemist - if you want a ticket with fish and chips please buy your tickets by Wednesday 10th November.



Harbury Theatre Group

Geoff Allen

Well after all our trials and tribulations the pantomime rehearsals are well underway, (oh yes they are), with the group getting prepared to present Aladdin, a traditional pantomime on 25th, 26th and 27th November with a matinee performance on 27th.



We will be socially distancing so the number of tickets available for each show is just 100, so get your tickets early! Tickets can be bought from the Village Library and Chemists from Monday 8th November priced at £8 for adults and £6 for children 12 years and under. Problems with tickets phone Lin 01926 613488.

Refreshments will be available, with a bar for the evening performances (cash only).

New members always welcome and volunteers to help front of house are always needed. Ring Geoff Allen 01926 614500 if you are interested.



Harbury Twinning Association

Tony Thomas

There were so many activities taking place in the village on Friday 15th October, for which the members had earlier booked that we decided to postpone the French Film that we planned to show that evening and to show it after our Annual General Meeting which will be in the Tom Hauley room on Friday 19th November. This is an open meeting and if you are in any way interested in joining the Twinning Association please come along.

This year our Christmas Party will be held in the Tom Hauley Rooms on Friday 10th December. Details will be circulated to the members nearer the date.



Harbury Heritage Centre

Bill Timson

Elizabeth Smith nee Bird. 1841 to 1927

In September 2021 we had a visit to the Heritage Centre from Elaine Tomlins and her husband Dave. They had travelled up for the day from their home in Gloucester to look for Elaine's great, great grandmother Elizabeth's grave. Having tried the churchyard with no luck they then walked around the cemetery, again they drew a blank. I'm not sure if it was a coincidence, but as

it was a Sunday they were able to share their story with us in the Heritage Centre.

Elaine had brought two photographs with her; one of Elizabeth (right) and one of Phyllis Harper, Elaine's grandmother, getting married at Harbury Church in 1923. The photograph (below) shows the happy couple shielding themselves from the hard grains of rice being thrown! Although Elizabeth lived at 'The Yews', now called 'Yew Trees' in Mill Street in her later years, she lived most of her life in Northamptonshire.



Further enquiries to Alison Biddle, clerk to the parish council, verified that Elizabeth was not registered in the parish burial records which go back

to the mid 1800's. It was possible that Elizabeth could have been buried in Ladbrooke or another local village but we do not have access to these records so I suggested to Elaine that she contacted Warwick Records Office.

Terry and Viv Hunt who now live in Yew Trees, kindly looked at their house deeds to check for

Elizabeth; 'for many years the property was owned by someone called Hall, who had many tenants', replied Terry. They did find the sale agreement between Mr Hall and Miss Bird to purchase 'Bird's Cottage', next door to Yew Trees, dated 1919.



Elizabeth's brother was William Bird. The 1919 census shows a William Bird, born in Woodford, Northamptonshire in 1844. He had a daughter, Mabel Clare, (Miss Bird shown left) who was the reception teacher at the Wagstaffe School, she taught there for over 50 years; she died in 1975 aged 90; she was Elizabeth's niece.

Elizabeth died on 22nd February 1927 - she had left £144 1s 7d in her will.

William Bird died five years after Elizabeth and it says he was buried in the cemetery in Harbury.

Further research by Elaine found that Elizabeth was buried in the London Road Cemetery in Coventry and she intends to revisit and find her great, great grandmother's grave in the near future.

It's great when we have visitors to the Heritage Centre especially if they have a personal connection to Harbury.

Other News

We now have a copy of the 1913 land/property survey of Harbury. It includes maps and documents recording who owned and lived in the properties just before the start of World War One. You can quickly look through and find information as the survey is loaded onto our PCs. Don't forget we also have all of the Victorian Censuses which can quickly be searched if you are looking for relatives who lived in Harbury during this period.

At our AGM we agreed to invest in the 'British Newspaper Archives', a massive database of newspaper articles, local and national, dating back to 1800. Come and do a search to see what you can find!

The 2022 calendar is now available to buy. A collection of colourful paintings of Harbury scenes and events kindly painted by local artists; raising funds for Myton Hospice (£500 donated last year) and the Heritage Centre. This year the calendar has thicker paper and comes with a card backed envelope so you can send it off as a gift to friends and relatives.

If you would like a copy priced at £7.50, contact Bill Timson on 07813 739972 or leave a message on 01926 713389.

Next opening times for visitors to the Centre, entrance via Park Lane:

Sunday 21st November 2 to 4pm and Tuesday 7th December 7 to 9pm.

Post Script from Elaine Tomlins

The mystery of why Elizabeth Smith was buried in Coventry seems to be revealed.

Elizabeth's son William James Smith died in Coventry in 1912 and he is in the plot where Elizabeth is buried. Her grandson William Arthur Smith was one of the executors of her will and lived in Coventry to the age 90. 'Makes perfect sense now' said Elaine.

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Time's up

There is so much to say, all of it already said many times over decades, and so much to do in the little time we have left to avert a major climate catastrophe. I have recently attended several conferences, online and in person, often representing and presenting Harbury as a case study. We have acquired a reputation and achieved a lot in the village with a few. **Now we need the many.**

At the conferences the language gets starker, the dangers clearer, the need for action on climate and ecosystems clearer. And yet experts still speak of hope; but **only if we all act now** in whatever way we can. Even within the

next five years scientists predict that we will begin to see the dire consequences of inaction, obstruction and profligate use of resources over decades. The worldwide floods, droughts and wildfires across the globe, which we are already seeing, are a foretaste of what we can expect without determined action. No country will be immune. COP26 is deemed to be the last chance for global leaders to commit to action and follow it through.

The last major event that I attended was the Warwickshire Association of Local Councils online conference 'Climate Emergency: practical steps for Parish Councils', at which I ran two workshops on the transition to electric cars and community transport schemes. The event was well attended and Harbury Parish Council had a strong representation of four present. Our Council will now be discussing with HEI and other interested groups their action plans for addressing the climate emergency.

We cannot leave this to our local and national politicians, however. I urge you to join the effort to protect the planet and our children's and grandchildren's futures. Could you change to a renewable electricity supplier, reduce gas consumption by improving your home insulation, eliminating draughts, fitting TRVs, heating only the rooms you are using or wearing warmer clothes? Could you fly less, cycle more, share lifts, splash out on an electric bike or even a car? Could you repair rather than bin, eat more local vegetables and less meat, divest from fossil fuel companies, or write a protest email? Your chosen action could be to join HEI - HEI always needs new ideas: there's plenty of room.

Some may think that their individual actions have so little consequence against the total global emissions that making changes to their own lives and consumption patterns will be pointless. This is far from true. If all of us follow the advice that is readily available and act in concert it will be significant. In addition, UK politicians and democratic world leaders can only act if they can see they have the support of their electorates for the changes they know are necessary. We are all in this together, and there is hope if we act now - but if not, what could we say to the generation after next when they say - "But you all knew and still let the world burn?"

Whatever your circumstances, please play a part in our future.

	<h2>Harbury e-Wheels</h2>	<p>Peter Walshe</p>
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Murder at Raymondo's Nearly Sold Out!

This special event for e-Wheels in the Library has sold out on Wednesday 10th November but there are still a few tickets left for Thursday 11th November.

Tickets can now only be booked at the Library (the online quotas have sold out) and, if desperate, you can check for any returns.

We have a reduced audience size to ensure there is plenty of room and ventilation.

The John Stringer written world premiere is sure to tease, baffle and amuse you. See you there!



Harbury Rugby Football Club

Steve Kittendorf

The Harbury RFC Mini & Juniors have enjoyed getting back to fixtures on a Sunday morning with fixtures against Alcester, Banbury, Leamington, Rugby St. Andrews and Stratford. We have also had some Junior Warwickshire Cup fixtures, unfortunately the U14s missed out to a strong Birmingham and Solihull team, the lads put in a fantastic performance. Our U15s had an eventful match with Leamington that resulted in a 15-15 draw.



We are building relations with Coventry RFC following several first team players coming to Waterloo Fields to run training sessions on a Sunday morning at the beginning of the season. The next event is a takeover day at Butts Park Arena on the 6th November with all age groups involved in pre-match on pitch activities with first team players, then taking a seat to watch 80 minutes of Championship rugby!

Harbury 15 Old Yardleians 10

This was an excellent hard fought game between two evenly matched teams in this third league encounter for both sides in the 2021/22 season.

The closeness of the final result does not reflect the first half dominance that Harbury had. They won good set ball and competed effectively at the breakdowns.

Yet by half time Harbury had a narrow 10-nil lead, through two excellent tries but missed conversions and penalties. Despite this, excellent defence kept the home line intact.

A fully deserved win for Harbury which reflects the hard work put in by all the players.

Old Leamingtonians 2_s v Harbury 2_s

Despite conceding a try in the first five minutes, this appeared to settle the nerves and several attacks were mounted on the host's try line. The run of

play turned against the visitors when their open side flanker broke clear to score the first of his three tries.

The second half saw Harbury dominating both territory and possession to bring the score within four points before OLs ran in a try wide out with the last play of the game to win the match 33-24.

This was a credible performance by Harbury producing a great spectacle that bodes well for the rest of the season.

Pershore 27 Harbury 24

So often when these two teams have met at Piddle Park (yes really!) the result has been tight. Indeed this game was no exception with the outcome decided in the last four minutes.

A slow start by the visitors allowed Pershore's winger to slide through for a well taken try. Whilst Harbury came back well as Pershore conceded a number of penalties, the home side scored next with a converted try. This galvanised Harbury who with the backs especially effective created two tries before the break to put the game at 12-12.

Pershore added a penalty after the break. However, for the next quarter Harbury were dominant and very effective with ball in hand adding two further tries and gaining a try bonus point.

A penalty try conceded by the visitors in the last minutes of the game sealed the win for Pershore.



Harbury Tennis Club

Colin Mercer

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

As we moved towards Autumn we completed our club tournaments. The singles were a ladder format with 37 matches being played over the summer. Several ladies took part for the first time with the leader board changing frequently but, in the end, Sue Panton defeated her main challengers and deservedly retained the trophy she won last year. Special mention must go to Jeunine Crabtree for playing the most matches. In the men's section there were two clear contenders. Dan Chand, last year's winner played a lot of matches and tried hard to retain his crown, but eventually lost out to Ben Fish. Many thanks to Nigel Eaton for organising the ladder again.

For the first time we played the ladies' and men's tournaments on the same day and it proved to be a very enjoyable social event. Peter Walshe organised the draws and order of play for both events and as usual made sure there were plenty of competitive and produced his lyrical post tournament report!

Doubled up Doubles

"A sultry sunny Saturday saw sensational and scintillating tennis. For the first time we decided to hold the Ladies' and Men's Tournaments on the same morning, giving the Ladies choice of court. Naturally they chose Court 1.

The matches were extremely close and in the Ladies' group Jane Minchin and Sophia Green had to watch the final match, between Emma Brangwin and Linda Hassall against Lucy Ewen and Katharine Giblin, knowing that they would lose by one point to whoever won that last match. The honours went to Emma and Linda.

In the Men's draw some great lobbing and spinning from Keith Thompson and Chris Cousins was not quite enough for them to take the title. Equally close, the fight was on between Ash Chand with Peter Walshe versus Robert Stockdale and Colin Mercer. Robert and Colin prevailed. In fact,



Robert is now the proud doubles trophy holder for a record fourth time. Apparently, Jamie Murray was on the phone to him shortly afterwards trying to recruit him for next year's grand slams.

Decidedly determined and dramatic doubles definitely delightful!"

By the time you read this we will have completed our first matches in the Banbury Winter Leagues, weather permitting of course! We have one team in the weekend format and for the first time we have entered three teams in the floodlit competition - again, thanks to Nigel, our match secretary.

The Autumn coaching programme for children delivered by Coolsportz coaches Lianne, Adam and Scott on Mondays and Fridays is going well. It caters for all ages - Mini Reds (8 yrs. and under), Orange/Green (9-12 yrs.) and teenagers. There are also sessions for adults with Adam running the Rusty/Beginners on Monday evenings, Scott's Improvers/Advanced and Cardio on Friday evenings and Lianne's Ladies' group on Friday mornings. There are still a few places left, so if you're interested, please contact Lianne on 07919 104093 or lianne@coolsportz.co.uk



LOCAL FOODBANK - there is a facility in the village to donate non-perishable food to the 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 foyer during its normal opening hours. Thank you.



Harbury Pre-School

Staff & Committee



Imagination: One of my favourite things about working in a Pre-School is seeing the amazing places that the children's imaginations take them to. Planning is completed fortnightly but sometimes our best laid plans are put on hold due to the children having other ideas. Last week, we were looking at the story of

Noah's Ark and this led to a few children asking about boats and whether they could make some of their own. Cue the staff putting out some large wooden blocks in our garden and before we knew it, a large group of children were playing together to create a 'pirate ship'. It wasn't long before one child realised they were missing the 'sea'. We brought out a large mat and the children started jumping into the 'sea' and pretending to rescue each other. This had the added bonus of developing their physical skills too, not to mention co-operation and turn taking. It was really lovely to watch.



Collage: The children used their cutting and glueing skills to create some lovely plates of food. We supplied them with a selection of paper plates, pens, scissors, glue and magazines and encouraged them to create a plate full of foods they like to eat. It proved to be very popular and made us all feel very hungry!



Helping out: We had no shortage of volunteers to wash up after snack time and lunchtime. The children took their responsibilities seriously and we were very impressed with how well they worked together to wash and stack their plates and cups.

Speed Quiz

If you haven't yet attended one of our Speed Quizzes you have missed out on a treat. Come along to our next Speed Quiz in aid of Harbury Pre-School. Saturday 13th November at 7.30pm, Harbury Primary School - £5 per person, four people per table.

Email harburypreschool2@gmail.com for booking details.

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 website www.harburypre-school.org You can also find us on Facebook.



Village Hall Update

Andy Rutherford

It is really good to see the Hall being used again, with booking levels and general enquiries picking up from the village and surrounding areas. One recent enquiry was for a Model Railway Fair next year.

We have not been filling the Hall, as we have done in the past, but there is still an understandable degree of Covid caution out there. Our seated



capacity in the Hall is 130 people, and hirers of the Hall need to make their decisions about numbers based on the activity and the people attending.

Work has continued at the Hall with most of the "snags" from recent development now being fixed. The guttering and fascia around the kitchen and toilet blocks have been cleaned out and repainted. We are planning to install some bike racks at the front of the Hall.

On a sad note, Geoff Thorpe resigned from the Village Hall Committee this week. He will be missed, but after 20 years on the Committee and 12 years of that as Chairman, he is entitled to a break. Much of the development and progress at the Hall took place under his Chairmanship.



Harbury Village Library & Biblio's Café

Rich Fowler

Bus Timetables Since Stagecoach are not producing printed copies of bus timetables at the moment we have collated our own version for the services that stop in Harbury. Copies of this printed timetable are available at the library desk. Online copies are available on the Stagecoach website.



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My Life and My times with George Orwell:

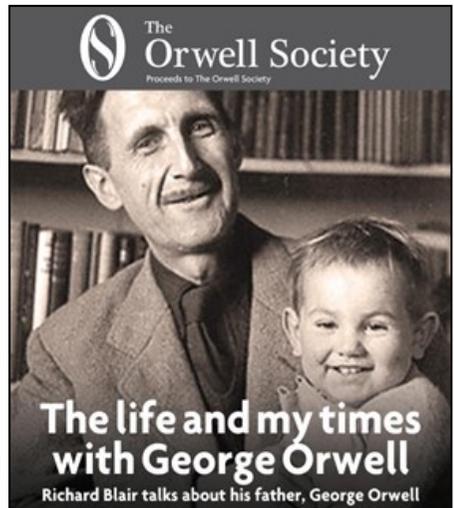
An illustrated talk about his father by Richard Blair, Friday 19th November 7.30pm at the Village Hall. Tickets £7.50 available from the library and online. Proceeds to The Orwell Society.



Volunteers Wanted:

Would you be able to volunteer at Biblio's Café or do you know of anyone in the village who has a few hours to spare?

Training and full support will be provided and you will meet like-minded people in a friendly atmosphere, while serving the community. For further details, please contact: biblios@harburyvillagelibrary.org.uk



Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2021: Once again this year you can pick up your poppy from the library desk.



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Library - Monday and Tuesday: 10am to 4pm, Wednesday to Friday: 9.15am - 4pm and Saturday: 10am to 12 noon.

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Harbury Village Club & Institute

Judy Morrall



Can you believe that October is fast drawing to a close and it is the end of British Summer Time? We have welcomed back our pool, darts, snooker and crib players. The charity quiz was enjoyed by all who came and I was able to let Cancer Research UK have a donation of £210 - excellent. All of the various village organisations who have used our concert room have been very pleased with the facilities and the friendliness of the bar staff.

AGM

Although not too many attended, the AGM was successful. Peter Bones has agreed to stand as President, Sarah continues as Treasurer and I as Secretary and we have joint vice presidents, Joanne Hunt and Adrian Exton plus - "drum roll" - four new committee members, meaning that we now have nine committee members. Peter is co ordinating photos of us all and the bar staff for our notice board. A nice touch and it will put names to the faces. Today, Tuesday 26th there is something completely different! There is a photo shoot inside the club for Raccoon who specialise in hair extensions. Will let you know how that went. I was blown away by the film Bohemian Rhapsody, so very moving and the actor who portrayed Freddie was absolutely amazing. The ending with Queen playing at Live Aid brought tears to my eyes. The children's Halloween disco is on Saturday and the ghost film Casper on Sunday afternoon.

Events for November are: on Saturday 6th from 1.00 to 3.00pm there is a chance to build a Guy which will be judged and then taken to the bonfire at the Village Hall. On Saturday 13th in the afternoon there is a party in the concert room. A busy day on Saturday 20th: firstly from 12.00 to 4.00pm, when we will be holding a table-top sale inside the Club. The cost will be £5 per pitch - a chance to sort through unwanted items and make some money towards the cost of Christmas. You will be able to buy drinks and tea and coffee and snacks. In the evening I will be hosting another quiz but this time it will be an early Christmas quiz. I was asked if I could do this at the last quiz and am happy to oblige. There is the usual bumper raffle. The concert room will open from 7.15pm and the quiz will start at 8.00pm only £3 per person. Everyone welcome, including non-members.



A date for your diaries on Saturday 4th December - we will be holding a festive family bingo which will start at 7.30pm. Another bumper raffle and seasonal prizes for a line and a full house. Next year we are hoping to restart the adult bingo sessions as many people have asked me about these. I will

give definite dates in my next article. So, as you can see, we are listening to our members and ensuring that there is something to please everyone and we look forward to seeing you. I will be putting up posters around our village and on our notice boards at the Club and we will post these events on Facebook.



Wendy kindly gave me a huge bag of mixed daffodil bulbs for the rockery at the club. I have planted some crocus bulbs and a couple more of my favourite plants, heucheras and will be planting violas and heathers but not until the very colourful display of dahlias and osteos have succumbed to a frost. I will replace the plants in the pots in about two weeks' time - never a dull moment!

Plenty of winter digging to do at my allotments next month and I have three compost bins full so this will be put to good use. Still getting courgettes, peppers, chillies, radishes, carrots and parsnips so lots of vegetable soup will be put in the freezer. Nothing goes to waste. I have also picked many seed pods from my runner beans and have a tin full of four different varieties for next planting year.

We have had a comedy of errors with our vehicles; the van was hit by a tractor and the Peugeot I was driving on my way back from the Plant Heritage meeting at the Lord Leycester was hit by a deer which came from nowhere. You couldn't make it up!!! I went back to see where the deer was and it was curled up in a ball and when I approached it, it ran off into the hedge.

We are still busy at Upton and, from November, our hours change from 12.00 noon to 4.00pm which often means that even though last entry to the house is at 3.30pm it can then be more than 45 minutes until the last visitor has left. Many properties nearby close from the end of this month so we could benefit. Last Saturday I spoke to many people who had not been before and were amazed at the artwork and porcelain on display. One chap thought they must all be copies!!! He had not been so close to an El Greco before and went into raptures over the paintings in picture gallery passage. So nice to be able to describe the paintings dates and people featured. Also they appreciate the stories of the family. My friend and I spoke to Sam Waley Cohen two Saturdays ago; he was visiting his parents at Upton Viva and had his youngest son with him. He is a lovely person and said to us that he thinks we do a marvellous job of volunteering. Such a nice thing to say. We said that we think his family is quite special too.

On that note I will sign off now. Thank you for taking the trouble to read my articles. The colours of Autumn are at their very best now from greens to bronze to reds. I hope that you will savour these days.





Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery

Christine Dakin

I'm very pleased to say that we had more visitors to the garden than in a 'normal' year who were very complimentary and generous. The donations for the National Garden Scheme have totalled £1500 which I'm very pleased with and I would like to thank those of you who contributed.

Even a mad keen gardener like me has to admit that this month can be one of the gloomiest and dreariest in the year BUT, if the weather stays reasonable there are a few things to do if you want to get out in the fresh air rather than be stuck inside all winter.

- Cut back the leaves of hellebores so the mice can't hide and nibble the flower buds.
- Store your dahlias somewhere dry and frost free along with other tender plants.
- If you still have bulbs to plant you might need to put some mesh over them to stop squirrels and mice digging them up.
- Speaking of squirrels, don't forget to feed the birds using whatever system you have to keep the squirrels off the bird food.
- Bare root trees and shrubs can be planted now. The Woodland Trust will be supplying many trees this winter to celebrate the Queen's platinum anniversary. This country has fewer trees than many others, we need to change that.



Bridge Nursery, Tomlow Road, Napton
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Nature Notes

John Hancock

The U3A Natural History Group met at Brandon Marsh, the headquarters of Warwickshire Wildlife Trust, on 18th October. After ordering lunch for our return at noon, we walked across Brandon Lane and through the gate of one of our newest Nature Reserves, Brandon Reach. Before leaving the Trust's office and shop area, it's a good plan to ask for a map of the way ahead. The track soon crosses the main railway line between Rugby and Coventry and enters a wooded section known as Piles Coppice which was new territory for me. Piles Coppice is a tiny remnant of ancient Arden woodland mentioned in the Domesday Book and praised by woodland expert Oliver Rackham. It is

amazingly healthy and survives against the odds next to the Coventry Eastern bypass. The area has been quarried for sand and gravel and a fair sized body of water has accumulated in one old pit.

Following recent rain and with temperatures in the high teens, fungi were much in evidence. There were plenty of Shaggy Inkcaps (aka Lawyer's Wig) and a cluster of Fly Agaric with their trademark red caps implying poison – do not consume.



Writing this on 27th October, the weather remains mild for the time of year in the southern half of the country. There have been no frosts here yet, though some wintry weather has come to Scotland with snow patches sighted high on the Cairngorms. It is only a week or so since grasshoppers were much in evidence as were Daddy-Long-Legs. With eight legs and a round body they are anciently related to spiders but lack spinnerets so no web. Instead they scavenge dead plant and animal material.

I have been collecting sweet chestnuts from the grass surrounding the group of trees between the Village Hall and Constance Drive. Each year as the trees grow the nuts have got larger and easier to find. Perhaps our warming climate has aided this increase in size and maturity of the crop.



Visiting our family in Sheffield, we were taken to the RSPB Reserve in the Dearne Valley. Here, in common with many other places rich in wildlife, sand and gravel extraction has given way to shallow lakes and marshland. We saw a Cormorant standing stock still with its wings outstretched. It was drying its precious feathers as the oils, which effectively waterproof many water birds, are in very short supply.

I've enjoyed reading 'The Salt Path' by Raynor Winn described by 'The Guardian' as 'a beautiful, thoughtful, lyrical story of homelessness, human strength and endurance'. Just days after Raynor learned that her husband of 32 years was terminally ill; they lost their home and livelihood. They impulsively decided to walk the 630-mile South-West Coastal Footpath from Minehead in Somerset to Poole in Dorset. Living wild and at the mercy of the elements, they backpacked and camped along the way. 'The Times' described it in 2018, when it was first published, as "*the most inspirational book of the year*". It conveys the human capacity for endurance and the regenerative power of nature. The book and its sequel, 'The Wild Silence' are both available at Harbury Library and I thoroughly recommend them to you.

I'm looking forward to hearing Linda Doyle talk to The Harbury Society about 'Medieval Deserted Villages Around Ladbroke'. That's on Tuesday 16th November at 7.30pm in the Tom Hauley Room. Book your seat by contacting Sue Turner, Membership Secretary on 07917 055920 or e-mail sue@turners.co.uk



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General Section

November - Month of Remembrance

Once again it is November, the month in which we remember the dead of two World Wars and those who have died in conflicts since 1945. Remembrance is in November because the First World War ended on 11th November, but it always seems a very appropriate time of the year with the golden autumn colours and falling leaves. Many of us will gather at the War Memorial and hear again those familiar names of the young men who left this village to fight and die. I should like to remind you of the story of one of those men who remarkably fought in both the First and Second World Wars, Richard Morris.



Richard William Morris was born in Hereford in 1893, the third of seven children of Edwin and Ellen Morris. Edwin was a shepherd and sometime in the 1890s he moved to work on a farm in Harbury. On the 1901 census, they were living in South Parade and eight year old Richard was at the village school. On the 1911 census they were living in Co-Op Terrace (now Ivy Lane). Edwin was now working in the limestone quarry. Richard was no longer living at home. Now eighteen, he had joined the army and was serving as a Private with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment at Budbrooke Barracks. In 1913 he went with the 2nd Battalion to Malta. The Battalion returned on the outbreak of war and in May 1915 sailed for the Dardanelles. They then landed on the Gallipoli Peninsula. This

ultimately futile campaign caused immense suffering on both sides. As well as fierce and relentless fighting, the men lived in terrible conditions and disease flourished. After enduring high temperatures while plagued by flies and lack of water, the men then faced a winter of severe cold with many suffering frostbite. Richard's Battalion was decimated and eventually with the rest of the British forces, they were evacuated in January of 1916. Richard spent the rest of the war fighting in Palestine. After the war ended, the battalion was stationed in Egypt and in 1920 Richard left the army with the rank of Lance-Sergeant.

Richard however did not return home. He had met and married an Egyptian citizen named Margaritte Zoudanos. She came from Alexandria and was of Greek origin. He found employment as a sales representative with a company producing yeast. In 1925 they came to Harbury for the birth of their only child. Elena Francis was born on 21st February at 10 Percy Terrace, his family home. Ellen Morris is outside the house on the photograph on the next page.

Richard and Margaritte returned to Egypt with their daughter, and I traced them next on the 1939 Register. This was taken as a preparation for war and Richard and his wife and fourteen year old daughter were staying with his younger brother Teddy at an address in Kenilworth. Richard gave his occupation as manager of a yeast company. They all returned to Egypt, and it was there, aged 46, that Richard applied to re-join the army. On his application, he gave his home address in Cairo. He said that he spoke fluent Arabic, French and Italian, that he had been resident in Egypt for twenty years and had a good knowledge of the country and its transport system. On 11th November, 1940, he was given an emergency commission and became a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army Intelligence Corps. He was later promoted to Lieutenant then Captain. On the 2nd June 1941 he was posted missing in Crete.



Crete was invaded by German paratroopers on 20th May, 1941. At first, they suffered heavy casualties and it looked as though the invasion would fail. However Allied tactical mistakes led to the fall of Makeme airfield in Western Crete and this enabled German reinforcements to be landed. The north of the island was overwhelmed, and the Allies withdrew to the south where the Royal Navy managed to evacuate about half the Allied forces. A few of the rest managed to join Cretan resistance forces. 3,579 were killed in the campaign and 12, 254 were taken prisoner including Captain Richard Morris.

Richard was held in a camp for officers known as Oflag 1X-A/H in Spangenburg Castle in North-East Hesse. Many of the officers there had escaped from other camps. He was probably sent there because he was in the Intelligence Corps. Although it looked like a fairy tale castle, conditions were spartan and extremely cold. Richard was no longer a young man and two years later, no doubt weakened by a poor diet and freezing temperatures, he died of pneumonia on 27th March, 1943. He was 50. He was buried in Spangenburg Cemetery but after the war he was reburied in Hanover War Cemetery. His grave bears the inscription -

'In memory of my beloved husband. Margaret'

Richard's wife and daughter returned to England in January 1945 having sailed on the SS Capetown Castle from Port Said but I have no knowledge of what happened to Margaret (as she was now known) after that. Elena who never married, died in Kenilworth in 2005 and Richard's cousin Audrey Atkins, who knew her, told me that she had travelled to Germany to visit her father's grave not long before she died. She would have been very proud to be the daughter of a man who had fought throughout the First World War and then volunteered his services in the Second World War and died in captivity.

Sharon Hancock



Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2021

Further to our article in last month's magazine, just a reminder that poppy merchandise is available from the following village outlets:

- Bull Ring Garage
- Harbury Village Club
- Harbury Supermarket
- The Fosse Garage
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- Harbury Co-op
- Harbury Village Library
- The Crown Inn
- The Gamecock
- The Shakespeare Inn

Alternatively, if you don't have any cash and would like to donate to the Royal British Legion direct then please go to <https://www.poppysshop.org.uk/pages/make-a-donation>

Every poppy counts!

Thank you for your support.

Gill Holden & Nicola Thompson



Harbury Craft Fair - Saturday 13th November 2021

The Myton Hospice Harbury Support Group would like to remind you that this year's Craft Fair will be held on Saturday 13th November from 10.00am - 4.00pm and, as always, entry is free.

The Village Hall will be full of lots of interesting handmade craft stalls; we have lots of new stalls again this year so why not come along and either treat yourself or make a start on your Christmas shopping!

As usual tea, coffee, cakes and hot lunches will be available throughout the day.

If you are able to donate a bottle for the bottle tombola or a prize for the raffle, please get in touch.

All donations are greatly appreciated. Please contact Shirley on 01926 612798 or Fiona on ficrossan@outlook.com if you can help in any way.

On behalf of the Harbury Myton Support Group I would like to thank you in advance for your continued support of our fundraising events and look forward to seeing you on the day.

Fiona Crossan



Harbury Ballroom Dancing Group

Ever had that **Strictly** moment and wished you could swirl or twirl on the dance floor?

Well now is your chance. No previous experience required, it's all very relaxed and informal, so do come along and join us.

Dance classes are held on Wednesday evenings in Harbury Village hall. The beginners' group is at 7.30 - 8.30pm with more experience dancers at 8.30 - 9.30pm. **You do need a partner** to dance with and costs are likely to be around £10 per couple per evening, but it's a non-profit group so the more couples we have the cheaper it will be.



For more information email harbury.ballroom.dancing@gmail.com

Do check before you turn up as we tend to book for sessions of five weeks with a few weeks' break at times.

Jo Marston



Wednesday Walks

We are still enjoying a mild autumn and waiting for the leaves to turn. I wonder if there will be a brilliant show or it will come and go in one gale. Part of the joy of autumn is the variety year by year. The high spot of October was our first "pub lunch" after so long. We rewarded ourselves for quite a taxing walk from Shotteswell with a meal at The Falcon, where we were well looked after. The next one is planned for 17th November at Clifford Chambers. (These are always optional for any who wishes to join in). As ever, we welcome anyone who would like to try us out: 9.40am in the village Hall car park; every Wednesday.



Harbury Senior Citizens Committee Update

We had various discussions about the Christmas party being held this year and as indicated previously we have decided to go ahead with it. Invitations will be delivered in November to those of you on our mailing list. We hope that you are looking forward to the Christmas Party and that you have the date set in your diaries. As a reminder, it will be on **Saturday 11th December in the Village Hall. Doors open from 5.30 for a 6.00pm start.** We are asking that replies to the invitations be returned to the library by **Saturday 20th November.**

Obviously, there may be fewer places available this year and we will be following whatever Covid guidelines are in place at the time, so final details will have to wait.

As usual we will be having a raffle at the Christmas Party. If you would like to donate prizes they will be most welcome and can be delivered to either 1 Park Lane or 32 South Parade.

If you want further information or are interested in joining or helping us, please contact Mike McBride on 612421 or Julie Clarke on 612066 or talk to a committee member.

Meanwhile, we look forward to seeing you at the party and hope that you will enjoy yourselves.

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

Repair Cafe

Our next Repair Cafe is on Saturday 27th November from 2pm to 4pm in the Scout Hut. Bicycles, household, mechanical and electrical items, wooden furniture and pictures frames, clothes, textiles and soft toys, leather, canvas, and webbing. And, of course, sharpening for knives, scissors, shears and garden tools.

At our most recent Repair Cafe items repaired included: a broom handle, picture frame, electric hedge trimmer, bedside lamp, and a 1982 Fisher Price 325 Alpha Probe toy spaceship.



If you've got any questions, or would like to volunteer as a repairer, please send an email to repaircafeharbury@gmail.com

Rich Fowler



A Concert of Carols and Christmas Music in aid of Harbury Church 'Heat Light and Stone' Appeal

Please put an entry in your diary for Saturday 18th December. This short early evening concert (at the church) will be your only opportunity this year to hear Christmas carols and songs in Harbury Church - sung by two very different choirs.

Firstly, Harbury's popular Folk Club Choir, plus instruments, will be performing traditional and modern folk carols and Christmas songs. In a contrasting genre, we are delighted that the Warwickshire Singers will be performing a range of classical Christmas carols and songs. There will be some carols for you to join in with and the money raised will go towards the Church 'Heat Light and Stone' Appeal.

The aim of the appeal, and of the concert, is to bring warmth and brightness to our beloved (currently unheated) church, so come along in your warmest winter clothes, enjoy a mince pie and mulled wine (included in your ticket price) and be treated to an evening of Christmas joy and celebration.

Look out for updates and ticket details on posters and social media in the coming weeks.

The Concert Team



An Adventure Around Harbury

All Saints Church will be holding an Advent trail around Harbury. Look out for the story of Jesus' birth in lit windows throughout Advent.

If you would like to join in and decorate your window as part of this, please contact Liz McBride on 01926 612421 or lizzie.mcbride@talk21.com

More details will be available via the church's website, village social media sites etc nearer the time.

Liz McBride



From your District Councillor

I hope that everyone is making the best of this mild weather at the moment!

I have been busy with casework, parish and community meetings. I am also working in the area as a community nurse, so please wave and say hello if you see me.

Just to let you know, I have held a few meetings in Biblio's, a great asset to the village of Harbury. My most recent meeting was with the local Police regarding issues in and around the village, mainly about local youths causing annoyance. The Police are onto it, so hopefully things will settle down.

I am concerned about issues over the bin collections in Ivy Lane, Harbury, along with parking in that lane. Following receipt of a few complaints. I have liaised with the local Police and the anti-social behaviour team at Stratford District Council. I hope as we move forward, folk will be kinder and more amicable to one another, working it out together especially between neighbours, without escalation to authorities to intervene.

I have arranged a meeting with senior management of Severn Trent. A few other Councillors are attending the meeting. Topics are varied with different concerns, such as pressure, sewage, septic tanks and information around planning applications that Seven Trent are required to provide.

Please keep safe, I hope that it stays dry, and that you enjoyed Halloween and Bonfire night! I hope to see you soon.

Cllr Jacqui Harris - Harbury Ward Member
jacqui.harris@stratford-dc.gov.uk



Southam & District Lions Club Santa Visits 2021

Father Christmas, assisted by Southam and District Lions, will be visiting Southam and our surrounding villages, starting on Thursday 2nd December. The sleigh starts out on its visits at 5.30pm each evening. This year Santa will only be stopping at five or six places each evening. The schedule below shows which roads he will be stopping in when

visiting Harbury. For details of the time he plans to be there look out for the notices placed at each stop and online. You can follow our progress on Facebook each evening, with up to the minute details of where we are. This year, the proceeds from our collections will be donated to two local children's charities, Zoe's Place Baby Hospice and Guy's Gift, which provides bereavement support.



We will be visiting Harbury on:

Monday 6th December - Harbury 1

Stopping at: Hereburgh Way, Manor Road, South Parade, Frances Road, Butt Lane

Tuesday 7th December - Harbury 2

Stopping at: Brooks Drive, Manor Orchard, Heber Drive, Dickens Road, Hillside

Note: All visits are subject to change or cancellation depending on the weather or the re-introduction of strict COVID-19 measures.

Tony Lorimer

Coastwise from Harbury Book Publisher

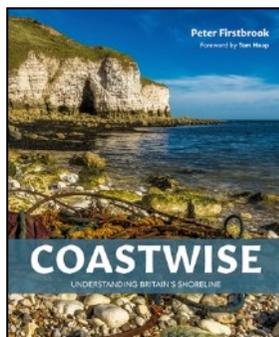
Harbury may be almost as far from the sea as you can get in the UK but Harbury-based book publisher, Fernhurst Books, is publishing a stunning gift book about Britain's coast on 2nd November.

BBC Countryfile presenter, Tom Heap, explains the book in his Foreword:

"As a sailor, scientist and programme maker Peter Firstbrook is clearly smitten by the bit of this country where solid meets liquid. And I get that. It is a dynamic strip of geography. A place of constant change and thrilling unpredictability. Benign golden sand or ship-shattering rock, computer-controlled container ports or snipe on a salt marsh, the author warms to them all and his feelings are infectious.

The sections of the book loosely follow an epic chronology of the forces affecting our coast - geology with tales of hard basalt and soft sandstone; geography and the effects of erosion, currents and weather; biology with abundant sealife; and then humanity with our trade, fishing and fun.

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The hardback book, packed with over 400 colour photographs and illustrations, retails at £35. The publisher is making it available to Harbury and Ladbroke residents at just £20. If you would like to see a copy, please contact jeremy.atkins@fernhurstbooks.com who can arrange viewings and purchasing at our registered office at The Windmill, Harbury.

Jeremy Atkins



LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors

We would like to thank everyone who donated money in memory of Colin Oliver at his funeral. A total of £340 was raised which has been divided equally between Prostate Cancer UK and The Air Ambulance. Thank you all for your generosity.

Laura Oliver and Family

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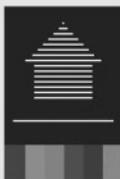
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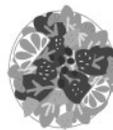


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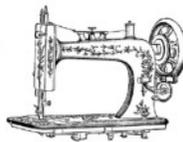
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Doors open 6.15pm Film begins 7pm

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