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EDITORIAL

A round up of local news

Congratulations to the Carnival Committee on organising such a splendid day on 11th June. After a two-year absence it was wonderful for the village to be able to get together and enjoy the events. Harbury Carnival and Games week followed on from the Jubilee celebrations. The photographs below show the Post Office letterbox and a party in the paddock taken from above both celebrating the Jubilee. This edition has more photographs of these events and our thanks go to the many contributors who supplied pictures.



We are aware that there are a several Ukrainian families who are being hosted in Harbury and Ladbroke. We extend a warm welcome to them and hope that they enjoy their time here in the surroundings of peace and safety.

Last month after six years we were sad to include the last article from Judy Morrall who wrote on behalf of the Village Club. This month after eighteen years we will see John Hancock also 'hang up his pen'. You will find his last Nature Notes article on page 46. Thank you to both correspondents for submitting their interesting articles over the years.

If you find that you have some spare time and fancy writing a monthly or occasional article on a subject which appeals to you, maybe a hobby, places you have visited or a book you have read, then please send something in; we are always looking for more diverse copy to appear in the magazine.

Finally, congratulations to Katie Holroyd and James Cook who were recently married at All Saints Harbury. We extend our condolences to the family of Thomas Ian Charles McKenzie.

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HARBURY DIARY

For local events

JULY

- Fri 1 Festival of Hope open 10.00am, teas from 2.00 - 4.30pm
- Sat 2 Festival of Hope open 10.00am, teas from 2.00 - 4.30pm
Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Mothers' Union, Southam
Harbury Garden Walkabout, 12 noon - 6.00pm, tickets on the day from 1 South Parade (Kath Ellis), Harbury Village Library or in advance online
- Sun 3 **TRINITY 3**
Holy Communion, 9.00am
Festival of Hope from 11.00am, teas from 1.00 - 4.30pm
Choral Evensong ending the Festival of Hope at 6.00pm
Harbury Garden Walkabout 2.00 - 6.00pm, tickets on the day from 1 South Parade (Kath Ellis), Harbury Village Library or in advance online
Icon Youth Club, 7.00 - 8.30pm, Tom Hauley Room
- Mon 4 Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall
Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall
- Tue 5 Bumps and Bundles, 10.30 - 12.00 noon, Tom Hauley Room
Meeting Point, 12.30pm, The Crown Inn (bookings by 1st July)
Harbury Heritage Centre open, 7.00 - 9.00pm, Harbury School - (Park Lane entrance)
- Wed 6 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall car park - Quarry walk from Harbury (4 miles)
Mothers' Union, 2.00pm, visit to Newbold Pacey followed by tea at Lighthorne Café
Spellbound Academy of Dance Taster Session 3+ years, 5.30 - 6.15pm, Village Hall
Ballroom Dancing, beginners 7.30pm, experienced 8.30pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 7 Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
Folk Club, 8.00pm, Village Club
- Fri 8 Ben and Soph's Jazz, tickets - 07515 275655, 7.00pm, Village Hall
- Sat 9 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Church Flowers
Summer Reading Challenge 2022 begins, visit Harbury Village Library for details
- Sun 10 **TRINITY 4**
Holy Communion and Children's Church, 10.30am
Messy Church, 3.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall
- Mon 11 Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall
Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall
- Tue 12 Bumps and Bundles, 10.30 - 12.00 noon, Tom Hauley Room
- Wed 13 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall car park - Kenilworth (4 miles)
Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
- Thurs 14 Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
Harbury WI, 7.30 for 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room - Stories of Local Canals by Trevor Langley
- Sat 16 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of 'Night of our Light'
Southam Indoor Market, 10.00am - 12.30pm, Grange Hall, Southam

- Sat 18 Harbury School PTA 'Inflatable Summer Funday' 12.00 noon - 3.00pm
- Sun 17 TRINITY 5**
 Holy Communion, 8.00am
 All Age Service, 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 18 Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall
 Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall
- Tue 19 Bumps and Bundles, 10.30 - 12.00 noon, Tom Hauley Room
 Harbury Society visit to Napton Buffalo Farm, 4.00 - 5.30pm
 Harbury Theatre Group Meeting, 7.00 for 7.30pm, Village Club
- Wed 20 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall car park - Flecknoe (4 miles)
 Connections (Dementia) Café, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
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- Thurs 21 Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
- Fri 22 Bingo, Harbury Village Club, 8.00pm
- Sat 23 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid
 of Southam Guide Dogs
 Repair Café, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Harbury Village Library
- Sun 24 TRINITY 6**
 Holy Communion and Children's Church, 10.30am
 Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall
- Mon 25 Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall
 Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall
- Wed 27 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car park - Stratford (4 miles)
 Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
- Thurs 28 Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
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 Harbury Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, Harbury Village Hall
- Sat 30 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid
 of RABI (Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution)
 Harbury Local Market: 10.00am - 12.30pm, Village Hall
- Sun 31 TRINITY 7**
 Holy Communion and Children's Church, 10.30am
 Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall


AUGUST

- Mon 1 Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall
 Meeting Point, 12.30pm, The Crown Inn (bookings by 29th July)
 Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall
- Wed 3 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car park - Claydon (3.5 miles)
- Thurs 4 Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
 Folk Club, 8.00pm, Village Club
- Sat 6 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid
 of Heat, Light and Stone Appeal

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Refuse Collection Rota

	Deppers Bridge	Harbury, Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge outlying properties	Collection Week
July	Wednesday	Friday	
	6	8	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	13	15	Grey Bin
	20	22	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	27	29	Grey Bin

Refuse Collection Rota from 1st August 2022

Week Commencing Monday	Wednesday Collection	Thursday Collection	Friday Collection
01-Aug	F - W	F	F
08-Aug	F - R - G	F - R - G	F - R - G
15-Aug	F	F - W	F - W
22-Aug	F - R - W - G	F - R - G	F - R - G
29-Aug	F	F	F
05-Sep	F - R - G	F - R - W - G	F - R - W - G
12-Sep	F - W	F	F

F = Food caddy - R = Recycling (blue bin) W = Waste (black bin) G = Garden (green bin)
Wednesday Collection - roads in central Harbury, Thursday Collection - Harbury
Friday Collection - Deppers Bridge and Ladbroke



NEW REFUSE COLLECTION

John Holden

The new refuse collection arrangements commence on the 1st August. For many households in Harbury and Deppers Bridge there will be a change of collection day. Stratford District Council say it is impossible to provide a list of which roads are collected when!! So having made enquiries with contacts living in various roads in the village, it appears that most of Harbury will have a Thursday collection apart from roads in the centre of the village near the church which are on a Wednesday collection and on a different cycle. In Sutcliffe pastures it looks like the food caddies were delivered with no new rota enclosed. However, the Council did say they will have a wonderful App available in July which will remind you what bins to put out when!! For those not so technically minded, we will continue to publish the refuse rota in the magazine.



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FROM THE RECTOR

Rev Andy Batchelor

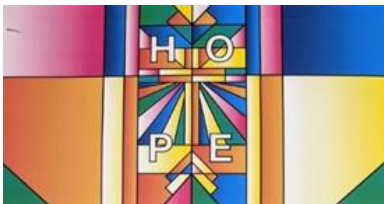
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We live in troubled times and it seems there is so much to worry about with all that is happening around us, both near and far. No sooner had life returned to some sense of normality after the pandemic, than we now have to deal with rampant inflation, the worldwide ramifications of the war in Ukraine, and the soaring cost of living. We also face a period of industrial strife as unions seek cost of living rises which many employers will be reluctant to meet. Although Christians are certainly not immune to these concerns, we do see in the Bible ways in which we can overcome some of the damaging aspects of worry, and be able to find peace. In Matthew's gospel Jesus tells his followers to trust that God will provide for them, and there are many people who can testify that when they most needed it, support came almost 'out of the blue'. Jesus reminds us that each of us is precious to God – despite the billions of people on planet Earth, no-one is less valuable than another. The other reassurance is that whatever we may be facing, God doesn't leave us on our own, and has promised to walk by our side. As people of faith we live each day doing our best to care for others and honour God, and, as Jesus reminds us, to focus on the immediate when he says 'do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself.'



FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

Liz & Michael



Much activity is taking place in church as we write, as preparations are being made for our Festival of Hope. Hope, underpinned with prayer and action, is what we seek and we trust that all who came to church over this week will have shared this hope and enjoyed the music and all the displays. Not to mention the tea and cakes.

Our grateful thanks to the two chief instigators,

Gillian Hare and Ros Baldwin along with all those who have made it happen.

John Stringer has reported elsewhere on progress with our application for faculty permission for heating, lighting, audio visual facilities and stonework repairs. As we were not sure when work would begin in church, the PCC will be running all the Saturday coffee mornings in August. We would be most grateful for offers of raffle prizes and cakes etc. All money raised will go to the Heat, Light & Stone appeal.

Alison Abbott will be ordained at Coventry Cathedral on Sunday 3rd July. Alison has already begun her curacy at Kineton which means that we have now lost our last Reader. Our grateful thanks and love go to Alison for all she has done for us at both Harbury and Ladbroke over many years. We wish her well in her new role. I'm sure we may see her from time to time though.

If you have any questions or want to join in and find out more about what goes on then please contact either of us - Liz McBride (612421) or Michael Vincent (614806).

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FROM THE REGISTERS

Wedding

18th June 2022 Katie Holroyd & James Cook

Funeral

23rd June 2022 Thomas Ian Charles McKenzie



HEAT HEAT, LIGHT & STONE

LIGHT
STONE

John Stringer

Progress is steady, and repairing and improving the interior fittings of the church is ever closer. Restoration of the outside of the church – the stonework and roof – has been delayed again and will take a little longer to put in hand.

Plans for the church heating follow the advice of the Church Building Council which “Stresses the need to focus not on boilers or heaters, but instead on people, and their activities. It is people who feel comfort or discomfort and people are the focus of the mission of the church”. As they state: *“A warm and welcoming building is ideal, but realistically many churches struggle to achieve this; space heating designed to 18 degrees Celsius is often aimed for but is expensive, doesn’t always make people comfortable, and can be environmentally unsustainable.”*

Our aim is to use ceiling mounted radiant panels: a mature technology that has been around for more than a hundred years and is a proven way of making large buildings more comfortable and more energy efficient. A small but growing list of churches successfully utilising radiant panel heating using low temperature hot water or electric radiant heating panels includes: St Giles, North London; Monyhull Evangelical Church, Birmingham; St Peter’s, Loughborough; Sacred Heart, Mill Hill; and St Mary’s, Chalgrove - which members of the fabric committee along with Diocesan Advisory Committee members visited in August 2021.

The project team at St Mary’s Chalgrove confirmed their ceiling mounted radiant panel system is both effective and in keeping with a Grade 1 place of worship. The heating installation in St. Mary’s church is recommended as a case study by the Cathedral and Church Building Division of the Church Building Council.

Our plans reflect the recent announcement by The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, that the Church of England has pledged to become carbon neutral by 2030 and will dedicate £190M of its funding over the next nine years to achieve its environmental targets.

It’s taking time, but we shall make the church both warm and welcoming and reduce its carbon footprint.





MOTHERS' UNION

Gillian Hare

This month we had an inspiring talk about the work of Carriers of Hope. This Coventry-based charity was set up to help asylum seekers, who have been granted permission to stay, to obtain items to make a real home. Initially it reached out to refugees from the conflict in Syria, but sadly the need has extended to those fleeing conflict in many other areas. It made us realise how blessed we are in our comfy lives.

The coffee morning raised £114, thank you to all who supported us.

We hope you were able to visit the Festival of Hope and many members were involved in some way. The MU exhibit highlighted the international aspect of our organisation, where it extends the love of Jesus to help women to improve their lives in practical ways, with better outcomes for their families.

Our next meeting will be the outing on 6th July. We have relocated it to visit Newbold Pacey, followed by tea at Lighthorne Pavilion.

Enjoy the lovely weather.



LADBROKE NEWS & DIARY

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

JULY

Sun	3	TRINITY 3 Family service, followed by refreshments, 10.30am
Tue	5	Photography Club, Social Meeting
Sat	9	Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall
Sun	10	TRINITY 4 Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am
Tue	12	WI, 7.30pm, Village Hall - railways of India & Japan
Wed	13	Parish Council, 7.45pm, Village Hall
Sun	17	TRINITY 5 Holy Communion BCP, 9.00am
Wed	20	ADVERTS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE TO 36 MANOR ORCHARD, HARBURY OR EMAIL ADVERTISING@HLNEWS.CO.UK
Sun	24	TRINITY 6 Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am
Thurs	28	ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST OR EMAIL TO ARTICLES@HLNEWS.CO.UK BY 5.30PM
Sun	31	TRINITY 7 Holy Communion, 9.00am

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptism

29th May Joshua Charles Moore and of Samuel Jeffrey Moore



LADBROKE CHURCH NEWS

Peter Rigby

www.ladbrokechurch.org.uk

Our Family Service at the beginning of June was a joint celebration of the Christian festival of Pentecost, when we commemorate the coming of the Holy Spirit, and the Jubilee Weekend. We had a large congregation who joined in an impromptu rendering of the National Anthem to celebrate the Jubilee.

The repairs to the lychgate have been continuing for slightly longer than anticipated but are now nearly complete.

We would like to say a belated thank you to the Teverson and Norgate families for their generous donation.

Services and events this month:

Sunday 3 rd July	10.30am	Family Communion
Sunday 10 th July	9.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 17 th July	9.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 24 th July	9.00am	Holy Communion

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LADBROKE & DEPPERS BRIDGE WI

Dianne Surgey & Carol Rhodes

On Tuesday, 14th June 2022, the ladies of Ladbroke and Deppers Bridge WI met in the village hall at Ladbroke for their monthly meeting. 18 ladies came together to enjoy a slightly belated Jubilee celebration. The evening began by welcoming two of the ladies from the Welsh Road Warblers who proceeded to entertain us by singing songs, beginning with the decade of the queen's birth, right through the decades until present day, and of course everyone was welcome to join in. The songs ranged from the days of the Charleston, Que Sera, Mamma Mia and more recently Midnight (from Cats). They also shared with us interesting facts from each decade e.g. the coronation, the first moon landing etc. The ladies of the WI had brought along all manner of goodies which were available for our "Afternoon Tea" and we happily tucked into savoury and sweet treats, 16 different ones in total, and all of them delicious - as usual, of course. No-one was in the mood for a business meeting at the end of that but here are a few items which need to be disseminated:

The Jubilee weekend was a little damp but we did well on the tombola so a big thank you to all who very generously donated gifts and in particular to Sue Moore and Jenny Barrett who helped to run the stall.

The 'makeover' of Ladbroke telephone box includes a photo of the WI tapestry which is on the wall of the village hall.

The Annual Meeting in Liverpool was a hybrid meeting with nearly 3,000 women in person or online. The Resolution (the under recognition of ASD & ADHD in girls) was passed by 96.5%.

Warwickshire Events:

AFM 5th July at Dallas Burston - tickets are available online. You can order a grab-and-go lunch for £10. As always there will be plenty of retail therapy as well as the business meeting and speakers, including Rev Richard Coles who has been cancelled at least three times because of Covid! If anyone wants a lift, please contact Dianne. Donations this year are for **Foodbanks: tinned meats, coffee, UHT milk, pasta sauces, chocolates/sweets**. If you aren't going but would like to donate, please leave any items with Dianne before 5th July.

27th June Treasure Hunt in Leamington Spa

11th July Trip to Barnsdale Gardens

1st August Grand Day out to Cardiff

6th August Teddy Bear talk

Details of all these events are available on the WFWI website.

Other events:

Group garden party on Tuesday 19th July in Napton Village Hall starting at 2.30pm. The cost is £6 to include a buffet meal and a glass of wine (beat that anywhere else!!). There will be a raffle and outdoor games as well as a competition (details at the July meeting). Please let Joan know if you are planning to attend as she needs to pass on numbers.

Our own big summer event: **Outing to the National Memorial Arboretum on Tuesday 9th August**. Many of you have already booked and paid but we have a couple of spaces left. We leave Ladbroke at 9.00am, getting back around 5.00pm.

July meeting is on **12th July** at 7.30pm in Ladbroke Village Hall when we have a speaker telling us about the railways of India and Japan. Our hostesses for the evening are Sue Moore and Janet Cox.



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.



Our Platinum Jubilee celebration went ahead and was enjoyed by those who came along. It was great to see so many people despite the weather. Thanks especially go to the Royal Spa Brass for starting us off in a typically English way with their selection of music; Charlie Tarry and the Outlaws for their musical entertainment in The Bell; those who manned stalls and the bouncy castle; the exhibitions; and, of course, the Bell (thanks Sarah!) who helped to make this event such a success.



There will be a coffee morning in the Village Hall on **Saturday 9th July from 10am**. So come along, enjoy a drink, read the paper, or just have a chat. All are welcome including children and dogs.

We are working on a long-term plan for the Millennium Green and in particular the children's play area where much of the equipment is old and the surrounding surface in poor condition. This will be an expensive project and we will be actively raising funds and researching the potential for grants. We plan to conduct a survey to seek your views in the near future. In the meantime, any thoughts and suggestions would be most welcome.



To book your special celebration in our hall 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 MAY 2022

£50	Alan Lord	£50	Mary Coley
£25	Sheena Healey	£25	Clive Coleman
£25	Debs and Seth Brown	£10	John Herriot
£10	Simon and Jackie West	£10	Pam Collins

Margaret Bosworth



LADBROKE PHOTOGRAPHY

Kip Warr

Boddington Reservoir was the venue for our June meeting. Armed with Richard Bedwell's excellent briefing notes we walked round the reservoir and the meadow in the early evening light. For those with long lenses there were several species of birds on the water although those without were able to get within range of a pair of swans and their signets by the shore. The meadow had never been ploughed and was full of knee-high grasses and wild flowers, amongst which the stars were spotted orchids. There was thin cloud overhead which provided even



Coot Feeding a Chick – Richard Bedwell



**Spotted Orchid –
Kip Warr**

lighting which was ideal for photographing flowers although a dramatic sunset over the water would have made a wonderful finale to a very enjoyable outing.

Our next meeting will be a garden buffet meal and photographing bubbles. We shall skip August, while we sun ourselves on beaches, then the rest of the year's meetings (all in Ladbroke Village Hall) are as follows:

6th September - Painting with light

11th October - Competition and photopic - pictures taken during the outings

8th November - Talk - photographs from the Red Sea

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LADBROKE GENERAL NEWS



LADBROKE HERITAGE

Jackie West & Nicky Lewis

Repairs

Doesn't the lychgate look great? Gone is all the rotten wood and the netting to catch the slipping tiles and Jackie can now sleep at night without worrying if it will still be standing in the morning! ASBC's carpenters were very skilled, so the new carved section at the front is a perfect dimensional match. Like the new stonework on the church, it just needs time for the colour to mellow. The aisle roofs have also been repaired with patches over splits and refixing to stop more forming. All this has been possible, thanks to funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund and many generous donors. The three ladies assigned by the Lottery to monitor the progress of our project came to see it with their own eyes on 15th June. Due to Covid restrictions, this was their first visit for over two years and they were very impressed, not just with the repairs but our new maps, leaflets, books, all the activities and the fact that our 70+ volunteers have contributed more than 460 days of their time. Thank you each and every one of you.

Phone Box Exhibition

We have launched our own Jubilee exhibition...in the phone box! We asked for people to submit artwork, images on the broad theme of heritage and these are currently on display in our newly painted phone box. We had more entries than we could display, so if you didn't see your entry last month, please take another look when



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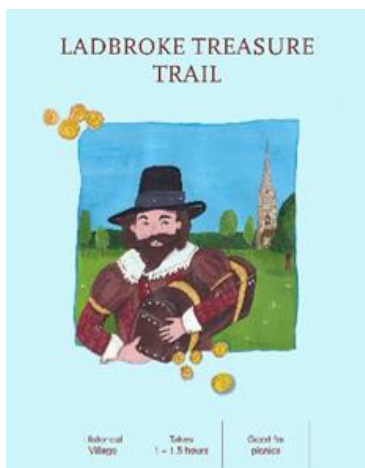
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we change the exhibition. Our thanks to Duke of Edinburgh volunteer Jasmine and her Dad Nick for painting the phone box and setting up the exhibition. And, of course, to all of you who submitted entries. So take a walk down to the phone box and have a look at the creativity in the village - it looks fantastic.

Treasure Trail



We have been beavering away testing our Ladbroke Treasure Trail, which includes great artwork produced by the children who attended our Art Workshop back in April. The trail will be available from the beginning of July as a booklet containing fiendish clues and puzzles to be solved as you look at features in the village.

This is a fun activity for all the family, especially children. It involves a walk around Ladbroke looking for clues and eliminating suspects (there are 11) one at a time....to find out who has stolen the treasure, and where it is stashed. It is the perfect fun summer activity outing; bring a picnic on a sunny day and enjoy our lovely Millennium Green, or visit the Bell Inn for refreshments to celebrate your success.

Booklets are available from us (Nicky on 815196), the Southam Heritage Centre and other locations. See ladbrokeheritage.org for the full list. Copies cost £5 each with significant bulk discounts when purchased direct from us.

Guided Tour for U3A group

Our team of tour guides have been in action again! This time Alan, Bill, Linda and I showed small groups of U3A members around the village on a lovely afternoon in June. The feedback we get is excellent, and all our groups so far have found the history of the village, the Manor of Ladbroke, individual houses and the church fascinating. Comments always mention how interesting they find the tours and how professional our guides are. So if you would like a tour – from just two of you to a larger group, please contact me (Nicky – 815196) and I will arrange a time for you. The complete tour takes about 1.5 hours and can easily start or finish in The Bell.



Jackie has now given many **talks** to local organisations. There are several available, each accompanied by high quality photos. Many clubs try to get out and about in the summer months but if you would like to book a talk on Stained Glass, Church Repairs, Ladbroke Village or Alice and The Adventurer, for later in the year or in 2023, please call Jackie on 01926 810331.

Summer holiday activities for families

We have more family activities planned for the summer - there will be plenty to do in Ladbroke during the long school holidays. Keep an eye out for details - on Eventbrite, Ladbroke eNews, Facebook, Instagram and our website ladbrokeheritage.org



WELCOME

Jackie West

There was a "Polish" camp in Ladbroke for many years after WW2 and we have become home to refugees once again. In June, we welcomed our first Ukrainian family: Mum, Dad and five children. A team of volunteers swept into action, and in less than a week, some of the children had started school (complete with uniforms) at St. Mary's in Southam, they signed on with doctors, opened bank accounts, discovered Tesco and Lidl and found English classes for Ukrainians which run at Southam Library. They have also met other Ukrainians in the area, with more contacts in the pipeline. This was thanks to a whirlwind of support from the sponsor, a team of villagers and other people for which they are very grateful.

You can help this family too by making a donation (+/- Gift aid) to Ladbroke Church's Ukrainian Refugee Support Fund. There's more information and a link for card payments on UKRAINE page of the church website ladbrokechurch.org.uk

To offer practical help, items that might be useful or provide info about possible jobs please contact ladbrokechurch89@btinternet.com and I will pass the message on to the relevant person on our village team or other contacts if more appropriate.



LADBROKE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Nigel Rock

123+ Waste Collections

By the time you read this most residents will probably have received food waste bins for use when the new system comes into operation after 1st August. Please don't put them out for collection before then - they won't be collected. Information on the scheme, including a collection calendar, should arrive at the same time as the bin, but I am afraid this has been a bit inconsistent. Some leaflets were inside the bin, some were posted separately. I would encourage you to have a good look at the calendar, because an eagle-eyed resident spotted a surprise. Although the blue and green bins stay as two-weekly collections, some of collection calendar days on some routes have been revised, with the possibility of up to a week's gap at the beginning of August. You might have to plan for storing an extra week's recycling during the change-over.

I have continued to ask the Council about the tricky problem of medical waste, incontinence products and disposable nappies for large families. If you find you cannot manage the grey bin for three weeks for these reasons you can contact street.scene@stratford-dc.gov.uk 01789 267575.

I have asked the editor to put more information in the magazine as we go forward. But see:

<https://www.stratford.gov.uk/waste-recycling/123-waste-collections.cfm>

Merger between Warwick and Stratford District Councils

Many people have expressed agreement with me in disappointment with the merger process and how it ended. I think this was a lost opportunity. At the Council, colleagues and I have asked for a review through the scrutiny committee to identify learning points. This is set to go ahead and I hope we will understand as much as we can about events.

Ukrainian Refugees

I understand that a small number of families have been accommodated in local villages and I am sure they will be welcomed by our communities.



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

May 2022 Meeting Report

As this was the “Annual Parish Meeting” there had to be an “Election for Chairman” - Tim Lockley keeps the mantle.

Public Participation was next on the list and this proved to be a very long item. Residents of Bush Heath Road, Bush Heath Lane and Station Road have been urging the local authorities to do something to reduce the speed (and danger) of vehicles using their roads. It seems they may be making progress as the County Council appears to be considering extending the 40pmh limit on Bush Heath Road, if the Parish Council finds £3,000 for this!

There were pleas from Ivy Lane residents to be allowed to use the car park at the Village Hall, which has CCTV and 20 parking spaces, or the Library car park, as there was insufficient car parking space in Ivy Lane. The Library car park is private and not the responsibility of the Parish Council, but the car park behind the Village Hall is theirs.

Then there was a very long discussion about the Harbury Energy Initiative’s project to provide car charging points at the playing fields. They had community support, but had yet to gain planning permission, and were applying for a grant from Warwickshire County Council.

HEI estimated 130 residents have no off-street parking available at present and therefore cannot charge an electric vehicle. It was suggested Section 106 money from the proposed solar farm at Eastfields could support the project, and the council

agreed that HEI could have 50% of the solar farm money promised to the Parish Council.

Next came reports from “other bodies” with a report from Richard Fowler on the Library, from Andy Rutherford on the Village Hall which was well used but not currently meeting its running costs and from Cllr Balch who said the fault on the School’s solar panels had been rectified.

County Councillor Kettle reported that although January had been the intended time for work to start at the Bendigo Mitchell crossroads, the tender for the work was still being processed and with materials being in short supply, it was not clear when the project would start.

Our Chairman was concerned that Lighthorne Parish Council had reported that the promised Health facility on the new Upper Lighthorne estate there would not now be provided. The reason given being that neighbouring health care was available in the surrounding villages! Incensed, our Parish Chairman determined to object to this as he believed that Harbury’s Surgery could not cope with more patients.

Cllr Balch asked Cllr Kettle to investigate if there could be more help for our residents “in Fuel Poverty” as the costs of heating their homes was rising from £50 a month to £450!

Planning

Work on a tree at the Stone House in Mill Street was approved by Cllrs.

Trees - Locations for planting trees will be displayed at the Carnival. Advice from “Warwickshire Tree Wardens”, a project initiated by the PC’s tree surgeon, would help the Council with advice on the planting sites. The Council would need a budget for the trees to be planted.

Street Lights and Pavements - The Chairman reported that there were street lights that still did not function despite being reported. In places the pavements were being “overcome” by hedges and trees.

Bush Heath Road Traffic - The Parish Council would request an extension of the speed limit of 40mph as far as the Thwaites Estate and agreed to provide the £3000 needed. There was concern for the horse riders who used this road and they would request signs to alert drivers to the possible presence of horses. Cllr Balch pointed out that the same problem could be applied to Bush Heath Lane

Properties - Repairs were needed to the playing fields bollards and the Tennis Courts would be cleaned next year. There was sufficient money in the “Sinking Fund” for this. Complaints from dog walkers that the Junior Football Club takes over the whole of the football fields was not thought to be a problem. As the Chairman said, they are only there for a few hours.

Memorials - The birdbath memorial to the late Councillor John Drinkwater was unstable and was disintegrating. The Council would try to replace it in marble.

Carnival - Cllr Balch will be looking after Carnival activities for children. Cllr Allen is responsible for the flagpole and the bunting the children will put up along Park Lane.

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 PARISH COUNCIL

Alison Biddle

Spring & Summer 2022

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

Planning & Development

The **Eastfields Solar Farm** development company has gifted £50k to the parish council for use on environmental projects of the council's choosing. This money will be paid to the parish council on commencement of the construction of the solar farm. The council has already pledged £25k towards the Harbury Future Energy Project which will provide public electric vehicle charging points at the playing field car park. There is still £25k in the community fund which can be used for other worthy projects so if you have any ideas on how this money could be spent, please contact us.

The planning application for a solar farm on **land off Middle Road** is still under consideration by SDC.

As most of you will already have heard, the proposal to merge Stratford and Warwick District Councils is not going ahead after all. However, they are still working together on producing a new local plan which will form the basis of local planning policy when the current plan expires in 2031. About 12 months ago, the district councils ran a call for sites exercise which invited landowners and developers to put forward their suggestions for possible sites for development. These have now been collated and a map prepared and a new consultation will run from 16th June to 29th July 2022 on the preferred options site allocations plan. This is where the parish councils and the public get their chance to say what they think about the proposals. No decisions have yet been made by the district councils; they will review the results of the consultation before deciding on their next steps.

Village Tree Planting

In May 2021, the parish council agreed to support a village tree planting scheme. After months of planning, the scouts spent a whole Saturday in March planting new trees on the playing field in Harbury. We are very grateful to the scouts for all their hard work and also to Paul Quinney, for his detailed planning of the event, Colin Sheasby for his help and advice, and Oblong Trees for supplying the trees. At the carnival, we consulted with residents about



possible locations for the next phase of tree planting which we hope to carry out next autumn/winter. This time we are thinking about planting larger, but fewer, specimens. There will be plenty of opportunity for residents to help with this, so please look out for more information over the next few months.

Play Area & Playing Fields

New wetpour safety surfacing has been installed underneath the junior swings. We are currently waiting for repairs to be carried out at the skate park. We are aware that this facility, along with the BMX track, is now very old and we have started to build a fund for their eventual replacement with a brand new combined skate and BMX park.

Bush Heath Road/Butt Lane Traffic

Following further discussion with WCC Highways and local residents, the parish council has agreed to support a scheme to extend the 40mph speed limit. WCC has advised that they do not consider this road to be suitable for a 30mph limit but would consider extending the 40mph limit. We have therefore asked WCC to provide a fully costed proposal, to include improved signage, and we are waiting to hear back from them but we have already been told that it will cost somewhere in the region of £3,000.

Harbury Lane/Fosse Way Junction

There is still no sign of these long promised improvements. Both our district and county councillors have been working hard on our behalf and the chairman of the parish council recently wrote to Izzy Seccombe, the leader of WCC, to express the parish council's frustration at the lack of action. The latest information that we have is that the scheme was out for tender in May of this year and it is anticipated that work will start on site this summer. We were also advised that the scheme is developer-led and therefore externally designed and funded which means the delivery timescales are largely dependent on the developer.

Allotments - Well-being Project

Over the last couple of months, a transformation has slowly taken place as the plot has been cleared, levelled, and new raised beds and gravel paths installed. We hope it won't be long before our first gardeners are able to use the space. We are very grateful to Heart of England Co-op and County Cllr Chris Kettle who awarded grants of £500 and £1000 respectively towards this project, and to local company Stratford Landscapes who built the planters. Please look out for more information coming soon.



Deppers Bridge

We have installed a public defibrillator in the old phone box at Deppers Bridge and there are two new benches on order for the playing field. One of these is a fully accessible picnic bench.

Cemetery

We have planted an avenue of new flowering trees in the cemetery to replace the old and misshapen Chamaecyparis. We had to reduce a very large lime tree to a monolith because it was diseased and becoming unsafe. We have left the trunk because it will provide a home to lots of insects and will benefit the environment.

We have recently completed an inspection of all the memorials. Those that have been found to be unsafe have been temporarily cordoned off while we try to make contact with the owners. A full list of the affected memorials will be placed on the cemetery gates and on our website as soon as possible. In the meantime, if you visit the cemetery, please keep clear of these memorials.

Platinum Jubilee

We hope everyone enjoyed the extended bank holiday. Many thanks to everyone who helped put up the bunting and those householders who allowed us to use their property for the installation. Cllr Jess Dominick came up with the idea of making bunting with the children at Harbury Primary School. They had great fun adding their handprints and names and we're sure everyone has enjoyed seeing their efforts displayed on the school railings. This is a heritage project with the intention that more bunting is added for future Royal celebrations.

Councillor News

Alex Potter was co-opted in January 2022 to fill the vacancy left by Chris Gibb who resigned just before Christmas. We are very pleased to have Alex join us and we hope he enjoys his time as councillor. Alex, along with another relatively new councillor, Jess Dominick, recently attended a play area inspection training course as they have both joined the weekly inspection team which checks all the equipment on the playing fields in both Harbury and Deppers Bridge.

Our chairman, Cllr Tim Lockley, recently went to Buckingham Palace to receive his MBE which was awarded last year for service to the community, especially during the pandemic. Tim was also instrumental in the setting up of the community-run Harbury Library following WCC's decision to close it. Now celebrating its 10th anniversary, this has proved to be a real asset to the community.

Grants

The parish council has a community grants fund which is available to all village clubs and organisations subject to a very few basic conditions. Full information is on our website or an application form can be obtained from the parish council office. Recent grants include:

Harbury School PTA - Platinum Jubilee Arts Project 'Bridging the Gap' £1,773

Harbury Local Market - for village hall hire £512

Harbury Show - for village hall hire £200

Contacting the Parish Council

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



HARBURY SOCIETY

Sue Turner

Another rummage through the Harbury Society archives produced the following article which had originally been printed in the April 2010 edition of the Harbury & Ladbroke News and links in appropriately with the tour of Ladbroke some members enjoyed in May.

The evening featured a talk on Warwickshire building stone by Hugh Jones who gave a quick recap on how geological strata are formed before describing the landscape this produced in south Warwickshire.

A photograph from the Welcombe Hills illustrated how the harder rocks stand out as escarpments trending south-west/north east with first the White Lias ridge near Wellesbourne, then the Hornton Stone of Edgehill and finally, in the far distance, the Cotswolds and in between these the clay vales.

As a geologist, Hugh finds Cotswold villages rather boringly similar but he revels in the diversity that can be found amongst the Lias villages where a greater variety of stone is used. He illustrated this with a picture of the entrance to Harbury Church showing Coventry and Warwick Sandstone, White Lias, Hornton stone and even Cotswold limestone.

He said that the Lias villages supplied lime to mortar the sandstone used down in the Avon Valley and the wagons probably brought sandstone back here. At Harbury Quarries the Rugby Limestone and the clay are exposed in bands "beautiful geology under your feet" Hugh said. The high clay of the Blue Lias combined with the purity of the White was ideal for cement manufacture.

Limestone with a lot of clay in it is not a good building stone. Ettington's old church, the tower of which stands in ruins to the north of the village, shows what happens when such stone is exposed to the elements. Kineton has many buildings that also show this erosion. Their church has Hornton stone quoins which help to protect the vulnerable edges of the building.

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 19th July - Visit to the Buffalo Farm at Napton

Thursday 22nd September - 'Harbury Schools', a presentation by Bill Timson

Tuesday 18th October - 'The Salt Routes', a presentation by Anthony Poulton-Smith

Tuesday 15th November - Archaeology at Coleshill Manor, a presentation by Wessex Archaeology

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



End of May into June was a busy month for Harbury WI.

Some of our members plus husbands visited the HS2 site to see the drilling machine (see additional report below). Nine members celebrated the Platinum Jubilee by visiting Charlecote Garden Centre on 8th June for afternoon tea - a very relaxed social occasion.

Members were delighted to take part in the Carnival on 11th June, celebrating recycling in our walking tableau. It was so good to see the crowds in the village as we walked with the procession.

At our meeting on 9th June we welcomed Annette Smyth who describes herself as a Creative Adventurer. She demonstrated the art of Powertex. This is an environmentally friendly product from Belgium which has the consistency of single cream. Annette demonstrated its use to make models with things that can be recycled such as jam jars, MDF, wood, notebooks, old tea towels, serviettes and egg



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boxes. When the product was first introduced it only came in bronze - now it is available in ten colours. The models become weather proof after three weeks and adding colour is really quick. Annette bought some delightful models for members to see. One of our members had already attended one of Annette's workshops - if you are interested look at www.annettesmyth.co.uk.

At our meeting on 14th July we look forward to welcoming local historian Trevor Langley who is going to tell us stories of local canals.

Short report by Pam Furnivall of Harbury WI's visit to the HS2 site at Long Itchington on Monday 23rd May 2022

On Monday, 23rd May a happy group of 13 people - seven members of Harbury WI and six "honorary members", had a very interesting visit to the HS2 site where the one mile tunnel starts to go under Long Itchington Wood.

We were met at the site gate where security is high and instructed to await an escort. This took the form of a vehicle with flashing lights which we followed - all our hazard lights flashing too - to an area where we had to park, reversing in to a space, no forward parking here!!

Our host, Dhiren, was extremely welcoming and informative - he led us to a viewing platform where we could see the entrance of the tunnel. The Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) is named Dorothy after Dorothy Hodgkin who in 1964 became the first woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize for chemistry. She died in Shipston-on-Stour in 1994.

Dhiren explained that it is a tradition to use women's names going back to the 1500's when miners prayed to St Barbara to protect them from dangers underground.

Another tradition - when Dorothy was in place and ready to start boring the tunnel, there was a ceremony with a blessing and a bottle of champagne cracked on her front.



There are several information boards and a model of Dorothy in a marquee. The complexities of how the TBM works are enormous and incredibly clever. She is underground at present and due to come to the surface at Dallas Burston in 4-5 weeks' time. The cutting "front" (9 metres high) will be detached and transported by road back to the beginning at the Long Itchington site to bore the second tunnel. The main body of the machine will be reversed back through the tunnel and

re-connected to the cutting front. It is expected that both tunnels will be complete by the end of this year.

Dhiren answered our many questions with alacrity and good humour - he was an excellent guide and host. We all thoroughly enjoyed the visit and I believe we all learnt something. A good outing!!



HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

Caroline George



It has been a busy time for the Harbury Theatre Group. In May we put on our production 'Comedy, Music and Mayhem' and I have to say it was certainly a combination of all three! We are lucky to have a fabulously talented group of singers, actors, behind the scenes crew and front of house team who helped to put on a smashing performance, complete with singing robots, comedic zombies and flower fairies! Thank you to everyone who came to see our production - we hope you had as much fun watching it as we did

putting it together! We are now taking one of our favourite sketches to the ACT one act play festival in Kineton on 2nd July. We are also starting to think about our November production and will be choosing a script and holding auditions soon. We are always looking for new members to join, so if you're interested in getting on stage or helping behind the scenes, we would love to hear from you! Email us: harburytheatregroup@gmail.com or come along to our next meeting: Tuesday 19th July, 7.30pm in the Village Club.



FOLK CLUB

Peter McDonald

It was a great relief to be able re-start Harbury Folk Club at the Village Club on 2nd June, well over two years since our last one in March 2020, having been curtailed by the Covid pandemic. My theme for our 425th session was 'Celebration', shamelessly

copied (for the same reasons) from the annual Folk Club Concert in April, and the evening certainly lived up to expectations with a large, appreciative audience.

Even before the start time of 8pm, I had a list of 19 acts (comprising 32 individual performers) requesting a spot so I knew it was going to be a long evening of music. The word had obviously got round and singers had come from far and wide to help us celebrate. To fit everyone in, I had to limit some singers to just one song each but at least everyone had a go.

I started the evening with 'Come Spend a While wi' Me', a Scottish song which celebrates the enjoyment of music with friends; Bob Clucas followed with the 'Ballad from an upstairs window', a funny song with accompaniment from his son-in-law, Johnno. Bob Brooker celebrated a return to Harbury after a 25-year gap with the story of the 'Whitby Whalebone' and Sue Crum sang one of our favourites, the 'Dragon Song'. Making his debut at the Club, Craig Sunderland sang two fine songs including 'Barrack Street', skilfully accompanied on guitar, and Rik Middleton, a regular performer, sang 'On board a Ninety-Eight' (a ship of 98 guns). Poacher's Pocket (Carole, Colin and Campbell) got the audience singing heartily on 'Rolling Home' while Pete Grassby chose a quieter approach with a Huw Williams song, 'Summer Before the War'. The Harvesters closed the first half with two lively numbers, 'Sail Away, Ladies' and 'Keep on the Sunny Side' with more chorus singing opportunities.

After a short break, the Folk Club Choir started the second half with a new song, 'Harbour', whose theme is the support of refugees, followed by Elton John's 'Can You Feel the Love Tonight?'. Pete and Liz Bones chose two excellent songs and we particularly enjoyed singing along to 'English Meadow'. Debbie Ellis was next with her own song, 'Carnival Queen', and then the Somerville Gentlemen's Band (Phil, Jem and Peter) sang the Everly Brothers song, 'So Sad', reflecting that the band wasn't the same without our dear friend, Ted Crum. Sue Harris sang the charming 'Welcome to my World' and Don Arthurson performed his own emotional song 'Faithful', dedicated to his wife. Martin Day was on good form with the hilarious song 'Wine' (the most important thing being that it makes you drunk!) and he was followed by new Harbury resident, Michael Luntley, making his debut with one of his own songs. Des Patalong got the audience singing heartily with a great shanty, 'Rosabella', and Keith Donnelly had the audience in stitches as he finished the evening with 'Déjà vu' and 'Falling Apart', complete with trick guitar.

The charity raffle raised an outstanding £155 for the DEC Ukrainian Humanitarian Appeal. The next Folk Club will be at 8pm on 7th July when Ian will be the host and his theme will be 'Favourites'.



LOCAL FOODBANK - your local Foodbank, supplies the surrounding area, including Harbury. Please bring non-perishable 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 in the library foyer during its normal opening hours.

Thank you.



HARBURY TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Ron Temple

It was great to welcome a number of our friends from Samoisi-sur Seine to Harbury for the weekend of the Queen's Jubilee. On Friday evening John and Sally Stringer hosted a reception at their home for our guests and nearly forty of our members.

Saturday saw a visit to Kenilworth followed by a traditional pub lunch.

There were, of course, many street and garden party events over the weekend which our visitors joined with their hosts.



Finally, we met up at the Crown Inn on Sunday evening before our guests left for home the following day.



HARBURY HERITAGE CENTRE

Bill Timson

One of the things we have been keen to do since moving to the new Centre is to get more people through the door. We tend to find that open days attract individuals who are looking for something specific, new residents in the village or people visiting from further afield who have or had a connection with Harbury.

Back in 2020 when we received the funding to revamp the Centre we set targets to increase the 'footfall' and this immediately got taken out of our hands by the pandemic and all its restrictions.

We have had to look for other ways to

communicate with people and to let them know that we are here and that we hold the village archives. The calendar was a way of advertising the Heritage Group and also



Signing up for the Treasure Hunt August 2021

had the bonus of being able to donate to 'Myton Hospice' especially in their time of need when they too lost opportunities to fund raise.

The family treasure hunts held in August for the past two years have involved a younger age group of residents and these events have been carried out safely despite the social distancing restrictions. We have also taken the opportunity to open our doors on the weekend of the 'Garden Walkabout' both last year and this year, serving delicious cakes and other refreshments.

Recently, in May, we suddenly found ourselves very busy conducting 'village tours'. Something we are delighted to do as it provides the opportunity to show off our lovely village to interested visitors. On 5th May Years 1 and 2 from the primary school walked around the village, armed with their information. The children will be improving their map reading skills, comparing new with old, producing 2D and 3D aerial maps etc.



On tour with the children of Year 1 and Year 2

On the evening of 17th May members of Ladbroke WI visited and they too undertook a village tour. Unfortunately, the weather was terrible and everyone got soaked! On arrival back at the Centre we were able to warm people up with a hot cuppa and biscuits.

The following Sunday, 22nd, Stretton History Society were our visitors. (A visit arranged over two years ago!). The weather was fine this time and after the tour, tea and cakes were enjoyed. The Stretton Group do not have a headquarters for their collection of village history; so we realise how fortunate we are to have the Centre to house the village archives which is kindly 'lent' to us by Harbury School.



Back at the Centre for refreshments

We used some of the money we received when setting up the Centre to buy a projector, screen and lap top computer so that we could hold talks and presentations. Once again this became impossible under the Covid restrictions; so it was with great

pleasure that we welcomed two more classes from the primary school (Years 3 and 4), who came to learn more about the Anglo-Saxons. A PowerPoint presentation was given and the children went away to produce their own work about this period of our country's history.



Left: Some of Year 4 learning about the Anglo-Saxons and right: Site of the 'Bury' off Butt Lane

The original Anglo-Saxon settlement in Harbury, 'the Bury' was close to Harbury House on Butt Lane. I was delighted to meet the new owner of this lovely property, Alex and he allowed me to photograph the site to show to the children. The name of the village derives from *Hereburgh's Byrig* – 'byrig' (burh) being an Anglo-Saxon term meaning a **fortified village or settlement**. Hereburgh (or Heber) is presumed to be the female leader of an Iron Age tribe who settled at the site c.500BC.

All of these activities rely on the people who give freely of their time by volunteering to help. We would **REALLY** like to get more people, of any age, involved with our group. It is NOT a big commitment and the more people we have the more the tasks get shared out. As you can see from the photographs we have a warm, welcoming environment to work in and it's situated in the safety of the School grounds.

So please do contact me if you would like to get involved; our email address is group@harburyheritage.org.uk or you can phone me on 07813 739972 or leave a message on 01926 713389. **I look forward to hearing from you!**

Next open days: **Tuesday 5th July 7 to 9pm, Sunday 17th July 2 to 4pm entry via Park Lane.**



HARBURY ENERGY INITIATIVE

Bob Sherman

Tel: 07511 679312

Great to see you

It was a pleasure to see so many people in the Eco-Fair marquee at the Carnival. I am sure that most of you were there willingly but some may have blown in on the gale that swept across the field all afternoon. Willing or not you all engaged with our teams and displays and we enjoyed talking to you. With the climate emergency now a serious present reality it is clear that concern amongst you about how to respond responsibly is growing. Those who were kind enough to complete the various

surveys we were running have contributed to our understanding and will inform what we do next. From the survey results for the HEI questionnaire there was no clear preference for topics of particular interest but 19 respondents said they were interested in the general topic “How to make your home and life more sustainable” and there were also 19 votes for information on “Future power such as hydrogen, tidal and geothermal power”, something that we attempt to cover through **Ted’s Tech Trawl** every month. Since few people were excited by the idea of specific talks on climate issues and the majority preferred to communicate by email or by accessing our website, we will have to see how to approach that.

Our questions on the Harbury Future Energy (electric car charging station project) showed even more interest in electric cars (EVs) than last time we asked. From replies we estimate that EV ownership has in the last 2 years increased from 7% to 17% but this is an estimate not a researched fact.

Harbury Future Energy on the move

We are delighted to announce that planning consent has been granted for our project with very few conditions. There is further good news in that Warwickshire County Council has adopted our scheme in a joint bid to the government LEVI (Low Emission Vehicle Infrastructure) fund. As a result, it is a significantly expanded scheme, allowing us to install even more ‘passive’ points - enabled by cabling but without the actual charging posts - with an additional rapid charger for disabled drivers and a battery double the original size.

We have strong support from our MP, Sir Jeremy Wright, and from the Midlands Energy Hub (now renamed the Net Zero Hub) based in Nottingham.

Harbury has gained a reputation for innovation because of our energetic efforts to tackle carbon emission reduction locally and work with other organisations and local government, particularly our own Parish Council. This project is now able to build on the success of the InnovateUK Advent project, in which over 40 Harbury residents played a key role (see Harbury and Ladbroke News June edition).

A couple of interesting reports/consultations

There are a couple of interesting notices from Warwickshire County Council that you might wish to take a look at. The County is currently consulting on residents’ views on the **Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan**. You have until 14th August to express your views. Knowing how many energetic walkers and bikers there are in Harbury I anticipate a stampede (virtual, of course; what’s the biking equivalent of a stampede?) to access the consultation. They will be running an online session on 21st July at 7pm. You can access the information about the survey at: <https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/insights-service/lcwip/>

The County Council has also released its second report on the Voice of Warwickshire citizens’ panel on climate and energy. It is interesting to note that very, very few people now express ‘no interest’ in climate and energy. Also clear from the report is how much cost is a factor in failure to adopt energy efficiency measures. You can read the report at:

<https://api.warwickshire.gov.uk/documents/WCCC-12442839-934>

Ted's Tech Trawl

Last month we looked at ways people are using Hydrogen: fuel cells, JCB engine and Aquarius engine. This month we take a short journey over the Welsh border to Llandrindod Wells. Here there is a small car-making company called Riversimple. They have been working since 2007 on their hydrogen powered, lightweight two-seater car, using a fuel cell to turn hydrogen into electricity for power to all four wheels. Instead of batteries to store power for rapid acceleration they are using super capacitors, charged mainly during braking. Acceleration from 0 to 60 - only nine seconds!

Not only is the drive train very different but so is their business model. You will not be able to buy one. The cars will only be available to rent, all the servicing, hydrogen and insurance included in a monthly charge. When a car becomes old it will be refurbished and reused or, if too rough, recycled and all good parts used again. The Riversimple car has a claimed range of around 300 miles at 250 miles per gallon (equivalent).

On the drawing board are a small delivery van prototype and eventually a five seater car.

Who knows? It might be Harbury H-wheels instead of e-Wheels sometime in the future.

For more information search riversimple.com

Since March there have been two of their hydrogen cars travelling in the Milford Haven area using Green Hydrogen created by Renewable Energy at the Milford Haven Energy Kingdom. For more information search: <https://www.mhpa.co.uk/milford-haven-energy-kingdom/>

SCOUTS 1st HARBURY SCOUTS

Paul Quinney

In our Summer months Harbury Scouts have continued to engage in a varied programme of scouting activities in and away from our Harbury. Free from lockdown restrictions, we were one of the first groups to get away at our annual Youth Hostelling trip in February, albeit in some challenging weather conditions that saw us add an impromptu cave visit to warm up and shelter!

A selection of other activities has included:

- Night Hike
- Knots & Pioneering
- Map Reading
- Watching Warwickshire Gang Show (WAGS) at Spa Centre



- Outdoor Cooking
- First Aid
- Making things - plastic bottle rockets and a woggle
- Queens Jubilee/HPC Tree Planting at Harbury Playing fields
- Karts and orienteering at Burton Dassett
- Visit to HS2 TBM Visitor Centre
- Bike Maintenance with Support of Harbury Repair Café



In May we were able to attend, with Harbury Cubs & Explorers, the Get In County Camp at Ragley Hall, with over 5000 other squirrels, beavers, cubs, scouts, explorers and leaders from across Warwickshire with a massive amount of varied activities. The weather was kind, much fun was had and there were lots of tired leaders, helpers and young people but plenty of smiles too.

With summer holidays approaching, we look forward to returning to our annual troop camp this time planned in August in Pembrokeshire.

Finally, may we wish you all a safe and pleasant summer and we look forward to further adventures for our Harbury Scouts returning in September 2022 and beyond.

cubs HARBURY CUBS

Cub Leaders

Following a period of closure, Harbury Cubs is now back up and running, with the help of Simon Holliday and Wendy Lewin as new leaders with Richard and Paul, supported in interim by Katharine's amazing admin skills as well as great assistance from Rory and Kallum our young leaders.

In our Summer session Harbury Cubs have had great fun engaged in a varied programme of scouting activities in and away from Harbury.

A selection of the activities has included:

- Games
- Night Hike from Chesterton
- Map Reading
- Outdoor fires, cooking and marshmallows
- First Aid
- Visit to HS2 TBM Visitor Centre
- Den Building at Ufton Woods
- Mini Pioneering - Building Ballisters

In May we were able to attend, with Harbury Scouts and Explorers, the Get In County Camp at Ragley Hall. As mentioned above in the Scout report, the weather was kind and great fun was had by all who attended.



With summer holidays approaching, we look forward to a well-earned break and planning for the autumn. We do however need some further leader and admin assistance and encourage parents, grandparents, former scouts or anyone that wants to help give something back and keep Harbury Cubs going, to contact us.

Finally, may we wish you all a safe and pleasant summer and we look forward to furthering adventures for our Harbury Cubs returning in September 2022 and beyond.

Harbury Wheelbarrow Race 2022



Carnival



2022



JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS



The Paddock



Queens Close/Butt Lane



Hall Lane (on the Pound)



JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS



Vicarage Lane



Manor Orchard



Manor Orchard



HARBURY RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Steven Kittendorf

The Minis (U8s to U11s) travelled over to Condover Hall Activity Centre in Shrewsbury where they enjoyed a fun packed weekend of hide-and-peek, high-ropes, team games, confectionary overload and a paucity of sleep

Rugby at Shrewsbury saw a great contest with fantastic hospitality and competitive matches. Sleep deprivation was clearly evident at the start of the matches, despite this, all teams put in hard fought performances. After tucking into the post-match BBQ, most of the players were nodding off by the time the cars pulled out of the car park.

Across the weekend there was loads of team bonding and learning the value of looking out for each other. A fantastic weekend and looking forward to 2023!

Harbury U12s started their weekend on Friday scaling the high peaks of the Malvern Hills followed on Saturday by a full day at Worcester Warriors; this had the boys training, asking questions of players and being mascots, followed by some great photos with the Saracens and Warrior's team.

The weekend was capped off with a convincing win over Malvern who were both gracious in defeat and very hospitable. Both team and parents were great on tour and we are looking forward to the next one.



Harbury U15s set off on their first international tour to Pembrokeshire. The weekend was spent based at Newgale Lodge and was a full celebration of the best that the seaside has to offer including beach baseball, fish and chips, crab fishing, ice-creams and coastering. Coastering involves clambering round the rocky shore-line at about water-level, leading on to jumps, dives and flips into the sea. The culmination of the activity was in the "Blue Lagoon"; an old slate mine where the Red Bull cliff diving competition has been held three times. For those that could stomach it the height of the jumps increased steadily to the biggest jump of about 33 feet. Over half the lads and dads made it!

Sunday saw us playing Haverfordwest Rugby Club U15, which is the county town in the area and they are the regional rugby champions at U15. The club and team were very welcoming, and the match was played in a great spirit by both teams. Their much larger squad size, and the fact that they had had some sleep the previous two nights ultimately made the difference and the final score was 8 tries to 4.

We certainly provided them with stronger opposition than they expected, and a look at their previous matches suggests that we put more points on them than any other team since last October – so the lads can be proud of their performance. A fantastic weekend was had by all. We left the club looking forward to our four hour drive back home with the kids asleep in the back.



HARBURY TENNIS CLUB

Colin Mercer

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

The Club's highlight of the summer held on the longest day was our Strawberry fest. Tournament "Director" Peter Walshe did his usual superb job in organising the draw and followed it up with this report:

"On a beautiful evening, just made to be outdoors, Harbury Tennis Club celebrated its 40th anniversary, delayed from 2020, with a record turnout to compete in the fun 'Strawberry' Tournament. So called because Eira Owen supplies strawberries and cream around about the time of Wimbledon tennis, and at stake was the Strawberry Bowl made by Eira's father.

A special display of past photos, including the construction of the courts overseen by our oldest members Mary and Keith Thompson, also attracted several past members to come and watch and join in the festivities.

Three groups of players were cunningly seeded (it is a strawberry tournament!) to play with different partners for up to four games each, ensuring that everyone was mixed up to give as even a chance as possible to all players. The scores of that first round were remarkably close and nine combatants won enough games to be eligible for the semi-finals of eight players. Simon Garratt gallantly pointed out that he had been beaten by another player with the same number of games and so stood down: earning the fair-play-sportsperson-of-the-evening award.

Colin Mercer with Eira Owen and Nigel Eaton with James Edge battled hard but just failed to make the final.

Approaching 10pm with the floodlights now on, but close to redundant because of the fine evening, Karen Bristow and Dan Chand had their high hopes of claiming the Strawberry Bowl dashed by the winners Helen Cooper and Ben Fish.

In addition to the luscious strawberries, there were tennis themed cup-cakes (Ele-tastic Cakes, Leamington – recommend!) organised by Emma Brangwin to put the icing on a great 40th celebration”.

Eira and Emma were also busy before the tournament, being invited by the LTA to attend a “She Rallies Female Network Day” at the Rothesay Open at Nottingham, one of the leading pre-Wimbledon Tournaments. The invitation came after Emma and Eira ran the very successful She Rallies taster session at Harbury. The weather was a complete contrast to our event, cold and overcast, but it stayed dry enough to demonstrate some drills and activities designed to encourage women tennis players into coaching and to support career development, in coaching, line judging and umpiring. After lunch they were able to enjoy the tennis action to complete an enjoyable day.



We have two teams in the Banbury Summer League but so far only the “A” team has played any fixtures. Eira and Emma with Sue Panton, Ben Fish, Ian Reynolds, and Josh Marshall started with a close 5-4 home win against Kings Sutton “B”. The second match was a long trip to Charlbury in West Oxfordshire where Eira, Emma and Josh were joined by Helen Cooper, Dan Chand and Steve Attridge. To borrow a cricketing phrase they “failed to disturb the scorer”, losing 0-9 so it must have felt an even longer journey home!

Our coaching sessions on Fridays for juniors and adults plus cardio tennis will run until the end of the summer term. For more details contact Lianne on 07919 104093 or lianne@coolsportz.co.uk



THE BELL INN
at
LADBROKE
VILLAGE PUB & STEAKHOUSE

NEW AT THE BELL THIS JULY...

NEW OPENING HOURS!

We will be opening our doors from July 4th, seven days a week!! Please check out the website for all the latest details on opening times.

BRUNCH!

Wednesday through to Saturday from 10am until 11.30am we are serving our new brunch menu.
(Seven days a week from July 4th)

PRE FIX LUNCH MENU

We have launched a brand new Pre Fix Lunch Menu with 2 courses for £15.95 and 3 course for £19.95

AFTERNOON TEA!

Wednesday through to Saturday between 3pm and 4.30pm you can now book an afternoon tea. This is Pre Order bookings only so please head to the website for more details and to book.

WHATS COMING UP

Wine tasting, live music and much more coming soon. Please check out our Website for all the latest.

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HARBURY TODDLER GROUP

Lynne Barton

Hello from everyone at Toddlers

We can't believe just how quickly this term is going!

We are planning for our summer trip and our final session of Toddlers before we close for the summer holidays. Hatton Country World awaits our families with lots of animals to see, rides to enjoy and a magic show to entertain us, this is an opportunity to celebrate the time we have spent together and the new friends we have made.



Celebrating Children Event

Our local not for profit organisation Entrust Care Partnership supports the Toddler Group with volunteers and activities and on 3rd June all toddlers, parents and families were invited to a fun packed afternoon of art and craft, music, dancing, ice cream and much more. Thank you for your support; we had a ball.

Making Memories

We try to prepare many different experiences for the children each week with cooking, dancing, art, singing and physical activities to give a broad range of varied things to try. We were particularly pleased with our empty teddy bear shaped



containers who were transformed into little 'keepsakes' to remember their days at Toddlers.

The empty teddy bears waited patiently to be filled with coloured salt as the children selected the colours of the rainbow to make their 'keepsakes'. They loved talking about which colour should come next as they built their memories, such an enjoyable way to spend a morning.

Sleeping Beauty and SpOt



The traditional story of Sleeping Beauty provided a fabulous chance to make an interactive drama production with Lydia and Rosie from SpOt Drama. The Princess slept for a 100 years and the children had real difficulty in waking her, I am sure staff in the shops in Mill Street wondered what the noise was but it took the Prince to cut down the forest and wake her up! What a wonderful adventure for everyone, a nice happy start to the week.

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 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 'toddlers' 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



It was fantastic to attend Harbury Carnival again after a two-year break! What a super day we all had and none of it would have been possible without our wonderful Pre-School children who looked simply amazing on our float. The theme was 'Superworm and his Friends' and we had an amazing array of minibeasts. We had bees, ants, butterflies, worms, stick insects and ladybirds to name just a few!

The children did their parents and the Pre-School staff proud as they rode on the float or walked alongside with their parents.

We are all extremely proud and delighted to have received a first-place certificate for our float which was decorated with an incredibly long superworm which the children helped to make and all the lovely minibeast-themed artwork, which the children have

been busy creating over the last few months at Pre-School. Well done to everyone who played a part in making the day so enjoyable!

A Huge Thank you!

On behalf of Harbury Pre-School staff and Committee, we would like to express our sincere thanks to the following organisations and individuals for their support with the Carnival. In no particular order: Heather and George Clarke for lending and driving the tractor, the Co-op and Sainsbury's for their generous food donations and the Hadley family for lending us the trailer.



Thank you also all the parents, grandparents and carers who helped decorate the float, helped with the BBQ and provided amazing costumes for their children. None of this would have been possible without your support.

Caterpillars

To support our learning about minibeast, five baby caterpillars arrived at Pre-School last week and the children have been excited to watch them grow bigger day by day.

The children have been making predictions as to what they think will happen to the caterpillars and how long the process will take.

By the time this article is published, the caterpillars will have hopefully emerged as butterflies or at least have formed five cocoons. Watch this space...!

Letter from the Queen!



Last week, we received a very special letter in the post. After making and sending a card to the Queen for her Platinum Jubilee, we received a thank you letter. The Queen told us how much she loved our card and hoped that we all enjoyed our celebratory picnics.

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 PRIMARY SCHOOL

Sue Johnson - Chair of Governors

You may be aware that Kate Guymmer, our head of Harbury Primary School, after eight years in post is moving on to pastures new. Kate has overseen phenomenal change and progress within the school, however we are delighted to be welcoming our new head teacher, Lucy Bosley in September.

The school is truly at the heart of our village, both metaphorically and physically, and I know many of you have met Kate as your children and grandchildren passed through the years.

We are creating a memories book as part of Kate's leaving gift, and if you would like to contribute with a photo, memory or story, please feel free to email them to me at johnson.s7@welearn365.com or pop them in an envelope marked for the attention of Sue Johnson at the school reception by the 12th July.

I have taken over as Chair of Governors of the school since January, and want to thank Chris Gibb for his long standing commitment to the school as Chair of Governors, overseeing many infrastructure improvements (eg installation of solar panels) and upgrades to the school facilities (eg after school club and classroom expansions).

I will come back in the September edition to welcome Lucy to our village community.



HARBURY SCHOOL PTA

PTA Committee

We are busy preparing for our exciting Inflatable Summer Sunday on 16th July, 12-3pm.

- FREE entry! Advance tickets for UNLIMITED use of the fantastic inflatable course are on sale now
- Enjoy live music from the amazing Devon Mayson and school steel pans
- Delicious food and refreshments from the BBQ and bar
- Market stalls, Hook a Duck, Lucky Dip, Bottle Tombola, Sweets and more
- Teachers in the Stocks - Take the chance to get your own back!
- Raffle with loads of great prizes from The Crown Inn, Mallory Court, Jump in, Ten Pin, Warwick Castle, Nuffield, Everyone Active and many more

Buy tickets for the inflatables using the QR code, at www.pta-events.co.uk/harburypta or on the door.

Finally, we would like to say a huge thank you to our amazing sponsors for supporting for this event.

Stairways, Drop Dead Gorgeous Curtains, Brellis Recruitment Ltd, Miles of Tiles, Banana Moon, Harbury Milk Shed and Catteralls Coaches.





HARBURY VILLAGE HALL

Andy Rutherford

Things are generally going well at the Hall - at least they are at last moving in the right direction. We saw a busy Carnival Day, the Local Market is settling in well, and we look forward to the first Beer Festival in three years.

Our Management Committee has a new member, David Gimson, and he is our new Secretary. Our Treasurer, Susan Littlewood, is still planning to stand down at the end of this year so we really do need to find somebody as a replacement. Sue can offer guidance during the transition!

Our drains failed again at the Carnival, and a full jetting and cleaning cost us over £1000. There was quite an amount of solidified debris in the drains from a massive overload of the system last year, this combined with nappies and sanitary products put down the toilets. Just one note for the future: it is recommended that community events of 2,000 people plus, serving food, and lasting more than two hours, need 24 toilets.



HARBURY LIBRARY & BIBLIO'S CAFE

Rich Fowler



Blue Label Library Cards: It is likely that many children at Harbury Primary School already have a Warwickshire County Library card. The aim of our Blue Label Library Card scheme is to ensure that all children in the school have the ability to borrow books from Harbury Village Library. It's particularly important that all children have a chance to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge.

We have made a special Blue Label Library Card available to all children in the school. With their parent's or guardian's consent they can then borrow books from our own Harbury Library collection. Those books all have a Blue Label on the spine. Children will still need a Warwickshire County Library Card to borrow books from the Warwickshire collection. **No** fines or fees will be charged for Blue Label books which are returned late or lost.

The Harbury Library
Book Bear Club



Passport



Harbury Library Book Bear Club: More and more children in the village have a Book Bear Club passport, with some parents now having to make special trips to the library after school so that their children can borrow some books and get a new stamp! For every six stamps they collect, children receive a certificate which includes a story about Biblio the Library cat. When they have all four certificates the child receives a small gift and, in recognition of effort required to arrange at least 24 visits to the library, their parent or guardian gets a token for a coffee in Biblio's.

Tunes and Tales We will continue to run Tunes and Tales sessions through the summer on Thursday mornings, starting at the slightly later time of 9.30am. The good news is that Biblio's will be open so you can go straight from stories and songs to cakes and coffee ... what could be better?

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



SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2022

Rich Fowler

The Summer Reading Challenge is the UK's biggest free reading for pleasure programme for children. Taking place annually, the Challenge encourages children aged 4 to 11 to keep reading during the summer holidays. Children's reading can 'dip' during the long summer holidays if they don't have regular access to books and encouragement to read for pleasure. This can be a problem for schools to put right in the new term. The Summer Reading Challenge helps by regularly reaching over 700,000 children each year, motivating them to visit the library and keep reading during the holidays, and in turn helping them to maintain their reading skills and confidence. The Challenge runs throughout the summer holidays across the UK, and starts on Saturday 9th July.

Introducing 'Gadgeteers'

Science is all around you! This year's Summer Reading Challenge, 'Gadgeteers', is all about science and innovation. Developed in partnership with the Science Museum Group, the Challenge will inspire children to use their curiosity and creativity to discover the science behind the everyday and celebrates the role of the imagination in both reading and the sciences.

Through the Challenge children will meet six fictional characters, the Gadgeteers, brought to life by top children's writer and illustrator, Julian Beresford. The Gadgeteers are six young friends who love hanging out at their local community centre, and are planning a party. They all enjoy creating new inventions and working together to solve problems! Using their imagination and curiosity, the Gadgeteers will come up with innovative ways to get everything ready for the summer party. This setting will allow children to explore the science behind a range of interests, from fashion and technology to cooking and music.

During the Summer Holidays we will be running "Gadget" Children's "Gadget" Craft Workshops in the library.



HARBURY CLUB & INSTITUTE

Club Committee

The 27th May 2022 was our AGM. Thank you to everyone who attended and positively participated with their questions. The chairman and treasurer explained how Covid had impacted the finances of the club and thanked members etc, on behalf of all the committee for their kind generosity in helping to fund the repairing of the part of the roof which was leaking. The job was completed by a local tradesman.

The voting for officers and committee resulted in:

Chairman - Adrian Exton, **Vice chairman** - Chris Bradley, **Treasurer** - Sarah Morrall, **Acting Secretary** - Elaine Howard. Janet Thornley, Sally Lines, Martyn Revitt, Joanne Hunt.

We would like to extend our thanks and gratitude to Judy Morrall, who has stepped down, for all of her time and hard work she has dedicated to the club. We hope you enjoyed your flowers.



We are pleased to mention that our darts team have won the Southam men's darts league B league winners' Cup. We are all excited to have the new addition to our trophy collection. This can be seen in the main bar, pride of place. Well done team!

The club has been a hive of activity during the month of June, kicking off with a live band on the 3rd to celebrate the Jubilee weekend. Eazy Street were a huge hit and can be heard most Thursdays practising in the club so pop in for a drink and a listen. On Saturday 4th we continued our celebrations with a family fun day, the free bouncy castle and face painting were warmly received along with whiskey and a meat raffle. The hot dogs were a hit too.

Straight off the heels of all the celebrating was Carnival week. We brought a new team to the games this year and put in a sterling effort! We came 8th - we can only do better next year! The club hosted the usual Carnival games quiz night which was a lot of fun and very successful. Well done to all the other teams involved.

It was great fun being involved in the Carnival and making a float to represent the club. We came third in our category which was a fabulous boost for us. "Boris" happily accepted our certificate which will soon be displayed in the foyer.



Bingo was held on the 24th June which included the much-missed snowball. Our next bingo evening will be 22nd July at 8pm. We were also excited to get the Jaykays to perform on the 2nd July, a well known local band. We will definitely ask them to return in the future. On the 30th July we also have Rena and The Renegades performing some great dance classics of times gone by, so dig out your dancing shoes or just join us for a drink and a night of music to stir your memories.

The Flying Scotsman chip van can be found in the club car park on alternate Thursdays from 7.45pm. July dates will be 7th and 21st. Place your order, plates and cutlery are available in the club if needed, along with our growing choice of lagers / bottled beers and ever faithful Hooky bitter. We hope to see you there. Cheers.



GARDEN JOTTINGS

Christine Dakin from Bridge Nursery

This should be the time of year to sit back and admire your plants and garden, and to harvest some of your fruit and veg. But the rate of growth has been incredible and trying to keep up with the all the weeding, pruning, planting, mowing and general garden care has not been easy. You certainly need eagle eyes to spot some of the weeds which 'hide' among similar plants, eg creeping buttercup which looks just like



hardy geraniums and rosebay willow herb can masquerade as many asters (Michaelmas daisies).

Thinking of asters and late summer colour these really are excellent plants which do very well in our clay soil and are attractive to bees and butterflies. The experts have changed the name to *Symphytotrichon* - now there's an easy name to pronounce!!



Reminders.....dead-head roses to encourage more flowers, prune mock orange after flowering by removing some of the older branches at ground level, pinch out side shoots of tomato plants unless they are the 'bush' types, the first early potatoes should be ready to lift, prune espalier apples and pears and prune wisteria.

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NATURE NOTES

John Hancock

First, I must make an apology. Sharon and I were in Poland visiting Krakow as the deadline for June's edition of Harbury and Ladbroke News approached. Suffice it to say that I missed it, something I had not done over many years of writing for the magazine. However, mainly because I am not as mobile as I was, I've decided that this will be my last regular article. I hope that someone else will give us a regular perusal of the natural history of our area and perhaps further afield. We have had the privilege over the years of travelling the world and seeing some extraordinary wildlife phenomena. I especially remember a visit to the lava tubes in the Undara National Park in North Queensland when we were staying with Sharon's Australian cousins. Sitting outside the cave-like opening at dusk, we watched thousands of bats streaming out and then the scary bit as snakes, waiting in the trees, began catching their supper.

I have been helped over the years by experts in ornithology, lepidopterists and farmers. I want to particularly thank Alan Barr, David Brown and Graham Robson as well as a galaxy of others too numerous to mention. I have learnt a lot about the sheer variety of species in our world and of the never-ending battle to preserve our precious environment. The River Wye has fond memories for me, not least because I canoed from Hereford to Tintern with my daughter Jane in the 1980s. Now, we learn that the river, praised for its purity by Wordsworth, is being turned into an open sewer by the growth of chicken farms throughout the river's catchment. This is just one of the challenges that the environmental agencies need to tackle urgently.

On a more positive note, I have been out today with the U3A Natural History group now led by Alison Hodge. We met up in the layby adjacent to the Grand Union Canal at the A426 crossing the gate into Tasker's Meadow on the east side of the main road. Do take care crossing this busy route. The Meadow is named in memory of Andy Tasker, a Harbury resident for some years. He was Chief Executive of Warwickshire Wildlife Trust and died in 2012. The underlying limestone geology means that the meadow is awash with plants that once were commonplace throughout our area. Five species of orchid were noted - Common Spotted, Greater

Butterfly, Bee, Pyramidal and Common Twayblade. It is always a red letter day to find a Bee orchid and marvel at its similarity to the insect.

The day before, we had taken our son Stephen and his wife Sally who were visiting from Sheffield to look at Bishops Hill. Steve was thrilled to be able to watch a Red Kite flying majestically overhead. As well as a cornucopia of wild flowers, we were blown away by the butterflies that were on the wing. Marbled Whites which have been likened to flying chess boards, Ringlets and a solitary Small Skipper. Today, I saw my first Painted Lady of the year which would have flown in from North Africa, an epic journey for such a small insect.

Our holiday in Poland had been booked pre-pandemic and postponed several times. Sharon had visited the country when she was a student in 1965 and knew I would enjoy the experience. The war in Ukraine has meant that many refugees have crossed the border and been welcomed by the Polish population who of course suffered invasion by both Germany and Russia in 1939, which is really not that long ago. In Krakow's beautiful main square we stood in solidarity with Ukraine as a choir sang their national anthem. We could never have imagined another war would come to Europe yet it has come to pass.

On our last day we travelled by tram to Krakow's Botanic Gardens which were laid out by the University in the 19th century. It is a magnificent area and not to be missed if you visit the city. Every single plant and tree is clearly labelled and it was easy to spend several hours there especially as the weather was perfect and there was an excellent laid-back café.

So, I'll say au revoir. Thanks for your kind comments over the years. Let's all do our bit to preserve our precious wildlife. Whether that's litter picking, volunteering at a Nature Reserve or nurturing a wild area in a garden - it all helps.



HARBURY GENERAL NEWS

PETE ANDREWS

John Hancock

It is with sadness that I write to tell readers of the recent unexpected death of Pete Andrews. He and his wife Barbara and sons Gary, Neil and Ross lived in Frances Road and Pete worked at Lockheed in Leamington. Tragically, Ross, who had Cystic Fibrosis, died soon after starting school. Barbara became Harbury Surgery's first Practice Manager, a role she held for many years. Pete and Barbara moved to Withington, a village near Hereford, after they retired and have been very happy there. They were married for 62 years. There will be a private funeral and Pete will be buried at the Natural Burial Ground near Tysoe.

The photo shows Pete Andrews (far left) with Mr & Mrs Lindop when he took over running the shop in Chapel Street.





SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior Citizens Committee

June has been and gone and so has the Carnival and our day trip to Bristol.

Thank you to everyone who donated chocolate for our tombola stall at the Carnival. It was a very windy afternoon but so much better than rain. We were happy to see most of the chocolate was won and a lot of happy people walking around the field.

Our day trip to Bristol was a lovely day, the weather couldn't have been better, sunny but not too hot. It sounded as if everyone found something to explore, SS Great Britain, open top bus tour, the Cathedral or meandering around the docklands sussing out which one of the fine eateries to choose. It was great to be able to organise a trip again.

We will keep you posted on further upcoming events and coffee mornings.



HARBURY CARNIVAL GAMES WEEK

Mike McBride



The Harbury Carnival games week was 25 years old this year and was developed from an idea that Danny Killian had of joining up the wheelbarrow race and the Carnival with pub games. In the early days we also had The Test of Strength and Boules as games options. Many of the participants have joined in from the start and this year we dedicated the games to a much loved and active participant of all things "Carnival" - Lisa Tebaldi. She was missed.

However, this year we had TEN teams take part in the games and 110 people competed in one or more of the games. The ten teams this year were: The Crown Inn "A", The Crown Inn "J", The Crown Inn "T", The Gamecock, Girls-R-Loud, The Shakespeare, Drama Queens, the Wednesday Club, Harbury Rugby Club and the Village Clubbers. The winners of the individual events were as follows:

Horse Shoes	Harbury RFC
Table Skittles	Wednesday Club
Aunt Sally	Crown "J"
Quiz	Crown "T"

A pleasant surprise this year was that the weather allowed us to play the outside games outside – no rain, but a little chilly now and again.

At the end of the competitions the winners were The Crown Inn "J" with 61 points, followed by The Wednesday Club with 53 points, Girls 'R' Loud with 52 points, Harbury RFC with 50 points, The Crown Inn "T" with 44 points, The Crown Inn "A"

and The Gamecock both with 38 points, The Village Clubbers 36 points, The Drama Queens with 35 points and The Shakespeare Inn with 33 points.



The winners were presented with the Dan Killian Pub Games Shield. If you want a bit of fun playing games, not too seriously, on early June evenings and want to put a team together, please get in touch with the organisers when the games are advertised in 2023. You only need four people for each event out of a maximum 12 players per team - and they could be the same four who enter them all. It's good fun and gives you a chance to meet many fellow villagers and to visit our well known hostilities. Perhaps those teams who have taken part in previous years will enter again? You could start planning now.



Also, our thanks must go to all the teams for taking part. Along with the team players each evening and the supporters it was great to have so many people come along. Last but not least, we would like to thank the licensees for letting us use their premises; it would be difficult to hold the events without you.



HARBURY WHEELBARROW RACE

Wheelbarrow Race Committee

We had a fantastic turn out for Harbury Wheelbarrow Race on Sunday 5th June with 22 teams competing. The weather didn't manage to dampen the atmosphere and we had fantastic support all the way around the village. The race this year started from the Shakespeare who did a great job at hosting. The route then continued on to the Harbury Rugby Club pit stop on Farm Street, then round to the Gamecock, the Village Club and the Crown before the competitors headed back to the Shakespeare. Thank you to the pubs and clubs for manning the drinks stations and donating the beverages for the racers.

This year's men's beer race was won for a second year running by Adam Chalk and Rob Rollason in 10 mins 20 secs and the men's team who ran the fastest race with a combined age of more than 100 years was George Simpson and Mark Jones in 10 mins 31 secs. The women's beer race was won by Abi Hunt and Jodie Simpson in a

time of 15 mins 14 secs. This year we had a new category for competitors – the men and women's mixed beer race – which was won by Emma Brangwin and Stuart Wootton in 14 mins 12 secs. The water race was won by John and Amelie Mortimer from the Crown in 17 mins 16 secs. The best fancy dress trophy was awarded to Mark Onens and Will Peasgood from The Shakespeare who managed to do the course (more than once) dressed as dinosaurs!



Thank you again to everyone who made Wheelbarrow Race Day such a success. A special thank you goes to Sue Panton, Moira Rollason and Catriona Rollason for their timekeeping wizardry and Andy Hunt, Carol Cleaver, Haidee Powell and Eliza Cleaver for keeping everyone safe on the course. All money raised after costs will be donated to the Harbury Carnival fund.



HARBURY CARNIVAL 2022

Carnival Committee

Wow, what a fab day we had. Thankfully the weather was kind to us and everyone appeared to have a great time.

The procession was led by the talented Shirley Pipe Band all the way to Ivy Lane. Unfortunately, as they are out of practice and a little older these days, they felt the whole route would be too much for their members. But it didn't matter because the Hereburgh Morris Dancers kindly offered to lead the procession for the remainder of the route. They were very energetic and a lovely addition to the day.

Procession judges Amanda and Martin were assisted by King Jasper and Queen Bailey to give out the rosettes and certificates. Everyone who entered looked amazing, but top honours are as follows: -

Best decorated trade float –

- 1st The Crown for Alice in Wonderland
- 2nd The Shakespeare for Tiger King
- 3rd The Harbury Club for Party Gate

Best decorated private float –

- 1st The Markhams and The Watsons for Locked in Lockdown

Best Junior / Children's Float –

- 1st Pre School for Superworm and friends

Best decorated bike/pram/car –

- 1st The Robertsons for Ewoks Village
- 2nd Nigel for Delivery Guy
- 3rd Barney for Royal Baby

Best walking tableau –

- 1st Harbury WI for Repair, Recycle, Reuse
- 2nd Brownies & Rainbows for A Day at the Zoo

Best family walking tableau –

- 1st The Gladdens for Jubilee



Thank you to all who entered the parade, your efforts are very much appreciated. It really is one of the most important elements of the Carnival and we look forward to more amazing floats next year.

We owe huge thanks to the Murphy team for stepping in at the last minute and leading us around the village. As close as three days before the carnival, we did NOT have permission to have a procession. It's a long story, but health and safety is paramount

these days, as I'm sure you all know. Thanks to a last minute visit to the Murphy site, following some good advice from a friend (cheers Simon) and a bit of begging, Sean, Pony and Lee gave up their time to help us out. Thanks guys.

The King and Queen were driven around in Steve's lovely 1924 Morris Cowley Bullnose Tourer, which was followed by John in his 1952 Triumph Renown. We also had a few other interesting cars down at the field all afternoon thanks to Kier.

Debbie Ellis did a great job as compere, providing lots of fun and boundless energy throughout the whole day, as well as throughout the previous week, as Debbie attended all the games beforehand as well. Debbie, you're a star – thanks again.

Peter and Bev judged the fancy dress competition, again they were assisted by King Jasper and Queen Bailey, here are the winners: -

Under 5s:	1 st Rafael	2 nd Felix,	3 rd River
5 - 7 years:	1 st Monty	2 nd Harvey	3 rd Elliot
8 - 10 years:	1 st Florence	2 nd Payson	
11 - 17 years:	1 st William		
Individual adult:	1 st Rosemary	2 nd Alison	3 rd Mary

Again, thanks to all who entered, there were some fab costumes which made some of the decisions very difficult.

There was so much to see and do down at the field, with displays from the Tennis and Netball Clubs, the 'photo booth' (thank you Sarah and Phil), and lots of stalls to see. Thanks to Southam Fire Service for bringing a fire engine to explore, which was very popular with the children.

Love Ballet provided some great entertainment with their commercial dance troupe. And Gemma's Pet Services ran a great dog show.

Street Chef Pete kindly brought along a stilt walker. He was great, so entertaining and really added to the afternoon. Thanks Pete.

Nobody went hungry or thirsty either, we had Street Chef, Cofton Pizza, burgers and hot dogs cooked by Harbury Pre-school, and two ice cream vans. There was also tea and cakes in the village hall, provided by the friends of Myton Hospice. Windmills Brewery were selling real ales and the Little Cocktail Bar attended - I hope you got a chance to try one of their delicious cocktails.



We also have a few trophies to hand out and these will be presented when they have been engraved. The winners are: -

The Tim Percival Cup for child best original costume in parade – Rafael as an Octopus.

The Sue Andrews Cup for adult best original costume in parade – Rosemary as a recycling bin.

The John Ridgley Trophy for best adult walking group – Harbury WI for Repair, Recycle, Reuse.

And this year we have added a new trophy in memory of Lisa Tebaldi. Lisa was a big fan of the Carnival and was involved for so many years, from Carnival Queen to additional band member(!). Lisa's energy and enthusiasm will be missed by so many.

This year the Lisa Tebaldi trophy for best decorated trade float was presented to The Crown, the trophy is proudly displayed behind the bar and we recommend you all go and take a look, it is definitely Lisa's style.

Of course, there is a lot of planning and work that goes on behind the scenes for an event like this. A few 'thank yous' are necessary. Thanks to Ben for loaning the trailer and muscle and all your help setting up and cleaning up, along with Adam, Vinnie, Phil, James, Joy, Erin and Francesca (those bins – YUK!), and thanks to Pinner and Sons Ltd for letting us fill up your skip with ALL that rubbish. Thanks to Mike and John for 'consultancy' and all your help on the day. Thanks John, Nuala and Gordon for helping us set up. Thanks to Sue, Phill, Elaine, Caroline, Tracey and Erin for selling programs. Thanks to Hugh for taking lots of lovely photos throughout the day. Thank you to all those who sold raffle tickets for us door to door and all the generous businesses who donated raffle prizes.

We, the committee, are so grateful that you all turned up, helped, dressed up and had fun, it makes it all worthwhile. Now all we need to do is decide who gets the money – not a bad job. So, if you know of a local group, club or charity that is in need of cash, please let us know. Especially if there is a special project the funding is needed for. All applications will be discussed at our next carnival meeting, deadline for applying is 15th July 2022.

Till the next time,

**The Harbury Carnival Committee - Ceri, Sarah, Sue, Corinna and Haidee
(new members always welcome!)**



HARBURY ECO-FAIR

Julie Balch, Harbury Parish Council Climate Working Party

It was wonderful to see everyone back together again at this year's Carnival, and we were particularly excited to be showcasing our first ever Eco-Fair.

Several organisations came together in one marquee to share information on how we are tackling climate change at a local level and over 300 people came to see us. This included a visit from the Rt Hon Jeremy Wright who was very supportive of our efforts.

Children came to plant sunflowers and lettuce in paper pots with Harbury Environmental Group, there were free books to take away and lots of people were interested to learn more about Harbury's Repair Shop, Harbury Energy Initiative's activities, Harbury Future Energy's EV Charging Project and the Parish Council's Tree Planting Initiative. Leaflets were available to promote our Harbury Local Market too.

We were delighted to gather information on what people needed help with and answer so many questions on the day.

We would like to thank our amazing organisations for taking part, the Quinney family for their help and support with the marquee, and all of those who gave up their time to man their stands and help make the Eco-Fair a success.

We will now be focussing our efforts on the areas you have asked for help with..... more on that to follow.



HARBURY VILLAGE SHOW

Sheila Burt

If you won a trophy at last year's show, please return it to Fox Cottage, Chapel Street as soon as possible. We need to get them engraved and cleaned up ready for this year's show.

Thank you to everyone who came along to our plant stall at the Carnival. Hopefully all your purchases are thriving. It was a great day.

The show schedules are now widely available in the library and the Milkshed. Alternatively, you can download it from hlnews.co.uk and click on the Village Show tab.

We also have an exciting schedule for children. With the summer holidays on the horizon why not try out some of the activities with your children?

Don't forget the Art and Craft section for adults too.



HARBURY GARDEN GROUP

Jacqui Temple



The Harbury Garden Group was started in March and has become very popular with almost 20 people now enjoying meeting up. We meet once a month in one of our gardens where we chat about garden related topics (mostly!) over light refreshments, we swap plants and have look around our host's garden.

Future visits include a trip to Highgrove Gardens and the Malvern Autumn Show.

Many of us are opening up our gardens for the Garden Walkabout on 2nd and 3rd July. Please support this wonderful event in aid of Harbury e-Wheels. We look forward to welcoming you into our gardens.



REPAIR CAFÉ

Rich Fowler

Last month our volunteer repairers took part in a bike maintenance session with 1st Harbury Scouts. In particular we pointed out what to look out for when working on gears and brakes, and handlebars and seats. The scouts are working towards their cycle badge.

Our next Repair Cafe event is on Saturday 23rd July from 2pm to 4pm at Harbury Library. We'll be offering help with woodworking, mechanical, electrical, electronic, textiles, clothes, bicycles, and tool sharpening. Tea, coffee and biscuits available.

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



MUSIC WORKSHOP FOR 8-18s

Ann Clucas

Do you like singing?

Do you enjoy playing an instrument?

Why not come along to a music workshop on Friday 2nd September from 5.00 - 6.30pm at All Saints Church, Harbury.

We will be learning two songs which we plan to play as part of the all age service on 18th September.

We are trying to find out if there is a group who would be interested in joining in. If you are interested, please contact Ann Clucas (07810 874133 or clucasann@hotmail.com) to book a place and so we can make sure we have the right music for you.

If we have enough children and young people interested, we may consider offering this as a regular event and learn songs to play at a variety of village events.



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Jacqui Temple, Trustee

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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Gill Holden & Nicola Thompson (Poppy Appeal Organisers)

Royal British Legion opens new community Hub in Southam

The Royal British Legion has opened a brand-new community hub and café in Southam. Situated next to the RBL care home, Galanos House, the new hub will offer RBL support for those eligible for its services, as well as housing a café open to the public, and meeting rooms.



Local businesses will be able to take advantage of the new community hub and café with the opportunity to hire out one of the three onsite rooms available. This includes a large hall, a treatment room, and small meeting room.

The new community hub will help provide support for RBL beneficiaries but will also be a fantastic space for residents of Southam and the surrounding villages.

Galanos House is a Royal British Legion care home for ex-service men and women. Opened in Southam in 2003 it has since become a pillar of the local community, which will only be boosted by the opening of the new Community Hub and Café.

The Royal British Legion offers support and guidance to those eligible and the new Community Hub will be able to reach beneficiaries at a local level.

The new hub and café will be open every day, 9.00 - 5.00pm. Should you wish to contact the hub and café please call Manager - Alison Byrley on 01926 812185 ext 5365 or abyrley@britishlegion.org.uk

Kineton Station invites you all to their Station Open Day

Kineton Station is celebrating 100 years of ammunition technical training in the British Army on Saturday 9th July 2022 from 12.00 noon at Kineton Station, Marlborough Barracks, Temple Herdewyke, Southam, CV47 2UL.

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SOUTHAM INDOOR MARKET

Pam McConnell

Southam Indoor Market is held at The Grange Hall on the third Saturday of the month, from 10am to 12.30pm. The next market is on 16th July. Please note: there will be no market in August or September, but regular markets start again on October 15th. Free admission, refreshments available, local produce.



READERS' LETTERS

Dear Editors

We would like to thank everyone for the many cards of condolence, flowers and extreme kindness following the loss of our beautiful daughter Lisa and for all the help from her many friends in organising her funeral as she had planned it which turned out to be an amazing day of memories and fun. Thanks also to all the nurses who cared for Lisa in her last weeks.

The charity collection at the church raised £1,000 to donate to The Shakespeare Hospice and The Dogs Trust; thank you all for your generosity.

Love to you all.

Jenni and Ernie Tebaldi

Dear Editors

Can we say a bit 'THANK YOU' to all those who came to our Charity evening of art, music and poetry on 19th June as part of our Warwickshire Open Studios exhibition. The evening raised approx. £180 for the Trussel Trust (local food banks). The final total will be more, for the raffle continues for two weeks. We will post the total on social media.

Having only moved to the village six weeks back, we were very touched to see so many 'new' faces at the event.

Thank you,

Michael and Dee Luntley
Church House

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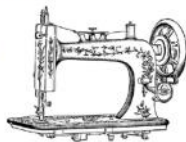
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