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EDITORIAL

A round up of local news

I am sure that you were all pleased to receive your September magazine and happy that the News is continuing to be printed. We look forward to working with our new printer 'Think Design and Print'. We also have someone to take over the design/layout of the magazine - welcome to Matt Lloyd. Nicola Thompson who has typed/formatted the H&L News for 13 years decided to step down from the role. Our grateful thanks go to Nicola for all of the dedicated work she has given the magazine over the years.

Having selected our new designer and printers, it does mean that we will need to bring our deadline dates forward by three days to a Monday. Reminder emails of the deadline approaching will continue to be sent out as usual. Unfortunately, we will also need to take a long hard look at our accounts. The increased costs mean that our income from subscriptions and advertising fees will not cover our annual outgoings. So it is likely that both of these income streams will need to be raised when renewals are due next year.

We hope that you agree that photographs enhance the appearance of the magazine. When sending in photos to accompany an article, could you please attach the photos directly to the email. We are happy for you to place them within the text as well indicating where you want them to appear. However, for better quality in the magazine, attached photographs work best.

After experiencing a hot, dry summer, September will start to bring autumn days. There will be the Village Show to attend, a film or two to see with the recommencement of the Village Cinema, as well as other group events.

September also sees many children starting Nursery, Primary or Secondary school for the first time with others returning to their familiar classes and friends. Older teenagers will be venturing further afield joining university courses. We wish them all well.

Ladbroke's family session 'Rock Detectives' held in mid-August was very well attended. The Heritage Group are keen to run more sessions for children, so if you are interested contact Jackie West. The newly formed Heritage and Friendship Group got off to a good start too with everyone enjoying the first meeting. The next exhibition in the phone box will be Ladbroke Record Breakers. Don't forget the Heritage Open Days 16th to 18th September where you will be welcomed into All Saints by some of the Ladbroke church volunteers.

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HARBURY DIARY

For local events

SEPTEMBER

- Thurs 1 Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
Folk Club, 8.00pm, Village Club
- Fri 2 Music Workshop, 5.00 - 6.30pm, All Saints Church
Harbury Beer Festival, 4.00 - 11.00pm, Village Hall
Sheep Dip Session: Doug Macleod music event, doors open 7.30,
show begins at 8.00pm, Harbury Village Library
- Sat 3 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of
Heat, Light & Stone Appeal
Harbury Beer Festival, 11.00am - 11.00pm, Village Hall
- Sun 4 TRINITY 12**
Sunday Communion, 9.00am
Icon Youth Club, 7.00 - 8.30pm, Tom Hauley Room
- Mon 5 Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall
Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall
- Tue 6 Meeting Point, 12.30pm, The Crown Inn (bookings by 2nd September)
Harbury Heritage Centre open, 7.00 - 9.00pm, Harbury School -
(Park Lane entrance)
- Wed 7 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car park -
Ebrington (hilly 3.5 miles)
Mothers' Union, service 2.00pm, followed by tea, Village Hall
Deadline for entries for Village Show no later than 6.00pm today
- Thurs 8 Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
Harbury WI, 7.30 for 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room - 1,000 years
at Canons Ashby by Jen Edwards
- Sat 10 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid
of Muscular Dystrophy
Harbury Village Show, 2.00pm, Village Hall
Ben and Soph's Jazz, tickets - 07515 275655, 7.00pm, Village Hall
- Sun 11 TRINITY 13**
Sunday Communion, 10.30am
Messy Church, 3.00 - 5.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall
- Mon 12 Toddler Group restarts, 9.30 - 11.15am, Scout Hut (behind Wight School)
Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall
Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall
- Tue 13 Bumps and Bundles, 10.30 - 12.00 noon, Tom Hauley Room

- Wed 14 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car park - Wormleighton (4 miles)
Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
Spellbound Dance Classes, 5.00 - 5.30 & 5.30 - 6.15pm, Village Hall
Ballroom Dancing, beginners 7.30pm, more experienced 8.30pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 15 Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
- Fri 16 'Life on the Light Side' an evening of entertainment in aid of ewheels, doors open 7.00, starts 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Sat 17 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Heat, Light & Stone Appeal
Harbury Village Cinema presents, 'Downton Abbey - A New Era', doors open 6.15, film starts 7.00pm
Quiz Night, 7.30pm, Harbury Village Club
- Sun 18 TRINITY 14**
Sunday Communion, 8.00am
All Age Communion, 10.30am
Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall
Harbury Heritage Centre open, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Harbury School - (Park Lane entrance)
Icon Youth Club, 7.00 - 8.30pm, Tom Hauley Room
- Mon 19 Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall
Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall
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- Tue 20 Bumps and Bundles, 10.30 - 12.00 noon, Tom Hauley Room
Harbury Theatre Group meeting, 7.00 for 7.30pm, Village Club
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- Wed 21 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car park - Long Itchington with optional lunch at the Fox & Hen (4 miles)
Connections (Dementia) Café, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
Spellbound Dance Classes, 5.00 - 5.30 & 5.30 - 6.15pm, Village Hall
Ballroom Dancing, beginners 7.30pm, more experienced 8.30pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 22 Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
Harbury Society talk, 7.30pm, Tom Hauley Room - Harbury Schools - presentation by Bill Timson
Harbury Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Fri 23 Harbury WI Harvest Supper, 7.00 for 7.30pm, Village Hall
Cash Bingo, 8.00pm, Harbury Village Club
- Sat 24 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Church Flowers

Harbury Local Market: 10.00am - 12.30pm, Village Hall
Repair Café, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Scout Hut (behind Library)
Stone Meadow Band, 9.00pm, Harbury Village Club

Sun 25 TRINITY 15

Sunday Communion, 10.30am
Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall

Mon 26 Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall
Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall

Tue 27 Bumps and Bundles, 10.30 - 12.00 noon, Tom Hauley Room

Wed 28 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car park -
Upper Boddington (4.5 miles)
Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
Spellbound Dance Classes, 5.00 - 5.30 & 5.30 - 6.15pm,
Harbury Village Hall
Ballroom Dancing, beginners 7.30pm, more experienced 8.30pm,
Village Hall

Thurs 29 Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room

Fri 30 Macmillan Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room
Dementia Café, 2.30pm, Community Hub at Galanos House, Southam

OCTOBER

Sat 1 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid
of Meeting Point

Sun 2 HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday Communion, 9.00am

Mon 3 Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall
Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall

Tue 4 Bumps and Bundles, 10.30 - 12.00 noon, Tom Hauley Room
Meeting Point, 12.30pm, The Crown Inn (bookings by 30th September)

Wed 5 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car park -
Napton (one hill, 4 miles)
Mothers Union Communion Service 2.00pm followed by meeting
2.30pm, Tom Hauley Room - Gemma Took - Iona

Thurs 6 Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
Folk Club, 8.00pm, Village Club

Fri 7 Second Sheep Dip Session music event, doors open 7.30,
show begins at 8.00pm, Harbury Village Library

Sat 8 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid
of Harbury Society



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Refuse Collection Rota

Week Commencing Monday	Thursday Collection - Harbury Friday Collection - Deppers Bridge	Friday Collection - Ladbroke
5-Sep	F - R - W - G	F - W
12-Sep	F	F - R - G
19-Sep	F - R - G	F
26-Sep	F - W	F - R - W - G
3-Oct	F - R - G	F
10-Oct	F	F - R - G
17-Oct	F - R - W - G	F - W
<p>F = Food caddy - R = Recycling (blue bin) W = Waste (black bin) G = Garden (green bin) Thursday Collection - Harbury Friday Collection - Deppers Bridge and Ladbroke</p>		

Well a bit of a shaky start with the new bin collection service, with quite a few houses not having their bins emptied when supposed to. Hopefully the service will improve over the next few weeks. It turned out that all of the houses in the streets near Harbury Church that had been given a Wednesday collection rota, were actually to have their bins emptied on Thursdays along with the rest of the Village. Also some of Ladbroke is on Wednesday not Friday!

A Stratford on Avon District Council App can be downloaded from their website, which amongst other things will give you a reminder of which bins and when to put them out. See - www.stratford.gov.uk/waste-recycling/waste-and-recycling

John Holden



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FROM THE RECTOR

Rev Andy Batchelor

The Rectory, Vicarage Lane, Harbury ☎ 01926 714295 ✉ rev.andyb@gmail.com

The recent heatwaves that we have all experienced both here, and more particularly across Europe, have had a devastating impact, causing both enormous fires and a drought which has led to many rivers and reservoirs dropping to historically low levels. A number of water companies across England have introduced hosepipe bans, and although we have not been subject to a ban yet, we have been asked to be careful about how we use water. As we face the challenges of such a dry period I was reminded that we can also encounter times of spiritual drought in our personal lives. In the psalms

we see this reflected in the words - 'My soul thirsts for God, for the living God'. As I wrote last month we all experience different seasons in our journey through life - there are times when we prosper and thrive, times when we are fruitful and fulfilled, but also times where we struggle and feel dry and barren, and can believe ourselves cut off from others and even from God. At such times the care and support of a church family can help us to make it through. The thing to remember is that these times will pass - just like the current drought the seasons will change, the rains will inevitably come, and through it all, although God may seem to be far away, in reality he is right by our side, and he promises us the water of everlasting life which can never dry up.



Action soon

All being well, we expect to see work beginning on the heating and lighting in the church this Autumn. The radiant panels have been manufactured to our specifications, and are awaiting shipping and fitting. The scaffolders, fitters and electricians are prepared to begin soon. Now there comes a delicate balancing act to ensure effective cash flow.

We anticipate a major grant from HS2; we should know if we are successful by the end of September. HS2 will only match funds we already have in hand; so it is not possible to spend the money and receive the grant retrospectively. We can only claim a VAT refund as a Listed Place of Worship after invoices have been paid; so initially, we have to pay the full invoices of our contractors. This means an outlay, on the heating alone, of nearly a quarter of a million pounds.

We need to raise more money; building costs, like everything else, have risen. There will be a presentation in church to launch this second appeal, and a display for all to see of the planned work. The project will make greater use of social media to reach the widest possible audience.

The task remains a tough one, but we have been heartened by the statement of the Archbishop of Canterbury that the Church of England aims to be carbon neutral by 2030. All Saints Church, Harbury, could well be a pioneer; other churches may follow in our footsteps.



LOCAL FOODBANK - there is a facility in the village to donate non-perishable food to your local Foodbank, which supplies the surrounding 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.



MOTHERS' UNION

Gillian Hare

We had a happy time, meeting members from Southam and Whitnash in the room attached to The Hub - the new café at Galanos House and to be recommended. We celebrated our founder, Mary Sumner who, as the wife of a vicar in rural Hampshire, realised that many young wives lacked support in quite difficult times. We enjoyed a mouthwatering tea followed by a short service.

We start our autumn season with a service at 2pm on 7th September, when we hope to enrol a new member. The venue will be determined by the situation with the building work; if Church is full of scaffolding it will be in the village hall. Either way there will be tea! Friends are more than welcome to join us then.

October's meeting will be on the 5th.



LADBROKE NEWS & DIARY

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

SEPTEMBER

- Sat 3 Ladbroke Matters Coffee Morning, 10.00am, Village Hall
- Sun 4 TRINITY 12**
Family Communion, followed by refreshments, 10.30am
- Tues 6 Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Wed 7 Friendship & Heritage Group, drop in between 10.30am - noon, Church
- Sun 11 TRINITY 13**
Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am
- Tues 13 WI, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Wed 14 Parish Council, 7.45pm, Village Hall
- Fri 16 Heritage Open Day, 2.00 - 4.30pm, Church
- Sat 17 Heritage Open Day, 10.00am - 4.30pm, Church
- Sun 18 TRINITY 14**
Holy Communion (BCP), 9.00am
Heritage Open Day, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Church
- Mon 19 ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY PHARMACY,
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- Tue 20 Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge WI Group Meeting, 2.30pm, Napton
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Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am

OCTOBER

Sun 2 HARVEST FESTIVAL

Family Communion, 10.30am

Informal Village Harvest Brunch (all welcome), 12.00 - 2.00pm,
Village Hall

Tues 4 Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Wed 5 Friendship & Heritage Group, drop in between 10.30am - noon,
Village Hall



LADBROKE CHURCH NEWS

Peter Rigby

www.ladbrokechurch.org.uk

August is of course the holiday season and most of us have been fortunate enough to have been able to get away for a week or two of R&R over the summer. We are particularly grateful to Rev. Ann, Peter and Gemma Took and Margaret Clarke for leading or preaching during the weeks whilst Rev Andy has enjoyed a well earned break, enabling our weekly services to continue as normal.

Before we know it, the autumn season will be upon us. Looking forward to the beginning of October, we shall be once again hosting a Harvest Brunch in the Village Hall, following our Harvest Family Service, on Sunday 2nd October. Our Harvest Service will be at 10.30, and the Brunch from 12.00 - 2.00pm. All welcome to drop in; brunch is free but we shall be accepting donations (cash or non perishable produce) for Crisis Fareshare.

Services and events this month:

Sunday 4th September	10.30am	Family Communion
Sunday 11th September	9.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 18th September	9.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 25th September	9.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 2nd October	10.30am	Harvest Thanksgiving, followed by
	12.00 noon	Harvest Brunch in Village Hall.

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Our summer outing on 9th August was to the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire. We were welcomed by one of the team and were very grateful for the refreshments on offer. Some of us attended the very moving daily act of remembrance in the beautiful chapel. We had booked a guided buggy tour and the volunteers had a wealth of information on the various memorials we visited. The Arboretum has been open for 21 years and with some 150 acres and over 400 memorials to see, it would have been impossible to see them all in one day. We did, of course, visit the WI memorial. Although it was a very hot day, there was a welcome breeze and the covered buggies provided protection from the sun. The restaurant had an inviting range of dishes on their menu and the shop was well stocked. As well as the buggies there was a train ride available, together with a good number of mobility scooters for the less able to get around the extensive site. We were all very impressed with how the NMA was managed and the tributes were created with such thought and care, each one beautifully maintained.



The Group Meeting originally planned for July had to be cancelled because of the extreme heat and has now been re-arranged for Tuesday 20th September. The details are unchanged, meeting at Napton Village Hall at 2.30pm and tickets are £6.00 to include a buffet and glass of wine. The Warwickshire Federation Show takes place on 24th September at Dunchurch Village Hall starting at 2.00pm. Further details can be found on the WFWI website.

Our September meeting, on Tuesday 13th will be a chance to hear about Hill Close Gardens. We look forward to seeing everyone again then and new members are always most welcome.



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.



Coming Soon!

Our next coffee morning is scheduled for **Saturday 3rd September** in the village hall so come along to enjoy a drink, read the paper, or just have a chat. All are welcome including children and dogs.

Unfortunately we are now unable to screen the Last Night of the Proms on 10th September. However, more events are being planned for the Autumn, including screenings of **England men's football World Cup qualifiers** and **possibly a supper and film night**. More details will be available soon.



Our Annual General Meeting is scheduled for **Monday 21st November** in the Village Hall. It will be an opportunity to meet the team, hear about what we do, and our plans for next year.



To book your special celebration in our village hall, or if you wish to hold regular classes or meetings, contact Debs (07779 225105 or email debs.dptv@gmail.com). The rates are still £15 per hour with a generous 20% discount for Ladbroke residents.

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 JULY 2022

£50	Cara Jenkins	£25	Alan Lord
£50	Emma Hampson	£10	Colin and Kay Constable
£25	Mary Coley	£10	Steve Copley
£25	Russell Griffith	£10	Joan Perry

Margaret Bosworth



LADBROKE PHOTOGRAPHY

Kip Warr

We took a break in August and went our various ways to enjoy the sweltering heat. We shall reconvene on 6th September at Ladbroke Village Hall, using the darkening evening to experiment with light. Mike Todman will again lead the session as we light buildings with torches and photograph twirling light sabres to give dramatic colours, shapes and effects.

On 11th October we shall have a competition and photopic on pictures taken during earlier outings. Then, on 8th November, we shall have a talk with photographs from the Red Sea.

For more information about this very friendly and informal club please contact ladbroke.photoclub@btinternet.com



Painting with light



LADBROKE GENERAL NEWS



LADBROKE HERITAGE

Jackie West & Nicky Lewis

Repairs

The church and churchyard were workmen-free during August but they should return in the next few weeks to add some final touches to the lychgate and any 12 month remedial work on the stonework. It's hard to believe it's only a year since the masons left us with those lovely new buttresses.

Activities

Family Sessions



We had a full house (12 kids) for Rock Detectives in mid-August and they were fast learners, quickly distinguishing their Great Tew from their Hornton Ironstone and White Lias from pale sandstone. Making sedimentary, metamorphic and igneous chocolate was good fun as were the scavenger hunts but the biggest reaction was the collective

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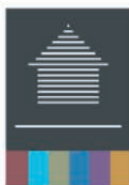
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"Wow" when the first fossil sample - a large cluster of ammonites, was unwrapped. We are keen to run Rock Detectives again and also our new topic Maps, so please get in contact with Jackie on 810331 if you are interested.

A Puzzle

What were those people wandering around the village peering at houses and signs last month up to? They were cracking the clues in our Treasure Trail to discover who helped Robert Catesby hide his stash of cash and where. Want to have a go yourself? All you need is a copy of the trail booklet, a pencil and an hour or two. It's been given the thumbs up by a wide range of people: families, teenagers and the young at heart and is ideal to entertain visitors on a fine day. The booklet costs £5 and is available from church after services or call 810331 to arrange to pick one up at other times. You can also buy it from Harbury Library, Southam Heritage Centre and Bishops Itchington Village Store.

Heritage and Friendship Group

There was a real buzz at our first meeting as people looked at old photos and shared stories and chatted over a cuppa and homemade biscuits. Thanks to everyone who came, especially Clive and Angie for bringing the photos of the Ladbroke Football Team, complete with its "manager", Mr Timms. Our next meeting is on Wednesday 7th September 10.30 - 12.00 noon in Church.



Ladbroke Record Breakers

Our next exhibition in the phone box will be on Ladbroke Record Breakers. "Have we any?" you might be thinking? Yes, lots as it's going to be a (mainly) quirky display. Please nominate your entries in the following categories by 30th September, ideally with a photo or some other evidence, that we can display.

- resident who has lived here the longest or shortest time (human or animal)
- most outrageous headwear
- most elegant handwriting
- best use of non-recyclable plastic
- rustiest object
- largest collection of spices
- hairiest pet
- most complicated origami
- most ingenious home-made thing (invention, sculpture, puzzle)
- biggest smile

Entries from residents, village hall users, friends and family are all welcome. Nominations for winners in other categories along the same lines are most welcome too, that phonebox has lots of windows to fill!



Talks and Tours

Our new digital projector has had its first use and we are getting a steady trickle of requests for more talks and tours. If you belong to or know of a club that is starting to plan next year's programme, they might be interested in:

- A guided tour of Ladbroke Church and/or village, with the option of refreshments in the Village Hall (or at the Bell Inn)
- An illustrated talk. Four topics are available: Stained Glass, Alice and the Adventurer, Ladbroke Village, Ladbroke Church Repairs

Schools

We are inviting primary schools who want to *Bring Learning to Life* a FREE school trip to Ladbroke Church and have both *Religious Education* and *Rocks & Fossils* lesson plans prepared. However, if the prospect of organising a trip out is too difficult to contemplate, we can also bring Rocks and Fossils to you. Please see the for schools page of our website www.ladbrokeheritage.org.uk for details or contact Jackie on 01926 810331. This is possible, like all our Ladbroke Heritage activities, thanks to support from the National Lottery Heritage Fund.



HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

9th - 18th September 2022

Jackie West

Heritage Open Days is England's largest festival of history and culture. Every September thousands of volunteers across the country organise events to celebrate our fantastic heritage. It's your chance to see hidden places and try out new experiences - all of which are FREE to explore. Some happen every day during the festival but many are only on one weekend and some just happen once, so do take a look at the website www.heritageopendays.org.uk to find out what's on, when and if you need to book.

Here in Warwickshire there are over 60 places/events for all tastes. There are lots of **guided walks** in Southam, Leamington (the town itself, Jephson Gardens, the Station, Foundry Wood) and in many other places and a Midland Red heritage bus tour. The technically-minded can find out about wet plate photography at Rugby Museum or go on a tour of Rugby Cement works. **National Trust properties** are free (but for one day only).

As the title of the festival suggests there are many old buildings throwing open their doors, including a considerable number of churches. You can see the spectacular chapels at Princethorpe College and St Marys Warwick, an Orthodox church in Rugby and an early Baptist meeting house in Alcester. Many town and village churches across the country are taking part in Heritage Open Days and Ladbroke Church is no exception. Although our church is usually open 10am to 4pm every day of the year, during our special opening days for the festival, which this year are Friday 16th - Sunday 18th September, we will be there in person each afternoon and also the Saturday morning to welcome visitors. So come along and bring your friends to find out more about Ladbroke's 700 year old church and its fine stained glass. Or discover local geology and the fossils within the stone walls. Children are welcome and there is a special interactive booklet to guide their explorations. This year's national theme is Astounding Inventions, so we will also have a small display about ours. Can you guess what they are? Here is a clue - all three are noisy.



LADBROKE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Nigel Rock

New Waste Collection Arrangements

After many months of planning and not a little controversy, the new 123+ waste collection has started. It featured two big changes - a weekly food waste collection and a switch to three weekly collections for general waste. What was not expected were changes to the blue/green bin recycling collection routes and, in some cases, collection days. According to the press, the District Council has declared the roll out a 'success with minor issues'. I can't agree. Our area has had something more than teething problems. Ironically much of this is not to do with the new food caddies and

the three weekly general waste collection (although some is), but with other matters, such as poor communication, late deliveries of caddies and general lack of knowledge of our rural area by new teams.

I have been in fairly continuous communication with Council staff, other Councillors and the cabinet member responsible to attempt to iron out specific problems and understand the overall picture. I have had a look round the villages in the ward to try to understand the 'wrong days' problem. Some villages have been split with collections in one part and not another on the same day. This seems a bit illogical, was unexpected, and I would not be a surprised if it gets changed in the future.

There have been some complaints about maggots in the food caddy and no doubt the hot weather has not helped. It is worth noting that the three position handle is supposed to lock the lid. It needs care to make this work as some of the bins had a distorted locking feature as supplied. Keeping it locked will much reduce the chance for flies to get in. Residents should check this. Also we have found that using starch based bin liners in the small caddy, then transferring them to the big one keeps the whole thing a nicer operation - but you must use compostable liners (to standard EN13432).

If you have problems with your waste collections it is best to email 123collections@stratford-dc.gov.uk but if you can only phone, its 01789 260123.

What is quite good is the new app for smart phone users which tells you all about the collections and it will send you reminders. You can search on your phone for the Stratford District Council app, or look at this link <https://www.stratford.gov.uk/waste-recycling/waste-and-recycling-app.cfm>

It is a bit frustrating that some of the questions that were raised by myself and colleagues at the outset months ago were dismissed then. That said, the objective to remove food waste from the general waste and deal with it separately is a good idea in principle for environmental reasons. For those that already do home composting - don't stop!

I will continue to press for the special case of stoma and colostomy patients together with that of disposable nappies. I have found there are systems elsewhere to deal with this.

Drought

The hot dry weather has produced challenges in our supplies locally and is likely to do so for a while. When it does rain, strangely, dry ground does not soak up water readily and water can run off without penetrating in the normal way. With our clay soils in most areas here, ground movement can damage underground pipes adding to supply problems with bursts. I have had several discussions with Severn Trent about bursts and their investment programme to replace vulnerable supply routes. I can foresee there will be much competition for such investment! Please report any leaks you see and conserve water as much as you can. Remember that farmers and livestock owners are key consumers who have limited options in cutting back.

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Sue Wright

Once again Teams4u will be distributing Christmas gifts in shoeboxes to vulnerable children and families in Romania, Belarus, Bosnia, Moldova and Georgia. As before, I will be coordinating our local contribution to this year's appeal. There will be different ways to get involved but if you want to start gathering items to go into a shoebox, that would be great.

More details to follow in the next few weeks.

Further information can be found on the Teams4u website (www.teams4u.com) or by contacting me - Sue Wright on 07768 333675 or suewright21@googlemail.com.

Thank you in anticipation – these boxes really do make a huge difference to the children and families and never more so than in the present circumstances.



HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Linda Ridgley - Harbury News Correspondent

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

July 2022 Meeting Report

The Parish Council has erected a Memorial Bench in memory of Lisa Tebaldi, kindly donated by Lisa's family, on the Old New Inn green.



Public Participation

Harbury Energy Initiative member David, explained the County's Walking and Cycling Plan. He was disappointed that Harbury was not mentioned in the plan when the village already does such a lot for the environment. He had attended one of the open sessions and learned that the plan is mostly about hard infrastructure in mainly urban areas, e.g. cycle paths. It's not obvious what Harbury could ask for in terms of infrastructure but he urged the parish council to respond and let WCC know that we are interested in doing more. He suggested a cycle path from Harbury Lane towards Gaydon in the future if money became available. The cycle path along the railway between the end of Middle Road on the far side of the Fosse and Whitnash also needs maintenance.

Amanda Randall asked the council to help provide Swift nesting boxes for residents to install on their houses, as it had become difficult for the birds to find suitable nest sites now. She suggested we could become the "First Swift Village", and asked the PC to fund the project. She also said that the Council's Tree Planting Scheme could also benefit the birds.

Tom Chalmers put forward a proposal to set up an Environmental Community Orchard somewhere in the Village.

Other Bodies

The Library has a Summer Reading Challenge for School Children, with special Library Cards for the 49 Children who had already signed up.

Village Hall reported that some trees would need to be pruned as they were screening half of the car park from the CCTV.

District Cllr Jacqui Harris thanked Harbury PC and Harbury RFC for supporting Lighthorne Heath's displaced football team which had had problems with travellers. County Cllr Chris Kettle reported that a timetable had been set for the improvement of the Bendigo Mitchell Crossroads where there had already been two serious accidents in July. Work is now expected to start towards the end of August. HS2 had broken through the Tunnel they were constructing and would now start back on the second one. They had part funded work on part of the old Lias Rail line to Rugby. He thanked the Harbury Footpath Group for strimming the path/cycle way that went to Whitnash from the Fosse. He raised concerns about events at the Quarries where there had been Outwood Bound-type activities with barbeques and children swimming in the Blue Pool - where there have been fatalities in the past. Signs are erected there to warn of the dangers of jumping into the pool, and the police are "keeping an eye" on the site.

Our Stratford District Councillor Jacqui Harris reported that there was still no Health Provision to be provided for the huge Upper Lighthorne development which will add 7,200 new residents to the area. It appears that the Integrated Care Board (formerly the Clinical Commissioning Group) believes that the surrounding Village Surgeries could cope with this influx!

Planning

Cllr Sam Allen had no concerns about any of the Planning Applications which included applications for tree work. A protocol for Pre-planning Application meetings with developers has been adopted.

Environment

Money has been set-aside for Village Tree Planting and urgent Treeworks. Unfortunately trees recently planted on the Playing Fields have suffered by not being watered. The Council hoped that the next plantings could be watered by residents.

Roads, Street Lights and Pavements

A lantern in Hall Lane had been broken by a falling tree, but as the tree was on private land, the landowner will be asked to cover the costs. Bush Heath Road Speed Limit is to be extended at a cost of £3,500 - which surprised some councillors as it is £500 more than the original estimate but would now include improved signage for horse riders.

Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan

Cllrs agreed to support the plan in principle.

Properties

The Harbury Future Energy group's plans to install a Temporary Wind Measurement Mast on the Playing Fields for six months to judge the potential usefulness of the



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location. Councillors wanted to see a method statement of how it was to be installed and required reassurance that any damage to the Playing Fields would be fully repaired. HRI Wellesbourne Football Club's use of the Playing Fields was confirmed.

There were concerns about the care of the War Memorial but Cllr Alex Potter offered to look after it.

The Council are seeking someone to do maintenance on the Memorial garden in Chapel Street.

The Council's Tree Surgeon gave them two options to preserve a Cherry Tree in the cemetery:- to reduce and lift the "crown" or to "Balance" it away from the nearby memorial by thinning, however the main problem appears to be the Aphids feeding on the leaves which is staining the memorial!

The Properties Group will find a replacement for the Bird Bath Bowl in the cemetery that was installed in memory of Cllr John Drinkwater.

Residents have complained about the Anti-Social Behaviour in the Car Park at the rear of the Village Hall. This has been reported to the Police.

Finance and General Purposes

Two new benches for Deppers Bridge playing fields will be paid for by funds recently received by the parish council from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).

The new BT Contract which includes a new digital phone line will save £180 a year.

Current Parish Council members contactable via the Parish Office are:

Tim Lockley (Chairman), Keith Thompson (Vice-Chair), Samantha Allen, Julie Balch, Jess Dominick, Steve Ekins, Alan Knowles, Alex Potter, Andrew Rutherford, Janet Thornley



HARBURY SOCIETY

Sue Turner

On Tuesday 16th August, sixteen members of the Harbury Society enjoyed a very interesting visit to the Buffalo Farm at Napton which had been postponed from July due to the heatwave. Jackie and Roger Alsop, the farm owners, along with their son, James, and nephew, Stuart, were our guides for the afternoon. The tour began in the farmyard with an introductory talk by Roger which began by informing the group that there have been Alsops farming in Napton since the 17th century. After 25 years of milking Friesians, Jackie and Roger decided to diversify into milking water buffalo. They started at the end of 1999 with 20 milking cows and a bull and in 2007 they sold the remaining Friesians and increased the buffalo herd to 80 milkers. They're now milking approximately 140 cows with around 100 young stock. The total herd is currently around 300. They're tame, friendly and curious animals.

Water buffalo are so called because in the wild they inhabit swampy, wet areas. In



Roger Alsop, with son James to his right, giving the introductory talk at start of tour

Napton, the buffalo have created a wallowing hole using water that has leaked from the canal which runs alongside the field where they graze. They produce far less milk than Friesians but it has exceptional qualities such as a high solid content which makes it excellent for making cheese (mozzarella and bello - a hard cheese), ice-cream and other dairy products. Buffalo milk is very white and smooth with less cholesterol than cow's milk and is an important source of protein and calcium. The meat from water buffalo is very lean. It's known for its nutritional value, helping to reduce the level of fat and cholesterol and is primarily used to make burgers, sausages, and steaks.



A herd of very inquisitive buffalo

Female buffalo usually give birth to a single calf every two years with the gestation period being 10 months. Apparently, the birthing process is far easier than with other cows, needing less intervention by the farmer or vet. Roger and James estimated they had been called on only two or three times over the years to assist a buffalo cow give birth. Water buffalo can live for 40 years but are usually killed at 20, as compared with a Friesian whose lifespan is approximately 20 years and culled at six years.

The tour progressed around the farmyard to see the buffalo in different pens at varying stages in their life from young calves, to the adult cows being milked. The group had the chance to sample milk, meat and cheese which had been sourced from the buffalo and all agreed they were delicious. Products from the farm can be purchased locally at the Napton Village Stores, Hilltop Farm, Kineton Village Market and Harbury Local Market which Roger was very complimentary about regarding the support the village gives him. All in all the visit was a fascinating insight into the life of the handsome and endearing water buffalo.



Stuart in the milking parlour

And now for something completely different!

Thursday 22nd September

'Harbury Schools' - a presentation by Bill Timson, Chairman of the Harbury Heritage Group. A static display detailing the history of the Harbury Village Library (housed in what was formerly the Wight School) will be on show at the same time.

Saturday 8th October

Coffee morning in the Tom Hauley Room, 10am-12pm. Cakes and raffle.

Tuesday 18th October

'The Salt Routes' - a presentation by Anthony Poulton-Smith.

Tuesday 15th November

The Site Director of Wessex Archaeology will give a presentation on the excavation at Coleshill Manor which was discovered as a result of HS2 construction in the area.

If you would like further information about the Harbury Society or would like to become a member, please contact Sue Turner, Secretary, on 07917 055920 or email sue@turners.co.uk.

On 21st July about 20 members gathered at the Village Hall for our annual Games afternoon. Ladies enjoyed playing games such as Jenga, Smite and just having a chat and a cup of tea on a slightly cooler day. Thanks to Lin Hayes for organising the afternoon again.



On 11th August 32 members enjoyed our annual garden party. What a difference a year made! In 2021 we needed marquees to shelter from the heavy rain and this year we needed them to provide much needed shade. A very enjoyable evening - thanks to Geoff and Gill Thorpe for allowing us to use their garden again.

Our speaker at the meeting on 8th September will be one of our members - Jen Edwards - who is a guide at the National Trust property in Northamptonshire. Her talk is called 1,000 years at Canons Ashby. We know that a number of new residents have settled in the village during the summer; new members and visitors are always made very welcome. We meet in the Tom Hauley Room, at the back of the church, at 7.30 for 7.45pm.

WI members are going to start running the rural cinema in the Village Hall again in September. On Saturday 17th September we shall be showing "Downton Abbey - A New Era" doors open at 6.15pm for a 7pm start. For obvious reasons, we have had to slightly increase the price of tickets - £11.50 to include a portion of fish and chips plus two raffle tickets. Tickets without food remain at £6 with one raffle ticket. We are grateful that Suresh and his staff in the Chemist have agreed to sell tickets again - CASH only and they would appreciate the correct money, if possible. Tickets with food will need to be purchased by 14th September. There will be a bar as usual and ice-cream on sale.

We look forward to our Harvest Supper on Friday 23rd September - please ensure that you have let Ann Mayer know if you and a guest are planning to attend.



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HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

Lara Flatters

Well well, our quiet down time in summer turned out to be quite eventful!

Having decided on our November production of 'The Affairs at Meddler's Top' we held read-throughs and auditions, and have now cast the show. Scripts are distributed and I'm sure we've all taken our copies on our summer jollies and *ahem* 'perfected' our lines! Many of the cast had begun work on this play before the pandemic forced an unfortunate, untimely, stop and so there is great enthusiasm among the group to restart work on this most farcical of farces which should be great fun to participate in and spectate!

We also look forward to hosting 'Second Thoughts', an am-dram group from Stratford who have organised a collaborative fundraising event to support Harbury e-wheels. The evening will be packed with poetry, music, short verses, monologues, and a fantastic original one act play sure to warm your soul. If that isn't enough to tempt you, with all proceeds going to e-wheels, it's a great excuse to prop up the bar.

Dates for your diary:

16th September: 'An evening of light entertainment' Second thoughts fundraiser for e-wheels. Doors at 7pm at the village hall. Tickets are available from the library or online via TicketSource.

20th September: Monthly meeting followed by social 7pm village club.

24th, 25th and 26th November: 'The Affairs at Meddler's Top' Tickets not yet available. Contact: harburytheatregroup@gmail.com



FOLK CLUB

Sue Hartland (Tel: 612734)

The theme for August Folk Club No. 427 was "Flowers" and all the performers chose their songs accordingly. The Harvesters commenced with "The Rose of Allandale" and "Wild Flowers". Rick followed with "Buy Broom Besoms" and the very appropriate "The Seeds of Love". Dave Fry (with help from Martin Day) gave us "Henry My Son" and "Flowers in the Rain". Martin Day sang "Poppies" and then the very popular "Old Bazaar in Cairo". Des sang a rousing "Go Down You Blood Red Roses" followed by "Nelson's Blood". Peter Mason was next with "A Place Called England" and "Rosie". Peter and Liz closed the first half with "Crazy Man Michael" and "The Lambs on the Green Hill".

Don kicked off the second half with "The Banks of the Roses" following up with "I'm Grateful". Robin was next up with "Whose Garden is This?" and an instrumental called "The Rosehip". Rik gave us "Brigg Fair" and The Harvesters and the audience followed with "Where have all the Flowers Gone?". Peter McDonald performed "England Green

and England Grey” and then one of my favourite songs “Feel So Near”. Peter Mason continued with “The Setting” and then Pete Bones gave us the hilarious “Wild Mounting Time”. Keith brought the evening to a close with “The Best Thing in the World” and “Plagiarism Blues”.

A big thank you for contributing to the raffle which made £50 for Myton Hospice.

The theme for the next Folk Club on the 1st September is “Relationships” and Debbie will be in charge. We look forward to seeing you.



HARBURY TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Ron Temple



August has been a quiet month for the Association but we do have an evening of Boules to look forward to and a late September BBQ get together.

Our friends in Samoia have invited us to visit them in late Spring of next year which, of course, we are looking forward to.



HARBURY HERITAGE CENTRE

Bill Timson

The school holidays seem to bring a lot of extra activity to the village. Harbury Heritage is not all about really old documents and photographs although we do have mostly those in our collection. Recording today’s events is equally important as it adds to the ‘historical’ record of the village to be looked at by future generations.

Mike Bloxham, a life-long Harbury man, pictured right, lived in Mill Street; he was a keen photographer and he took it upon himself to be present to capture nearly every village event and in doing so he left a wonderful legacy for visitors to the Heritage Centre to look at. Many of Mike’s photographs appeared in editions of the Harbury and Ladbroke News right from the start in 1974; we are indebted to him for all the time and effort that he put in right up to his untimely death in 2010. Thanks go to Doreen, Mike’s wife, for lending us this picture of him relaxing in the garden.



I feel that I have done a little bit of ‘Mike’ this month (not to his standard of course), and have photographed some village events which will add to our collection.

Progress on the lovely old building that was the Old New Inn public house, to turn it into a home for David Vials and his family, is moving forward with great pace. The photos overleaf show recent progress.



Around the village ground workers have been busy installing the first part of the new fibre optic technology. The photographs show the work taking place at the corner of Park Lane and Bush Heath Lane.



Around the corner ground work is also taking place and the new road is in which will service the six new 'eco-homes', soon to be built.



Finally, a new era of refuse collecting started in August. Food waste in small bins will be collected every week on Thursdays. The bin is matched in size by the collection lorry as you can see in the photograph here.

The Heritage Centre, based in the school grounds, will be open to the public on Tuesday 6th (7 - 9pm) and Sunday 18th (2 - 4pm) of September. Entrance is FREE!

Contact us on group@harburyheritage.org.uk or visit our Facebook Page 'Harbury Heritage Centre'.



On Saturday 20th August 19 families turned up and supported our village Treasure Hunt. It stayed fine too!

There was a motley crew of pirates to greet the families and to make sure that they paid their £5 entry fee! Mary and Sue checked them in and they received the clues and a map to follow. In all there were 20 clues to be solved, including picture clues.

On return the children found 'Gold Bars' in the Lucky Dip, one young man even found an old coin!





The parents received a scroll with the 'correct answers' on and more detailed information taken from our collection.

Two families got all of the clues correct and there had to be a draw to decide the overall winner.

There were three lovely prizes; all of the items were kindly donated., mainly by the Heritage Group Committee and Karen Rea, our school link representative. There was enough 'Treasure' to fill a large Chest and two smaller hampers for the second and third places.

Shown right are the Lines and Robertson families and the overall winners the Skidmore family.



A BIG THANKYOU to all the people who took part. £95 was raised towards the Heritage Centre running costs but more importantly we were able to share some of the history of Harbury with its younger residents.





HARBURY ENERGY INITIATIVE

Bob Sherman

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I would love to be bringing you another big hot story about what we are doing on energy and climate. There was heat but no big story yet, as we await the outcome of the County's bid to the government Low Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Fund for our Harbury Future Energy charging station project. When that happens I shall certainly update you. In the meantime here's some other news.

Network events

Our Low Carbon Warwickshire Network (LCWN) Steering Group has been busy, however, working with a sustainability group from Boddington, just across the border in Northants, on an event early this month.

These smaller local events that we run with community groups that have joined LCWN or have an ambition to form are tailored to stimulate practical measures for their communities and share experiences and ideas. If you want to keep up with information on the technology and what you can do at home to lower your emissions and keep costs down, we have another event on 15th October in Kenilworth that you might like to attend. I will soon be putting out information on that event on Facebook, in case you would like to register.



LCWN event Henley-in-Arden

Big Oil

Some of you may have seen the shocking BBC2 documentary series, 'Big Oil versus the World' in late July and early August. In this we were made aware that the major oil and gas extraction companies, particularly Exxon, knew from their own research in the late 1970s that their activities would have a major and dangerous impact on climate. They chose to suppress this information (echoes of tobacco companies and smoking) and then through decade after decade to undermine and attack the science that showed where we were heading because of our profligate use of fossil fuels. This makes them culpable in what is happening now across the world. Economics versus Existence would be a reasonable description of the argument. Former US Vice President Al Gore has described it as equivalent to a war crime.

The heat wave should have convinced us all that the climate emergency is real and happening now. Exxon knew in 1978 what effect fossil fuel burning was going to have on our climate. Nevertheless they chose to suppress the results of their own scientific research and deliberately lie, confuse and bribe their way past the inconvenient truth that they were destroying our climate and putting at risk millions of people. It is clear also that global governments and press have been complicit. Even now the oil industry is persuading governments that the best solution to energy prices and the Russian stranglehold on gas is even more exploration of fossil fuels. This government's politicians, we are told, see it as a low priority and are happy to acquiesce.

Home energy bills - government advice

It is imperative that all of us step up to the challenge of improving our home energy efficiency especially now that our energy bills may become a bit eye-popping in the new year, putting millions more into 'fuel poverty'. HEI is occasionally asked for ideas and recommendations on home energy efficiency. Our focus has always been on practical measures and we are keen to help. There are, however, regional and national agencies that can do this better than we can. The government Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) has recently launched a new online service on the GOV.UK website, offering people impartial advice and recommendations on home energy efficiency. As well as offering suggestions through a simple questionnaire, they also estimate the costs, potential financial savings and possible sources of grant funding. Not using energy is a good way to cut bills and carbon emissions but you have to have a liveable home environment, so not all economies are sensible.

The BEIS service is still in development. I have tried the service and can tell you that it needs some nuancing and additional features. This should come with users feeding back on what they need to know that currently isn't there. You can access the service on:

www.gov.uk/improve-energy-efficiency

More locally Act on Energy (www.actonenergy.org.uk) provides an excellent service with support on energy solutions for people on low incomes across the region. If you are seriously concerned about your ability to pay for your energy after October, you might like to see what help they can offer.

Ted's Tech Trawl

“At last! at last!” rejoices a jubilant Ted. “Some new technology that might be useful for Harbury residents: a zero emissions all electric boiler to replace a floor standing oil or gas boiler.”

Our government wants gas boilers to be replaced with all electric versions. The only choices so far have been direct electric ones piped into the radiator system but the price of daytime electricity makes them very expensive to run. The other choice is a heat pump, be it ground or air source, driven by electricity. These are only suitable for very well-insulated houses because the heat fed into the radiators can only be at a relatively low temperature compared to a gas or oil boiler.

With the all-electric ZEB (Zero Emissions Boiler) the clever part is that it only heats up using the cheapest electricity on economy 7, or with an Agile Tariff such as provided by Octopus Energy, which can be even cheaper.

The heat is held in a ceramic core which can be heated up to 800deg. C and then released slowly into the water radiator system at 60 to 80 deg.C as required by the central heating system.

The boiler is a direct swop for an existing floor standing boiler, simply connecting to the existing pipe and electric systems. It can also be programmed to take power during the day from PV.

The British company who designed and are making it are Tepeo Ltd of Winnersh in Berkshire. For more information, search:- tepeo.com



The Zero Emissions Boiler



HARBURY E-WHEELS

Peter Walshe

harburyewheels@gmail.com www.harburyenergy.co.uk

“Life on the Light Side” Charity Performance

Harbury e-Wheels is very pleased to be supported by Second Thoughts Drama Group (based in Stratford-upon-Avon) and our own Harbury Theatre Group with an evening of Light Entertainment on Friday 16th September at 7.30pm (doors and bar open at 7pm).

There will be a fun selection of sketches and songs together with “Happy Talk”, a recent hit one-act short play, and the Velvet Glove of Margot McCleary. Also taking part are Harbury favourites, Caroline Cartmel, Celia Stockdale, Sue Harris and Chris Barber.

Tickets @ £7.50 (proceeds to e-Wheels) are be available in Harbury Village Library and on TicketSource (just search on the site for “Life on the Light Side”).

We would be delighted if as many of you as possible could support this worthwhile cause (and in so doing have yourself a hugely enjoyable evening).



HARBURY RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Steven Kittendorf

Pre-Season training, designed and planned by Head Coach Josh Biggs, got underway in earnest from July. Sessions held on Tuesday and Thursday nights concentrated on Skills and Fitness followed by sessions in Attack, Defence, Break-Down and Set-Piece, working towards a pre-season friendly over at Old Leamingtonians. Great numbers have been turning up to train each week; new players have arrived and signed up which all bodes well for the start of the new season away to Kings Norton on Saturday 3rd September. We are looking for new and old players as we want to build a squad where the emphasis is to play serious rugby on the pitch but just as importantly have a great social side off the pitch.

The ladies' "touch rugby" team at Harbury are offering four weeks of free introductory sessions for any new players interested in starting a new sport, making new friends and keen to get fit. Claire, lead coach at Harbury, is the regional assistant coach for the U18 Girls team "West Wildcats" and also plays for the England Women's 35s team. We offer an opportunity for girls aged 13 to 59 to play touch rugby in a positive and encouraging environment. Whether you previously played team sports or would like to give it a go for the first time, we welcome everyone.

Three of our ladies' team made history playing in England's first Women's over 40s tournament. This is a huge step forward for women in sport, giving us an opportunity to play higher elite level with women our age.

Training is every Thursday from 7pm to 8.30pm at Harbury RFC. Please contact Claire on 07506309821 for more details.

Harbury has always encouraged girls to join in the game of rugby. For girls from the age of 8 to 13 wishing to play Touch Rugby, without full contact, come and join us at Harbury every Sunday 10.00 until 11.15. This is a "Summer" sport and does not play through the "Winter" months. A warm welcome awaits you.

Cricket continued every Saturday throughout June together with a couple of 20-20 matches on Tuesday nights. Cory's "Boot Camp" continued on Mondays at 5pm and "Slimming World" held their meetings in the Clubroom every Wednesday from 5pm.

Mini and Junior training for various age groups started on Sunday mornings in August.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to Waterloo Fields for the new season. Registration and training takes place over the first four Sundays in September from 10am to 11.30am across all age groups.

Registrations: Existing members - beat the rush and register now for the new season! New members - September is free of charge, why not give it a go? All ages welcome.

Dates for your Diary

- 3rd September - Away to Kings Norton
- 10th September - Home to Old Yardleians
- 17th September - Away to Pershore
- 24th September - Home to Rugby Welsh
- 16th October - Harbury "Minis Festival"
- 29th October - VPs Pre-Match Lunch
- 2nd December - Wooden Spoon Charity Lunch



HARBURY TENNIS CLUB

Colin Mercer

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

Tournament Organiser Peter Walshe reports that, as ordered, the evening was warm, verging on hot, and delightful for the annual BBQ Tournament which attracted many entries (20 fine players young and older). The complex algorithm was rolled out again to ensure that everyone played with a different partner for four matches in the qualifying round. Two groups of ten battled it out to gain the most games won to progress to the semi-finals.

The BBQ was lit (under stringent safety conditions with buckets of water and a hosepipe standing by to alleviate any potential disaster) and players had a strategic choice of when to cook and when to eat during their breaks from play. Most seemed to manage (although one or two swigged a beer at an inopportune moment that affected their subsequent scores!).

The top eight then qualified for the semi-finals and this was extremely tight because of the closeness of the group matches with Dan Chand, Ed Lockley, James Owen and Wendy Lewin, making it through to the final. Owen and Wendy were narrowly beaten by this year's worthy champions Dan and Ed.

And so we doused the BBQ with water, turned off the floodlights and happily went away into the warm night.

The most recent league fixtures produced two wins, both by the same score of 5-4. Due to a late withdrawal the "A" team travelled to Middleton Cheney for a Division 2 match with only two ladies, Emma Brangwin and Eira Owen, plus Ben Fish, Neil Browne and Ed Lockley. This meant conceding 3 of the 9 rubbers but a brilliant team effort saw us win five of the six played to come home with a fine win! The "B" team were also on the road and Lucie Ewen, Angie Clifton, Hannah Benjamin, Ash Chand, James Edge and Ian Reynolds went to Deddington for a Division 4 match and came home with a 5th win of the season. Only five points separate the top five teams so Harbury are still in the promotion race.

The coaching programme delivered by Coolsportz starts again on 5th September. Scott Smith has moved on after doing a great job for us and we're welcoming new coach, Ian Shorrocks, LTA Level 2 Accredited. Great news is that Ian will be running sessions on Mondays and Fridays, so back to a full coaching programme again. Lianne Candappa will continue to run her Ladies and 1-2-1 sessions on Friday mornings. For more details contact Lianne on 07919 104093 or lianne@coolsportz.co.uk



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HARBURY TODDLER GROUP

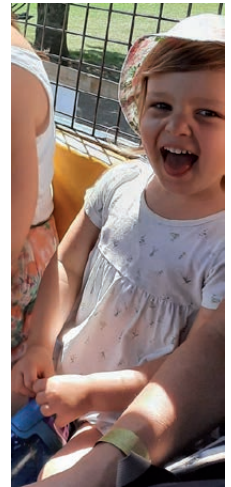
Lynne Barton

Hello from everyone at Toddlers

We will be welcoming back, on 12th September 2022, familiar and new families, it will be lovely to see everyone again after a very hot summer.

At the end of our last session we held had a super summer trip to Hatton County World, tractor rides, meet and greet, our own tent, lots of animals, magic show, rides - what is not to like?

Thank you to all those who came here are some happy memories.



Thank you and farewell

We said bye bye to some children whom we have really enjoyed meeting and spending time with and we know the teachers at Harbury School will love them as much as we did.

They were presented with Graduation Certificates and went happily back to play.

Good luck Amber, Joseph, Ellie, Willow, Eleanor and Locke.

We are usually modest but what a lovely message to receive from parents, we were so proud.

Just wanted to email you to say thank you soooo much for a wonderful year at Harbury toddlers to you and the team.

We so appreciate all the effort and time you put into the group, it's honestly the best toddler group we've ever been to and even better as it's in the village!

Always lots to do



We were joined by a great new guest who we have only recently discovered but she is the fabulous June Lee from Chatterbox Tunes. She uses music, songs and sensory props to create a happy atmosphere which everyone can join in with.

We will have Miss Chiara from Love Ballet to look forward to and another brilliant visit from Rachel from Rhythm Time and Lydia from SpOt Drama - can't wait!!

We had some wet fun with our water play, we haven't used the trough for ages as we struggle to get it out of the shed but with bubbles and pourers the children really enjoyed it. Here is Suzi our volunteer, helping out. We discovered when we came to empty it there was a leak and it had been steadily dripping all morning, nice clean floor, time for a new purchase perhaps !

Pop in and say hi'...

Please do help spread the word that we are running our regular Monday morning (9.30 - 11.15am) Toddler sessions are at the Scout Hut located at the rear of the Library. There is always plenty to do, a warm welcome, a nice cup of tea or coffee and all this for just £1.50 per session. All welcome, you don't have to be 'toddlings' to attend.

With much affection, stay safe and we look forward to seeing you all very soon. Love from Lynne, Selina, Reg, Debbie, Suzi and Judi x x



HARBURY PRE-SCHOOL

Staff and Committee

Hot, Hot, Hot

We made the most of the heat as best we could and enjoyed a whole host of different water activities.

We are fortunate to own and have been lent a few parasols (thank you Alice Mellings) which ensured our outdoor area was as shady as possible and the children went outside first thing while it was still relatively cool.





The children watered the plants and shrubs which were very thirsty and played in our large water tray with tubes, funnels and jugs for pouring.

We also filled the tuff tray with water and the children thoroughly enjoyed splashing about in their bare feet.

During the heat of the afternoons, the children returned indoors and accessed the indoor water tray. Ice lollies went down a treat for afternoon snack!



End of Year Picnic

Fortunately, the weather cooled down just in time for our traditional Picnic.

It was a lovely afternoon. The parents were able to chat, while the children enjoyed playing on the play equipment with their friends. It was a lovely way to end another year at Harbury Pre-School.

Thank you so much to all the parents and Committee for all their support over the last 12 months. We couldn't do it without you!

New Term

By the time this article is published, the children will be getting ready to start their new schools. We wish them all the best and lots of happiness. We are sure that they will thrive.

We will be welcoming some lovely new starters who will be joining our remaining cohort and are looking forward to another year of learning, friendship and most of all fun!



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



HARBURY VILLAGE HALL

Andy Rutherford

This summer has been most notable for one thing in particular - the difficulties the Village Hall has had in finding Volunteers for almost anything. Other organisations around Harbury have been seeing the same sort of problem, and it seems that attitudes have changed in these post-Covid times.

The Village Hall is a great Community facility, and prices have been kept to a minimum by the activities of Volunteers. Services have to be maintained with or without volunteers, and our inability to get volunteers will inevitably increase prices.



Our excellent current Treasurer is leaving in a few months time, and we are struggling to find a replacement. The Hall does need to produce accounts for the Charity Commission so we may well consider paying for the services of a bookkeeper/ accountant to oversee the returns.



HARBURY LIBRARY & BIBLIO'S CAFE

Rich Fowler

Summer Reading Challenge

After two years with limited participation, the number of children signing up for this year's challenge has been back to close to pre-pandemic levels. Encouragingly 11 children joined the library just so that they could take part. In addition to the challenge itself we have put up posters around the library of famous Warwickshire Gadgeteers, and have run two Gadgeteer themed children's craft workshops, including one which we were lucky enough to have Masa Chiba lead, at which children learned how to make a spinning toy and an origami frog.

Craft Materials

During the summer we have been putting out children's craft materials on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. We will continue to do this throughout September to see if this is something that people want.

Board Game Fridays

From Friday 9th September we will be reintroducing our Board Game Fridays. Come along and play one of our games with your friends, or bring a game of your own. Tea, coffee and biscuits available.



Book Bear Passports

Although the Summer Reading Challenge will end on Saturday 3rd September, our Book Bear Passport scheme will carry on. Children get a bear paw stamp in their Book Bear Passport every time they visit the library. For every six stamps they receive they earn a certificate, each of which contains a story about Biblio the Library Cat. Once they have got 24 stamps they get to choose a reward from the Book Bear's Box of Rewards, and the grown up who has brought them to the library receives a token for a free drink in Biblio's Cafe.



Tunes and Tales

When school starts again, Tunes and Tales will revert to its usual time of 9.15 on Thursday mornings.

Home Delivery

If you, or someone you know, can't get to the library, you can still borrow books. Either browse our online catalogue and request the books you'd like, or simply phone us, tell us your favourite authors or the types of books you like and we'll make a selection for you and deliver them. When you've finished with the books, let us know and we'll come and collect them. Our phone number is 01926 258776.

Sheep Dip Session

The second Sheep Dip Session will be held at 8pm on Friday 7th October and will feature Eilidh Steel and Mark Neal (fiddle, guitar, and vocals). They will be performing traditional music and songs from the rich musical heritage of Argyll and the West Coast of Scotland alongside their own compositions and songs. Doors open at 7.30. Tickets £10. Bookings via michael.luntley@gmail.com or in advance from Harbury Village Library.

Biblio's Cafe

You may like to meet friends and family in Biblio's cafe and enjoy a range of coffees made from freshly ground beans with a choice of cows milk or oat milk, a hot chocolate or choose from a selection of teas.

You can select from a range of cakes made locally by our talented group of bakers. Or why not choose from a range of home-made scones served with butter and jam or a freshly toasted teacake or a portion of brown or white toast.

We also serve cold drinks which are suitable for children.

We look forward to welcoming you to Biblio's Cafe in the heart of the village.

Regular Opening Times

Library: Monday and Tuesday - 10am to 4.30pm;

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday - 9.15am to 4.30pm; Saturday - 10am to 12 noon

Biblio's Cafe: Wednesday to Saturday - 9.15am to 12 noon, Saturday - 10am to 12 noon

Bookings can be made via the following email address:

bookingsbiblioscafe@outlook.com



HARBURY CLUB & INSTITUTE

Club Committee

With August drawing to a close, we can honestly say it's been an eventful year since we reopened on 21st June 2021. As a new committee we have had a lot to learn and get to grips with. Mostly it's been a great experience especially getting to know the members.

Looking forward to the end of the year we will be bringing you more music, more bingo, hopefully a quiz or two and the odd beer/ beverage promotion along the way.

Our fabulous snooker team made the summer league final!!!



By the time this is published they may be champions although they're already winners to get this far, the match will be on the 25th August at the club. Everything crossed for our team 🎱

September dates for your diary....

2nd/3rd September. Harbury beer festival is back in its 29th year and we are taking part too! Come on in over the weekend and add to your taste extravaganza! Open all day from 12pm. We will have our usual traditional Hooky and Hooky guest ale alongside one of Church End's finest, 'What The Foxes Hat'!!

17th September 7.30pm - do you fancy a club quiz £2.50 per person teams of for 4-6. The prize for the winning team is £30 cash!!!

23rd Sept 8pm - bingo over 18s only. £1 per book snowball ticket £1 or £2 for non-members.

24th Sept 9.00pm - Stone Meadow return... back by popular demand. Our first band of 2022 and the one to close our summer season with a bang! If you missed them the first time round, now is your chance. They're back bigger, louder and better than ever, also with a new bassist, Lucas. Along with Jake, Joe and Jacob they will end the summer in style 🎸🎵

To get in touch with the club e-mail Harburyvillageclub@gmail.com or ring 01926 612498 and leave a message.

Available for all member's parties functions and gatherings *ts&cs apply.

We hope to see you all over the winter months. Enjoy your club. Cheers



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An evening of Light Entertainment presented by Second Thoughts Drama Group in partnership with Harbury Theatre Group featuring: A selection of songs and sketches, "Happy Talk", a one act play, and the velvet Glove of Margot McCleary

7.30pm Friday 16th September, Harbury Village Hall
(Bar – cards accepted - doors open 7pm)

Tickets £7-50 (in aid of e-Wheels) from
Harbury Village Library or online via
TicketSource (search 'Life on the Light Side')

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Saturday September 17th 2022

Doors open 6.15pm Film begins 7pm

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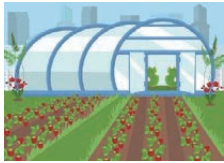
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GARDEN JOTTINGS

Christine Dakin from Bridge Nursery

All I can think about at the moment (10th August) is watering and trying to stay cool. Keeping the plants in the nursery alive is the main priority and a close second are the garden plants. We have had no water due to burst mains on three days during the heatwave which causes me considerable anxiety. It will inevitably mean that there will be some casualties. There may also be a shortage of produce for all the local village shows not to mention a reduction of fruit and veg to harvest by commercial growers. More imports?



The highest temperature in one of the tunnels was 46.9 degrees on 12th July, needless to say I didn't linger very long in that intense heat.

I wonder if we should review what plants we grow and how we grow them. Warmer, wetter winters and hotter, drier summers could force this on us. Mulching borders with compost, bark chips or grass clippings would help retain any moisture in the soil as would densely planted areas. Is it an opportunity to grow more exotic plants? But please don't give up on lawns in favour of plastic grass. It heats up in hot weather making too hot to walk on. I've seen photos of weeds growing on it so not the maintenance free option people think it is.

I'm off to do a rain dance, so I'll take the blame if we get non-stop rain.

Bridge Nursery, Tomlow Road, Napton

www.bridge-nursery.co.uk



HARBURY GENERAL NEWS



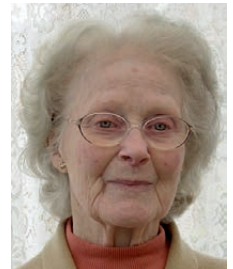
MAVIS POWELL

Jacqui Powell

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Mavis Powell.

Mavis and her husband Doug were, for many years, well known landlords of The Dog Inn, Harbury and participated in many village activities. Mavis was a wife, mom, grandmother and great grandmother and will be sadly missed.

The funeral will be held at All Saints Harbury at 11am on 6th September followed by interment at Harbury Cemetery.



Family flowers only but donations will be gratefully received for Galanos House, Southam where Mavis lived for the last years of her life.

We would like to thank all the Staff and volunteers at Galanos for their dedicated care and for their kindness and attention to Mavis and her family during the last few days of her life.



HARBURY DISTRICT COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Jacqui Harris

Hello everyone,

I hope that you have enjoyed the warm weather and for those who could, the summer break.

Well, this past month has certainly been an interesting month. I have had my usual case load supporting residents across the ward. I find this the most rewarding part of the role and why I stood in 2015 to be your Councillor and hope to remain.

Mutual Support!

I would like to thank Harbury Rugby Club and Harbury Parish Council for supporting Upper Lighthorne during a difficult time a few weeks back, this was over a group of unwanted guests who caused upset in Lighthorne Heath, it meant that local facilities were not free for the local youth and football teams to use.

Both the Rugby Club and the Parish Council offered their support for the new Upper Lighthorne Football club to use local facilities in Harbury, the support was greatly received which meant less disruption to youth in the area. Thank you!

Can I say the mutual support across the Ward is amazing and local people do make it happen and make the difference!

Bins!

Well what a to do over the local bin collections! It has not been a good start for BIFFA or the new contract in place. Failure on many levels. I have taken the matter up on behalf of my Ward and hopefully it will not be repeated. The matter is now before Stratford District Council Overview and Scrutiny Committee, where the Portfolio holder will be held to account. I have pressed the Officers to take Performance action against BIFFA for this failure, they are in talks as I write. We as Residents are paying for a service that BIFFA have failed to deliver. I have made it clear that Residents come first and regardless of the reasons why BIFFA failed, that is their operational issue, not the Councils, they have not fulfilled their contract and delivered the service, action should be taken. I have pressed that communications improve so we can manage expectations should this occur again.

As Summer draws to a close and we head to Autumn, I hope it is not going to be as unsettled a time as it appears to be.

Best wishes, Jacqui



HARBURY VILLAGE SHOW

Show Committee

"There is nothing else like it on earth...Taking part in a village show is the best demonstration that we care about our gardens, our countryside and our rural communities."

So says Alan Titchmarsh and who are we to argue!

Harbury Village show will take place in the village hall on **Saturday, 10th September**.

It is a great day and is certainly a celebration of life and the community spirit in Harbury. So do have a go and enter this year - there are lots of different categories. Or come along on the day to marvel at the skills of others and enjoy a drink and a slice of homemade cake.

All the information you need is on the schedules which are available from the **library** and the **Milkshed** or downloaded from www.hlnews.co.uk/villageshow. Remember, if you are entering, then your entry form must be completed and delivered to one of the two contact addresses on the schedule by **6pm Wednesday, 7th September** (along with your entry fee).

There is prize money and trophies to be won!

Why not encourage your children to enter this year too. Lots of ideas on the separate children's schedule (the one on green paper).

So we look forward to seeing lots of you on the 10th September and hope to make the 2022 show the best yet!



HARBURY GARDEN GROUP

Jacqui Temple

Firstly a big thank you to Christine of Bridge Nurseries, Napton for welcoming us with delicious cake and refreshments last month.

Bridge Nursery is a member of the National Garden Scheme (NGS). The NGS open beautiful gardens for nursing and health charities such as Macmillan, Cancer Support, Marie Curie, Hospice UK and The Queens Nursing Institute. The NGS is passionate about the physical and mental health benefits of gardens too. They also support charities through grant bursaries to help community gardening projects.

At our latest meeting we discussed plants in containers amongst other topics of conversation and, as usual, enjoyed wandering through our members garden.

I'm looking forward to two trips we have organised for September, firstly, a day at Highgrove Gardens, Tetbury and, later this month a visit to the Autumn Malvern Show.



SENIOR CITIZENS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Mike McBride

Already, there are Christmas cards in shops for this year, so we thought we would remind you that we have booked the Village Hall for your Christmas Dinner Party on **Saturday 10th December** and we hope that it will take place as planned.

We are aware that many people have moved to the village who may be eligible to join our distribution list, subject to GDPR regulations. To be eligible you must live in Harbury or Deppers Bridge and be in receipt of a UK State Pension.

If you want to go on the distribution list, please contact Mike McBride on 01926 612421 or Julie Clarke on 01926 612066.

Those of you on our distribution list will receive invitations in November. It will be a case of watch this space for updates.

Meanwhile, enjoy the rest of the Summer and Autumn mellowness as it arrives. If you have any questions, please contact one of us.



Harbury Senior Citizens Committee Update - part two

We received this invitation from Southam Lions to the Senior Citizens of Harbury. If anyone is interested, please contact Malcom Jakeway using the details below. Posters giving more details will be on the village notice boards.

2022 Ken Graham Senior Citizens Party

After an absence of three years because of Covid restrictions, our free party and concert for local senior citizens is returning!

On behalf of Southam & District Lions Club I would like to invite Senior Citizens of **Harbury** to come along to our party, which will be held this year on **Saturday 24th September** at Southam College, Welsh Road West, Southam, **starting at 2pm**.

You will be welcomed with a drink on arrival and during the afternoon, tea, sandwiches and cakes will be served to your table.

There will be time to meet and chat with old friends from Southam and the surrounding villages. As in previous years, we have an excellent programme of entertainment arranged, including the Cubbington Silver Band and vocalist David Laine.

Transport will be provided if required.

It would assist with our catering arrangements if we know the numbers attending by Friday 16th September 2022 at the latest. Contact details are shown below.

Yours sincerely,

Malcolm Jakeway, Event Co-ordinator
42 Toll Gate Road, Southam, Leamington Spa CV47 1EE
Tel. 01926 814294 or 07845 491795
Email: malcolm.jakeway@tiscali.co.uk



REPAIR CAFÉ

Rich Fowler

September's Repair Cafe will take place in Harbury Village Library on Saturday 24th September from 2pm to 4pm.

We always need new volunteer repairers, and at the moment we're particularly looking for someone to do clothing and textile repairs, and someone willing to work on mobile phones, in particular replacing batteries and broken screens. We already have a Pro Tech Toolkit from iFixit which contains 64 bits and a 4 mm driver designed to be used when working on Drone Cameras, Phones, Tablets, Toys, Consoles, Laptops, etc.



If you're interested in joining us as one of our Repair Volunteers, or would like to receive our monthly email newsletter, please let us know at repaircafeharbury@gmail.com.



HARBURY LOCAL MARKET

Jane, Steve, Mandy & Karena

Harbury Local Market, set up 4+ years ago with the intention to support and raise money for local groups and charities.

History

The market started on my drive with a few producers most of which are still with us today and due to licence restrictions, moved to the Shakespeare Pub, our home for nearly two years and then moved onto Harbury Primary School.

Support

We outgrew the school and with Covid in our midst, the market came to a bit of a stand still. However with the support of Harbury Parish Council, we came back with a vengeance to Harbury Village Hall with even more local producers!

The Co-op has also supported us with a grant allowing us to purchase new advertising materials which we really appreciate.

Offerings

The market offers a fabulous range of local products including buffalo, cakes, eggs, honey and amazing handmade items including soaps, art, knitted items to name a few.

We continue to look for new and exciting local producers to come along – The Lost Farm joined us last month which was fantastic and we are hoping Aubrey Allen will be attending in September with cheeses!

Local groups/charities

Do contact us if we could help you. All monies raised from this market go to local groups and we split the monies raised now so that two/three groups can benefit (tea/coffee - raffle - table charge) depending on who can attend. Otherwise, all monies can go to one charity.

We ensure that any Producers are within a 15-mile radius and have a local connection as far as we can.

Next Market

24th September 2022 - Arts Uplift

Thank you for supporting.



WEDNESDAY WALKERS

Gillian Hare

Earlier in the month we had a change from our normal meetings. We went to a farm near Claydon, where Sarah led us on a peaceful walk partly on her own farmland before serving a delicious ploughman's lunch. We then were shown her new diversification - the Mid England Barrow. Looking like an Iron Age relic, it is actually a place where the ashes of loved ones can be interred. The structure is beautifully crafted with Hornton and creamy limestone, and concealed by a well established copse of native trees. Quite a special place.

Another first, after 11 years we cancelled a walk because of the heat! Happily it is rescheduled for 7th September.

In September we are back to our regular leaders; details as ever in the diary. No booking up needed; just meet by 9.40am in the village hall car park.



MAKING HARBURY A SWIFT VILLAGE

Amanda Randall

Over the last 20 years, there has been a shocking 50% decline in the number of swifts in the UK. These enigmatic birds visit us for just three months of the spring and summer, flying here from Africa (along with swallows and house martins) to nest and breed. Swifts were once very common in Harbury and their screams and swooping flight and scythe-shaped silhouettes are probably familiar to many residents. Swifts arrive in May and most have left by the end of July. One of the causes of their decline is thought to be the loss of their traditional nest sites, due to renovation or demolition of older buildings, while new buildings typically do not provide nesting opportunities for swifts.

We have the opportunity to help in the conservation of these fantastic birds by acting together as a community and making Harbury a 'Swift Village'. They have nested

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regularly under the eaves of the Old New Inn for decades, and in other locations such as in Mill Street, where very large parties of them used to fly low overhead, up and down the road, at the same time as making their characteristic screaming calls.

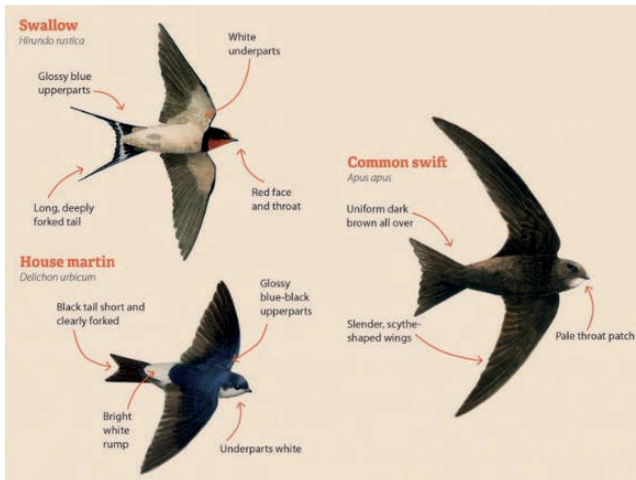
The simple addition of suitable nest boxes or 'swift bricks' specifically designed for these spectacular visitors would provide extra nesting opportunities for them. If there are already swifts in a particular place, then adding new nest boxes will help that colony to build in number year on year. In this way we can help to improve the plight of these amazing birds.

A number of 'Swift Street' initiatives are already running across the country to halt swift decline, but these are mainly urban projects. A swift street is a community made up of neighbouring houses, all with swift boxes, with the shared goal of supporting swift colonies. By working together to provide more nest sites, we can make Harbury uniquely a **Swift Village!** Harbury Parish Council has already enthusiastically agreed in principle to support this initiative and is currently exploring the practicalities of the scheme.

A number of swift-loving Harbury residents have already installed swift boxes on their houses and by increasing the provision of these boxes elsewhere in the village, we can help swift numbers increase. Swifts live in colonies rather than as individual pairs, so it's important to put up several boxes in a given location, perhaps two or three on one house, or 10 in a street, for example.

It's also important to provide the right type of nest box. Swift boxes can be specially designed wooden bird boxes (purchased or DIY), or special 'swift bricks' that are incorporated into a new building as it is constructed. The nest itself is very modest, just a few feathers, so they don't cause any damage or leave a mess. (Unlike the mud nest-building swallows and house martins, who can be a bit messy!)

See the graphic for the difference between these three summer visiting species.



Infographic detailing the differences between hirundines (swallows and martins) and swifts

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Both types of boxes need to be fitted to a building at least five metres from the ground, in a shaded position with clear a flight path and protected from predators.

Swifts also need plenty of insect food to raise their chicks with and to help them fatten up before they migrate back to Africa at the end of summer. So other current initiatives in Harbury such as the tree-planting scheme will also help swifts, as would growing native wildflowers in gardens or public spaces. There are things we can all do to help swifts and to make sure their joyful calls are heard over our village in the future.

Details of suitable boxes to buy can be found on the Swift Conservation website and the RSPB website:

www.swift-conservation.org/swift_bricks. www.swift-conservation.org

<https://shopping.rspb.org.uk/garden-bird-nest-boxes/rspb-swift-nest-box.html>).

Or they can be DIY, using a template such as the one provided by the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust:

www.warwickshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/actions/how-build-swift-box

(www.biologicalrecordscentre.gov.gg/pleinmont-bird-meeting/)

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Shelley Fardon

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Information on energy bill discounts: www.gov.uk/government/news/400-energy-bills-discount-to-support-households-this-winter

Beware Bank Transfer Scam, Sellers Warned



Many people selling goods online prefer to make the exchange face to face, but this doesn't mean you can't be scammed. Sellers have reported providing their bank details to the buyer and watching funds appear to disappear from the buyer's bank account. However, the money never arrives in the seller's account! If you are selling an item you may wish to consider only accepting cash.

More Reports of 'Copycat' DVLA Websites



More Warwickshire residents have reported visiting 'copycat' DVLA websites to apply for or renew their driving licences. These websites charge consumers more than the official website and in some cases may take money and deliver nothing at all.

Consumers wishing to apply for or renew any Government related document are advised to start their search on the official GOV.UK government website: www.gov.uk/

More about copycat websites: www.youtube.com/watch?v=mCfOQC7ONSI

Bogus Bank Stronger Authentication Emails



Warwickshire residents are warned to beware of scam bank emails. The emails are made to appear genuine and mention new rules which have been introduced to make customer authentication stronger to counter online fraud. The requirements for banks to perform additional checks when consumers make payments to confirm their identity are real, but these emails are not.

If you ever receive an email from your bank, never click on a link in the email, you could be sent to a bogus website. These links are often disguised, for example as 'check my details and settings' buttons.

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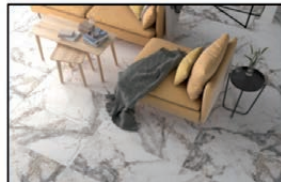


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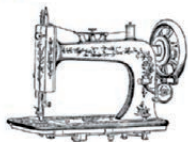
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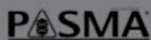
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