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Gael Conway**



EDITORIAL

A round up of local news

During May two prominent buildings in the middle of Harbury have had a makeover. Banana Moon Nursery and the Gamecock Pub are now looking spick and span after being freshly painted. I am sure everyone appreciates how much they contribute to the appearance of the centre of the village.



By the time you read this, many of you will have enjoyed the extra bank holiday in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Whatever your plans were during the holiday weekend, if you visited a local hostelry or held your own street party, we hope that you had a fabulous time!

A final reminder regarding Harbury Carnival on the 11th, do enter the parade if possible, volunteer to help on the day or just go along and enjoy the fun. Let's make this a great event after its enforced two-year absence during Covid.

The beginning of August will see a change to the refuse collection days for the new food caddy, garden and general waste and recycling in Harbury. There is an article regarding this and as mentioned we will still be including a Refuse Rota to help residents with putting out the correct bins on the appropriate days.

Many congratulations to Harbury e-Wheels for receiving the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, a commendable achievement for a valuable local community service.

When passing through Ladbroke, do look out for the refurbished phone box which will be exhibiting artwork and photography for the Jubilee. The Ladbroke Heritage group are preparing a Treasure Trail; this will be a fun activity for all the family to take part in.

Finally, we extend our condolences to the family of Ian Alastair Morrison.



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HARBURY DIARY

For local events

JUNE

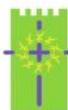
- Wed 1 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall car park - Boddington (4 miles)
Ballroom Dancing, beginners 7.30pm, experienced 8.30pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 2 Spring Bank Holiday
Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
Folk Club, 8.00pm, Village Club
- Fri 3 Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday
- Sat 4 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid
of Harbury Village Show
- Sun 5 PENTECOST**
Holy Communion, 9.00am
Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall
Icon Youth Club, 7.00 - 8.30pm, Tom Hauley Room
- Mon 6 Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall
Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall
Carnival Games Week - Horseshoes, 7.30pm, The Gamecock
- Tue 7 Bumps and Bundles, 10.30 - 12.00 noon, Tom Hauley Room
Meeting Point, 12.30pm, The Crown Inn (bookings by 3rd June)
Harbury Heritage Centre open, 7.00 - 9.00pm, Harbury School -
(Park Lane entrance)
Carnival Games Week - Table Skittles, 7.30pm, The Crown
- Wed 8 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall car park - Frankton - Draycote
with optional pub lunch (4 miles)
Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
Carnival Games Week - Aunt Sally, 7.30pm, The Shakespeare
- Thurs 9 Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
Harbury WI, 7.30 for 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room - Powertex, a new art
introduced by Annette Smythe
Carnival Games Week - Quiz, 7.30pm, Harbury Village Club
- Fri 10 Ben and Soph's Jazz, tickets - 07515 275655, 7.00pm, Village Hall
- Sat 11 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid
of Chesterton Church
Harbury Carnival, entrants for parade assemble in Sutcliffe Drive, 12 noon,
procession starts at 1.00pm. Fete opens 1.45pm on Playing Fields
- Sun 12 TRINITY SUNDAY**
Holy Communion and Children's Church, 10.30am
Messy Church, 3.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall
- Mon 13 Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall
Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall
- Tue 14 Bumps and Bundles, 10.30 - 12.00 noon, Tom Hauley Room
Hanson's Evaluation Event, 3.00 - 6.00pm, Harbury Village Library
- Wed 15 Harbury Senior Citizens' Summer Outing to Bristol, leave 8.30am from
Village Hall
Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall car park -
Combrook - Butlers Marston (4 miles - hilly)
Connections (Dementia) Café, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
- Thurs 16 Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
- Fri 17 Harbury Village Library event, 'Ghost of a Smile', 7.30pm, Village Hall

- Sat 18 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Mothers' Union Harbury
- Sun 19 TRINITY 1**
 Holy Communion, 8.00am
 All Age Service, 10.30am
 Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall
 Icon Youth Club, 7.00 - 8.30pm, Tom Hauley Room
- Mon 20 Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall
 Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall
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- Tue 21 Bumps and Bundles, 10.30 - 12.00 noon, Tom Hauley Room
 Harbury Tennis Club Strawberry Tournament & 40th Birthday Celebration, 6.00 - 9.00pm, Tennis Courts
- Wed 22 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall car park - Chipping Norton (5 miles)
 Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
 Ballroom Dancing, beginners 7.30pm, experienced 8.30pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 23 Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
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 Harbury Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, Harbury Village Hall
- Sat 25 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Harbury Pre-School
 Festival of Hope begins 10.00am, teas from 2.00 - 4.30pm
 Harbury Local Market: 10.00am - 12.30pm, Village Hall
 Repair Café, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Harbury Village Library
- Sun 26 TRINITY 2**
 Holy Communion and Children's Church, 10.30am
 Festival of Hope from 2.45pm following services
 Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall
- Mon 27 Festival of Hope open 10.00am, teas from 2.00 - 4.30pm
 Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall
 Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall
- Tue 28 Festival of Hope open 10.00am, teas from 2.00 - 4.30pm
 Bumps and Bundles, 10.30 - 12.00 noon, Tom Hauley Room
- Wed 29 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall car park - Hidcote with picnic and optional NT gardens (4 miles hilly)
 Festival of Hope open 10.00am, teas from 2.00 - 4.30pm
 Ballroom Dancing, beginners 7.30pm, experienced 8.30pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 30 Festival of Hope open 10.00am, teas from 2.00 - 4.30pm
 Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
- 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
 Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall

- Sun 3 Harbury Garden Walkabout 2.00 - 6.00pm, tickets on the day from 1 South Parade, (Kath Ellis), Harbury Village Library or in advance online
- 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)

Refuse Collection Rota

	Deppers Bridge	Harbury, Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge outlying properties	Collection Week
June	Wednesday	Friday	
	8	10	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	15	17	Grey Bin
	22	24	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	29		Grey Bin
July		1	Grey Bin
	6	8	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	13	15	Grey Bin



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HARBURY**

FROM THE RECTOR

Rev Andy Batchelor

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

I write this as the terrible war in Eastern Europe continues to cause unimaginable destruction and suffering in Ukraine. Clearly Russia, and more particularly, Putin, has made a huge mistake by sending their forces in to a country that has so courageously resisted the invaders, and destroyed, at this point, one third of his army. The war has also revitalised NATO and driven Finland and Sweden to immediately apply to become members. All of us are praying that a way may be found to bring peace to that devastated country, and that the evil that caused it may be defeated. There are such strong resonances with the account of end times in the book of Revelation where the four horsemen are unleashed upon the world, an evil conqueror accompanied by war, death, and famine. Christians have always struggled to define if and how taking human life in wars can ever be justified, and while not all agree, the concept of a 'just war' was defined as the necessity to resist evil and protect the innocent. There is no doubt that this invasion was completely unjustified and that Ukraine needs all the support we can offer to frustrate the plans of evil men and to prevent continuing atrocities. We don't know how or when this war will end, but we do know, as the Bible tells us, that ultimately evil will be defeated, and we continue to pray each week for the victims of this aggression, for all who live in fear and at risk, and that somehow God will bring about an end to the killing and kindle a renewed desire for peace.



FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

Liz & Michael

Church life is getting busier! Progress on the Heat, Light & Stone project is reported elsewhere and we are grateful to John Guilford and Philip Mayer for all the work they have done so far. Further fundraising along with grant applications will be the next targets.

We will be supporting Harbury Carnival on Saturday 11th June by holding a Messy Church on the playing fields. If you have ever wondered what we do at Messy Church then this is your opportunity to drop in and find out and maybe even paint something (messily). We will still hold our normal Messy Church the following day on Sunday 12th June from 3pm. We also plan to have a stall at the carnival to sell tote bags, pens and other goodies to raise funds for the heating and lighting project. See you there on what will be a sunny and wind-free day. Honest.

Festival of Hope: Many people have come on board to make the Festival of Hope a wonderful community occasion to highlight not only the creative talents of those who have made the Quilt of Hope and the New Life needlework panels but also all the activities that Harbury Church does in the community. There will be a mini flower festival, displays from groups and live music from a range of talented people. The festival will run from 10am every day from Saturday 25th June until Sunday 3rd July. Teas and cakes will be served from 2 to 4.30pm every day. Come along anytime to chat, have a look around and discover what goes on in that large grade 2 listed building on Church Street. And it's all free!



Beautiful panels in the children's corner of the Church

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The festival also ties in on the second weekend with the Garden Walkabout which is being organised by Harbury e-Wheels. Apparently the first Garden Walkabout was organised by the church and e-Wheels came about from a small group within Church called Supporting Communities before being set up as a separate charity. The annual bonfire event was begun by the church too. And the start of this very magazine was initially financially supported by the church and involved a number of church people running it (still does). I wonder what the next initiative will be? Watch this space.....!

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).

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptism:

22nd May Olivia May Qona Biddle

Funerals:

26th April Ian Alastair Morrison (94 years)

28th April Lisa Nicola Tebaldi (51 years)

HEAT, LIGHT & STONE

John Guilford

Good News!

We are now at a time-critical stage of the project, if we are to have any chance of having heating in church this winter, so a decision was taken to split the faculty into two applications: Heat, Light and Audio-Visual, and a separate Stone and Brickwork application. This will allow time to provide the additional detail required for the stone and brickwork, whilst progressing the other aspects of the project.

In taking this approach, we are pleased to tell you that the Diocese Advisory Committee (DAC) no longer have any objections to our detailed heating, lighting and audio-visual proposals and have provided Notification of Advice (NOA) that we can now move to the Public Consultation stage of the application. This involves putting a notice inside and outside church advising of the work that is proposed. This has been done and the consultation period (28 days) started on the 11th May.

Also, now the NOA has been issued, all our supporting documents outlining the detailed heating, lighting and audio-visual proposals have been sent to the Registrar of Coventry Consistory Court, which is overseen by the Chancellor. Once the Public Consultation period has past, the Chancellor will then pass his judgement as to whether to grant faculty approval. So, progress, but until we are given faculty approval no funding opportunities can be sought or any work progressed.

Meanwhile, the Archbishop of Canterbury has announced his intention that the Church of England will be entirely carbon-neutral by 2030. All Saints, Harbury will be ahead of the game.

We all hope and pray for positive news to share with you next month!



MOTHERS' UNION

Gillian Hare

It was a treat in May to meet Karen Morris, the new Diocesan president. She is so lively and inspiring as she spoke of the plans for "re-imagining". As you read this, we will have heard about the work of Carriers of Hope as they help newly arrived refugees to a new future. Having started in response to the crisis in Syria, they are now helping those fleeing the conflict in Ukraine. Many of our members were glad of the opportunity to send items for them.

Most members will be helping with the Festival of Hope, here in All Saints from 25th June - 3rd July; we hope lots of visitors will come to see the beautiful handwork in the Quilt of Hope, the needlework panels, and the displays of various aspects of church life. There will also be live music and tea and cakes - all free.

Our July meeting, on 6th, will be a visit to Chesterton Church, followed by tea at the Pavilion Café at Lighthorne. Chris will be in touch to sort numbers and lifts.

Finally, I'm sure we will be sending our Queen our prayers of thanksgiving as we celebrate her 70 years on the throne. We are so honoured to have her as our Patron. Enjoy this unique occasion.



LADBROKE NEWS & DIARY

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JUNE

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| Thurs | 2 | Phone Box Exhibition officially starts |
| Sun | 5 | PENTECOST
Family service, followed by refreshments, 10.30am
Ladbroke Jubilee Party, 3.00pm onwards, The Bell Inn car park |
| Tue | 7 | Photography Club, Wildlife Photography Outing |
| Sun | 12 | TRINITY SUNDAY
Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am |
| Tue | 14 | WI, 7.30pm, Village Hall |
| Sun | 19 | TRINITY 1
Holy Communion BCP, 9.00am |
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| Thurs | 23 | ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY PHARMACY,
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| Sun | 26 | TRINITY 2
Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am |

JULY

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| Sun | 3 | TRINITY 3
Family service, followed by refreshments, 10.30am |
| Tue | 5 | Photography Club, Social Meeting |





LADBROKE CHURCH NEWS

Peter Rigby

www.ladbrokechurch.org.uk

The repairs to the lychgate have necessitated the Church being closed during the week during May but our regular Sunday services have continued unaffected. The Church has also been open for special Ladbroke Heritage events - please read the separate report in this month's edition.

Our Family Service on 5th June coincides with the Jubilee Weekend. We have been able to order some copies of "Our Faithful Queen", a book that includes material from a book of prayers and bible readings given to Her Majesty before her Coronation. We shall be making these available to members of the congregation and also to other villagers who would like a copy at the celebrations later in the afternoon.

Services and events this month:

Sunday 5 th June	10.30am	Family Communion
Sunday 12 th June	9.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 19 th June	9.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 26 th June	9.00am	Holy Communion

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LADBROKE & DEPPERS BRIDGE WI

Carol Lane

The AGM was held in Ladbroke Village Hall on Tuesday, 10th May.

Dianne welcomed our Link Trustee Trisha Handsley who had very generously brought a beautifully risen Victoria sandwich! The Committee were all prepared to stand for re-election and were unanimously voted in. All members also voted for Dianne to remain as president so the officials are as follows:

President - Dianne Surgey, Secretary - Joan Perry, Treasurer - Maggie Watts, Speaker secretary - Jenny Barratt, Admin secretary - Heather Brooks.

Dianne and the committee were thanked for their dedication throughout the year by a very appreciative membership. Dianne asked for names of anyone prepared to be the 'hostess' twice in a year.

Flyers of future outings were on view and members were encouraged to put their name on the back for any events they are attending so others will know. These events can now be booked directly with the Federation.

There are still a couple of places available for the National Arboretum tour on 9th August which costs £10 including transport. The WI are celebrating the Jubilee with an 'afternoon tea' on our usual evening night, 14th June and each member will be contributing a food item.

The WI will also be running the tombola at the village celebrations on 5th June.

The WI tapestry, currently framed in the Village Hall will be photographed for the telephone box display.

The WI Federation have asked for photos of what WI members were doing during lockdown.

Sally then proposed this year's resolution which is:

'Women and Girls with ASC (Autism Spectrum Conditions) and ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder): under-identified, underdiagnosed, misdiagnosed, undersupported.'

Sally indicated that, while it is more prevalent in boys, girls can be affected but they are better at hiding the condition which can lead to problems later in life. Speaking with some experience and knowledge, Sally outlined the problems that children with these conditions can experience.

The vote was passed almost unanimously.

On Tuesday, 17th many Ladbroke WI members met in the Heritage Room in Harbury and from there two groups were taken on a guided tour of Harbury. This was really interesting to hear about all the butchers' shops, sweet shops and pubs, many of which catered for the workmen building the railway. We were all amazed to see buildings we had never noticed even though we drive through the village on many occasions. Refreshments were served back at the Heritage Centre which I was really looking forward to seeing in more depth but as it had rained solidly I was just too wet to do anything but go straight home. Many thanks to David and Sue who were our guides for the evening.

The next meeting will be held in Ladbroke Village Hall at 7.30pm on 14th June, which will be the Jubilee Afternoon Tea.



LADBROKE MATTERS

Alan Lord

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 May coffee morning in the Village Hall provided a relaxing environment for people to chat and enjoy a variety of home bakes. A big thank you to everyone who attended and who provided the refreshments. All monies raised went to Teams4U Ukraine Fund. The next coffee morning is planned for Saturday 9th July from 10.00am in the Village Hall. Again, all are welcome including children and dogs.



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebration takes place on Sunday 5th June commencing at 3.00pm. This is a joint event with the Bell Inn who will provide outside catering. The bar will be open throughout the event. There will be various activities for children including a bouncy castle. The Village Hall will be open to serve tea and cakes and host a local historical photography exhibition.

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 input in the near future. In the meantime any thoughts and suggestions would be most welcome.

To book the Village Hall please contact Debs (07779 225105) or email debs.dptv@gmail.com)

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

LADBROKE VILLAGE HALL MILLENNIUM DRAW - APRIL 2022

£50	Sheena Healey	£50	Mandy Herriot
£25	Sophie Kendall	£25	Roger Plaskett
£25	Jim and Pauline Laidler	£10	Tracy Lochhead
£10	Derek and Collette Batty	£10	Linda Spence

Margaret Bosworth



LADBROKE PHOTOGRAPHY

Sally Simmons & Mike Todman

Nicky Lewis arranged our post-Christmas pub meal at the White Hart, Ufton, on 5th April. There was a good turn out and everyone had a lovely time meeting up again. There was plenty of chatting and catching up, though no photos! We were all having the day off.



**Buttercup by
Mike Todman**

Steve Gale arranged our May outing to Radway Meadows. This is a field just below Edge Hill that is a conservation area and well known for lovely wild flowers. Unfortunately, it was a rather overcast evening, with little natural light to assist photography. Also, nature was running a bit late and there weren't many flowers available when we were there. But we did manage to practise Macro photography techniques quite a lot, even if the results lacked a little magic - but we should all have the experience to call on for when the light behaves!



**Dandelion by
Mike Todman**

Our programme for 2022 (meetings starting at 7.30pm):

7th June - Outing - wildlife photography organised by Richard Bedwell

5th July - Buffet meal and taking photos of bubbles

Sept - Painting with light

Oct - Competition and photopic - pictures taken during the outings

Nov - Talk - photographs from the Red Sea

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LADBROKE GENERAL NEWS



LADBROKE HERITAGE

Jackie West & Nicky Lewis

Repairs

Lychgate repairs are progressing. It may have seemed quiet on site most days to start with as ASBC took parts away to make matching replacements in their carpentry workshop in Derbyshire. This photo was taken on 19th May when the front cross beam and parts above returned. We look forward to the lychgate work finishing in June; then it's on to repairs to the aisle roofs.



Church Geology

On Sunday 15th May we welcomed back Philip Powell and Nina Morgan who followed up their fascinating Graveyard Geology session with a more detailed look at Church Geology, the close inspection of the stone used to build the church.



It was fascinating. Our rocks are all incredibly old. Look closely at our church and you will see **dark red** patches (Kenilworth sandstone, 330 million years old) in the east window to the right of the porch, **grey** stripes (Bromsgrove sandstone, 220 million years old), **white** stripes (White Lias, 206 million years old) and **orange** stripes (Banbury ironstone, 190 million years old).

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up, the unique mineral structures such as quartz (silica) which sparkles in sunshine, evidence of animal activity such as burrows, fossils including ammonites and bivalves, and parts of animals called crinoids which leave a tiny 5 pointed star imprint. Bedding in the grey Bromsgrove sandstone shows evidence of large ripples in the river channels of the period – they were flowing north!



Inside the church, the piers of the arcades and windows are grey Bromsgrove sandstone and the orange in some of the windows is Banbury ironstone.

Then it gets a bit more expensive – the memorials to the Palmer family are made from prestigious Carrara marble in Italy. The black marble on the steps near the altar is Devon marble, used for decoration, added in the Gilbert Scott restoration in the 19th century. Who knew rocks could be so interesting?

If anyone is especially interested in this geology, please contact Nicky on 815196 to organise a private tour.

Visit by the Harbury Society

On Friday 20th May we welcomed members of The Harbury Society who enjoyed guided tours of Ladbroke in small groups, followed by tea and cakes in the village hall.



The feedback we received was very positive; they found our information interesting and our guides well informed. We certainly have a lot of history to share!

We hope they will want to share their experience with family and friends - we'll be happy to organise tours for smaller groups, just ask.

Our Phone Box comes to life

Jasmine, our Duke of Edinburgh volunteer has been collecting artwork, photography etc, for our **Jubilee** exhibition in the phone box. There's been some great entries, thank you if you submitted something. Even bigger thanks go her Dad, Nick, who has been working away renovating the box to its former glory.



The exhibition starts on Jubilee long weekend, so come and have a look at the range of creativity on show. The phone box is on Banbury road, just north of the corner with School Lane.

Book your talk and/or Guided Tour

We have seven trained guides ready to take you on a **tour** of all Ladbroke has to offer: church history, village history, stained glass, geology, nature, and of course the story of Alice and Robert Dudley. These tours have been very well received with excellent feedback. So if you would like to bring friends, relatives or even a group to Ladbroke to see for yourself what we have to offer, please contact me on 01926 815196 or email to nicolalewis1958@gmail.com

The Bell Inn would welcome you for lunch or an evening meal too.

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.

A Picture a Day in the Month of May



Followers of Ladbroke Heritage on Facebook or Instagram have been enjoying wonderful photos which celebrate our lovely village. We have posted a photo every day during May, all by Ladbroke residents and members of the Ladbroke Photography Club.

If you have missed these, have a look at our Facebook or Instagram page (Ladbroke Heritage) or website **ladbroke-heritage.org.uk** - they are all still available to view, we'd love to share them with you.

Our Treasure Trail - coming soon

Last month's Harbury & Ladbroke News reported on our successful children's Art Workshop. The children who attended that workshop all created wonderful artwork for our Ladbroke Treasure Trail; this will be launched soon in the form of a



booklet, with many clues (some in the form of Codebreakers) to work out who hid Robert's Stash of Cash.

This is a fun activity for all the family, but especially children. It involves a walk around Ladbroke, looking for clues to eliminate suspects (there are 11) one at a time....to find out who hid the treasure.....and where it is stashed.

The perfect fun summer family 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!



LADBROKE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Nigel Rock

Merger between Warwick and Stratford District Councils

Over Easter, a surprise announcement was made by the Conservative leadership of the two Councils that they have decided that the merger cannot go ahead. Both full Councils had decided before Christmas on the merger in principle. Since then, work has been going on to assess the viability, both at central government (who would have to decide whether to permit it) and between Warwick and Stratford Councils. We knew detailed investigation work was expected, and was showing that the financial factors to align the two councils with one another may have been challenging, but this was still a surprise.

The issues are financial and revolve around the borrowing arrangements of Warwick District Council, the valuation of assets and the role of a wholly owned company called Milverton Homes. The due diligence process to discover the full financial picture apparently could not be completed in an agreed time scale to suit the leadership of the two Councils.

I am concerned to learn that the merger has been called off at this late stage and after a considerable amount of time and money has been spent on it. Financial savings were being forecast from the merger and the question now must be what happens if those savings don't arrive. My feeling is that the full detail of why things went wrong will take time to emerge and the full picture may never be known.

I will be working to ensure that as much as possible can be retrieved from working together without a full merger. There are number of aspects that are expected to survive. Those with direct effect on residents include the joint local plan setting planning policy in the future and the new waste collection contract starting in August (see below). Other back office functions such as shared legal services should continue.

123+ Waste Collections

This revised scheme is due to start in August. In preparation for this, leaflets explaining the system should be posted soon to every house together with the new timetable. Also, new food waste bins are being distributed in advance, but note these will not come into use until 1st August. Food waste will be collected every week, recycling (blue and green) every two weeks, but the residual waste (grey bin) will be collected every three weeks. This is more or less the same system that has been

operating in Daventry for some time. You can read more on the web at: <https://www.stratford.gov.uk/waste-recycling/123-waste-collections.cfm> This includes a link to frequently asked questions, but I have raised a number of potential issues to be addressed, one of the trickier ones being nappy disposal.

HS2 Roadworks

I have been notified that there are to be a number of overnight road closures in the area at various times over the coming months. These are for a variety of reasons including surveying and moving large items. The roads affected are the A423, A361 and A425. There will also be an increase in temporary traffic signals in the area. You can check the roadworks map at <https://one.network/uk>. I have asked for the signage for any diversions that come into place to be improved, because some of the signs have been unhelpful for the diversions around the Fosseyway.

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HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Linda Ridgley

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

April 2022 Meeting Report

This was a relatively short meeting. There were questions asked about the future of the old petrol station as there had been suggestions the land might be used for more housing, but this was not confirmed.

The Chairman said that 809 Ukrainians had been “matched” with Warwickshire residents and that 380 people had been housed.

The Library wanted to install better heating and provide more space for the kitchen. The Head Teacher of Harbury Primary was moving to a new job and the governors were in the process of appointing a replacement. A report from the Twinning Group was circulated.

For the Village Hall, Andy Rutherford reported that bookings had increased but they could do with more. For several years they had had a low income and might have to increase their charges, although they did have a contingency fund of £25K.

There was little to report on Covid - fewer people were being tested: there were still deaths being reported but the Government was not giving out details.

Our Stratford District Councillor said she was “frustrated” that the promised traffic lights at the Fosse Junction were still to be installed, but she seemed pleased that the merger with Warwick District Council had been “pulled”.

Our Warwickshire County Councillor reported that work on the Fosse crossroad was due to start in June and would last for six months. Cllr Balch said accidents were still happening there and asked how many people had been killed or seriously injured. The Chairman would write to the County Council about the continued accidents at the crossroads and the debris left on the site of the latest crash.

Planning

The Parish Council had objected to the plans for Lindon Barn Cottage which Stratford DC had approved. Both our District Councillor and the Parish Council were very annoyed and would complain that SDC had failed to discuss this application with them.

Nothing had been done about the footpath that should have been provided leading up to the Henry's development in Bush Heath Lane. The PC wanted a "Developer Protocol" to allow them to have pre-planning meetings with developers.

Jubilee Trees

There was long discussion about the whips which had been planted round the playing fields and the need to clear the drainage ditches. Unfortunately, some whips had already been "removed". The Cllrs would in future take advice from their tree surgeon on where to plant more mature trees and giving them "more support". This would be for the Autumn.

Playing Fields

The swings had been repaired and the surface improved. The Junior Football Club can now use the senior pitch. The skate park "thumb Box" repairs would cost £1,800. The car park bollards were jammed and could not be lowered, and there were concerns about whether the Carnival lorries would be able to get onto the field.

Other Assets

The Cemetery would be inspected again next month. There was an application for the erection of a "big shed" on the allotments; a memorial bench on the Old New Inn Green and two new benches for Deppers Bridge.

The Jubilee and Climate Change

Cllr Balch had plans for a marquee at the Eco Fair at the playing fields on Carnival day. She had bunting which would be distributed all around from 21st-22nd May, which could be left up to four weeks after the Carnival. They would need the use of a cherry picker both for putting it up and taking it down.

Other Reports

Some of the street lights were obscured. A survey of the lights was needed and residents would be asked to remove anything on their property which was obscuring the lights.

Next Meeting: Thursday, 26th May, 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Current Parish Council members contactable via the Parish Office are:

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





HARBURY SOCIETY

Sue Turner

Tour of Ladbroke

On Friday 20th May, a group of 19 Harbury Society members enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon having a guided tour of Ladbroke. Before setting out from the Village Hall, we were informed that various projects in Ladbroke were being funded by a Lottery grant of £339,000 and this has been match-funded by the village. The first major undertaking is the restoration of the church, a 3 year project which started 2½ years ago. To begin the tour, the members were then split into four groups, each led by a very knowledgeable guide. The group I was with made its way along the road to the church which is over 700 years old. Its unusual striped tower is made from local White Lias and Hornton stone. There has been extensive restoration of the crumbling external stonework which, at the present time, looks rather obtrusive against the original but which will weather over time to match the existing. The interior was restored in 1876 by the famous architect, Sir Gilbert Scott, and has beautiful stained glass windows dating from this time. Along the way to the church, we passed Farmyard Field which is the site of the original Manor House, sadly no longer in existence, but, after heavy rain, the medieval fish ponds in the field still fill up. The Catesby family owned the manor of Ladbroke for 200 years until Robert Catesby, the leader of the Gunpowder Plot, sold it in 1596 to Alice and Robert Dudley. The manor was subsequently sold in 1633 to the Palmer family who held it for nearly 300 years.



Photo by Jackie West

We then crossed a field to walk beside the Millennium Green which has been created as a wildlife and recreation space for the village. On rejoining the road, we passed various old properties, some of which are thatched, where we learnt of their history from our tour guide, Bill. The most notable is Ladbroke Hall which is an 18th century Manor House now split into apartments. Ladbrokes, the betting shop company, was formed by Mr Schwind, who trained horses from the Hall, and Mr Pennington in 1886. However, it wasn't called Ladbrokes until 1902 when the third partner, Arthur Bendir a bookmaker, joined the partnership and suggested the name during his first visit when he saw Ladbroke Hall on a signpost.

When we came back to the Village Hall, we learnt that prisoners of war had been held there during WW1 and WW2. We ended the tour at the hall with a very welcome cup of tea and some delicious cakes.

If you haven't already either heard a talk about Ladbrooke or been on a tour, it's well worth doing so.

A few 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



We held our delayed New Year party on 29th April. Although our numbers were still depleted by illness and holidays, we enjoyed a buffet provided by members and were entertained by The Harvesters. A very pleasant evening enjoyed by everyone.



Our meeting on 12th May was very well attended and we thoroughly enjoyed listening to Geoff Thorpe's memories of his life as a vet

Geoff's grandfather was the blacksmith in Walton and the Thorpe family were blacksmiths in Walton, Charlecote and Wasperton. The Thorpe family owned a garage in Wellesbourne.

Geoff went to vet school in Camden Town. In his year, there were 70 students of whom only 14 were girls. The profession wasn't considered suitable for young ladies and the whole course was based on treating farm animals. He told us how times have changed - lady vets have now taken over the profession, the majority working part time. Geoff qualified in 1973 and spent 18 months working in the forest of Dean. Geoff and Gill returned to Warwickshire in 1976 - running surgeries in Wellesbourne and Southam and living by the surgery in Southam, where Gill acted as receptionist for a while - not easy with young children.

Geoff amused us with tales of his dealings with animals from Southam Zoo, looking after the Teletubby rabbits and finding visitors on canal boats who had animals requiring attention. He treated Judy Dench's hamster when she was working in Stratford.

Geoff told us how the work of a vet has changed with little out of hours' work; farmers have to deal with vets in Banbury and Solihull.

Although Geoff has now been retired for 20 years, his tales were so interesting and in many cases amusing.

We look forward to running our usual cake stall at the Carnival - where we shall also be selling recycled jam jars containing a variety of objects.

At our meeting on 9th June, we shall welcome Annette Smythe who will be introducing us to the new art of Powertex.



HARBURY TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Ron Temple

Last month we reported on the successful coffee morning that we held on behalf of UNICEF and the work that they are doing to help children in Ukraine. The final total was a magnificent £683. We recently received a letter of thanks from UNICEF.

Our next significant event is over the Queen's Jubilee weekend. Some of our friends from Samois-sur Seine will be coming over from France to join in the celebrations. On Friday John and Sally Stringer will host a reception at their home and on Saturday we have arranged to take them to visit Kenilworth Castle followed by lunch at a pub nearby. They will then join in the local celebrations with their hosts.

Before leaving for home, we will have an evening on Sunday at one of our local pubs.



HARBURY HERITAGE CENTRE

Bill Timson

This month's article is very appropriate and provides a history of the Playing Fields Committee and Harbury Carnival. I am indebted to John Smith who provided the information which takes us back 50 years to the first Harbury Carnival.

The objective of the Playing Fields Committee was to raise funds to extend the facilities on the extensive playing fields vested in the Parish Council and situated at the rear of the Village Hall. In the early 1970's Harbury Rugby Club had their pitch on the section of the fields nearest the Hall and the Soccer Club played on the section beyond a dividing hedge separating the two sections of the field.

The Committee raised funds by running the Christmas Fair in December and by running raffles and dances in the Village Hall during the year. The proceeds from these events were spent on improvements to the facilities, especially the children's playground.

In 1972, Pat and John Smith suggested that the village would benefit from the provision of tennis courts and, with the approval of the Parish Council, the Playing Fields Committee took this idea forward and started to raise funds specifically for this. The members of the Committee at that time and through the 1970's were Mick Brant, Gladys Hutchins, John Smith, John Hunt, Sue Andrews, Linda Ridgley, Midge Keen, and Valentine Dubisson. The principal funding of the several thousand pounds necessary for the construction of the courts commenced with the issuing of £25 bonds to subscribers in the village. This was on the basis that two cash prizes of £25 a year would be awarded to winning bondholders as the result of a draw, the



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winners' bonds then being cancelled as considered re-paid. The remaining bonds were to be re-paid at their face value at some future unspecified date. The Committee undertook to raise the funds to cover the prizes and the return of capital from their fund raising efforts.



A float from the Jubilee Carnival 1977

Fetes were held in Harbury prior to 1972 but our recollections only go back that far and the first public report on Harbury Carnival appears in the Leamington Courier in 1973. The financial demands of the playing fields development meant that a greater fund raising effort was required and the Committee decided to organise a village Carnival in June 1972 specifically to raise funds for the tennis courts and Mick Brant chaired the Carnival Committee. A six-a-side soccer competition between local clubs was organised by Harbury Football Club and this attracted a large following to the playing fields. Tony Ceney was always our compere and announcer and has remained in that capacity for many years. A Carnival Dance held in the evening filled the Village Hall to capacity and villagers danced until midnight to the Likely Lads, who played at this dance and every subsequent one.

The second Carnival featured in the Leamington Courier and even with overcast skies and some drizzle, the event was a success. The procession was led by a Scottish band and Harbury Youth Club won the decorated floats section with their 'Viking Ship' and Thwaite's 'Homepride Flour' won the Trade section. A comic netball match was played by Harbury Badminton Club during the afternoon and a dog show and athletic events were organised. Southam Football Club won the six-a-side competition. The Carnival Queen, 16 year-old Rose Clarke of 1, Vicarage Lane presented the prizes. The event raised over £200 for the tennis court fund. The format was set then and it has continued more or less intact until to-day except that all stall profits went to the Playing Field Committee, whereas now, organisations running stalls keep their profit. There were also no roundabouts or fairground

equipment and food stalls were operated by village organisations or individuals such as a hot dog stall run by Gladys Hutchins and Pat Smith, which was always very popular as was the WI's cake stall.

Mick Brant left the village in 1975 and John Smith took over as chairman. He continued for three years until 1977, the Queen's Silver Jubilee Year which was celebrated with a fortnight of events throughout the village coordinated by the Committee. The wheelbarrow race round the village pubs was inaugurated and pub games took place throughout the period. A Sports Day for the young people of the village was run on the Saturday before the Carnival coupled with a Gymkhana for local horse riders, run by Jan Stott, whose husband, Jim, ran the Gamecock in those days, although his mother was the licensee.



John Smith talking to a fancy dress winner 1977

The Carnival itself was opened by Norman Painting of BBC 'Archers' fame and the event followed the successful pattern of previous years. A craft exhibition was held in the Village Hall with exhibits from villagers including paintings and drawings, crochet work, embroidery, knitting, lace making and woodwork. The centrepiece was an exhibition of rural craft tools by the Rural Museum from Marton. A highlight of the afternoon was to have been the launching of a hot air balloon from the playing field but the wind was so high that it was impossible, much to the disappointment of the crowd.

A milestone at this event was that there were sufficient funds in the Playing Field Fund to pay back all the Bondholders, but in the event they all, without exception, left the money in the fund. Over this period the Committee had constructed an adventure playground at the top end of the field, provided various items in the playground by the Village Hall and planted trees on the school playing fields, alongside the Village Hall car park and at various spots on the field.

The Playing Fields Committee also ran the village bonfire and firework display and the fireworks were ordered by John Hunt and stored in his garage. This is probably illegal today. He and John Smith with some other volunteers then designed and set up the fireworks display and let them off at the event. Refreshments were served in the Village Hall, a tradition carried on to this day and run by GASS, the village Guides and Scouts.

The Tennis Courts were completed in due course and the Parish Council took over responsibility for them. They were opened to the public without restriction provided they made a booking at the newsagents (corner of Mill Lane). They were never locked and free access was maintained at all times. The principal was that anyone in the village, especially young people, could play on the courts free of charge. It was only later that a Tennis Club was formed, which took over the management.

John Smith handed over the Chairmanship to Sue Andrews after the 1977 event and she continued to run the Carnival into the early 1980s.

The Playing Fields Committee finally reached its goals and objectives in the 1980s and was dissolved. Other village organisations then took over the running of the events and most have continued in similar formats to raise funds for the benefit of projects in the village.

Next opening: Tuesday 7th June 7 - 9pm. We will **not** be open on Sunday 15th June as this is Father's Day. However, if anyone wants to pay a visit to the Heritage Centre just call me on 01926 713389 or email group@harburyheritage.org.uk to arrange a suitable date / time.



HARBURY ENERGY INITIATIVE

Bob Sherman

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HEI and HFE at the Harbury Eco-Fair

This year's Carnival on Saturday 11th June will incorporate another first for the village by including a special Eco-Fair information zone for all your questions on green energy, recycling, the circular economy and environmental sustainability. The Eco-Fair will feature the village organisations focused on these topics. HEI will be there and so will Harbury Future Energy (HFE). You will be able to update yourself on our plans for this electric car charging station project and the latest developments. We hope to see lots of you looking to engage in these hugely important current issues. In order to keep you in suspense I am going to hold back from an update on HFE here. You'll have to come and talk to us at the Eco-Fair.

Advent - coming to an end

Back in September 2021 we teamed up with Reading University, Hangar 19 and CrowdCharge to help with research for our local DNO, Western Power Distribution (WPD), on a project called Advent. The Advent project is concerned with checking the health and resilience of our energy networks at a time when more and more domestic and commercial equipment will be demanding electricity. Small devices installed in homes have been monitoring voltage 24 hours a day since then. It's hard to believe but in the whole of the huge WPD region we alone were selected to be the community capable of delivering on this. Needless to say, this being Harbury, we did deliver. Over 40 people came forward to take part and the organisers were delighted. The project ended on 31st May and on 7th June we participants will hear the results and what that signifies. Given that we hope to draw extra energy from the grid in fairly large chunks (not a technical measurement, I know) for HFE in the future, this is of importance for us.

Wanted - Energy Champions

Free Energy Advice Training during Community Energy Fortnight 2022

Community Energy England, the umbrella organisation for community energy groups such as HEI, is working with some of their member groups to offer free training to provide energy advice to local residents during Community Energy Fortnight, which

will be specifically designed to get organisations up to speed with energy advice and the delivery of fuel poverty alleviation projects. Please get in touch with our Chair, David Bristow, on bristowfamily@hotmail.co.uk if you think you can help with this and become an Energy Champion locally. You don't need to be an existing HEI member.

David has already completed an expression of interest about delivering energy advice. CEE is exploring funding for groups and individuals to get the training needed to deliver this urgently needed service. They are also working on a proposal to BEIS for significant funding for the sector to deliver this.

In the April edition of Harbury and Ladbroke News David Bristow outlined the problems that had been experienced by the school with the solar panel installation that we organised for them a few years ago. The system had been underperforming. The installers, InEco Energy, returned to check over the system and found a fault in the inverter. This has now been rectified with a new inverter and we are delighted to discover that the system is now working at full efficiency, benefitting from all the glorious sunshine of the last weeks.

Ted's Tech Trawl - More on Hydrogen

Last month we visited Australia to learn about a highly efficient electrolyser; this month we return to the UK to find out about a company founded 20 years ago, now based in a brand new factory in Sheffield and able to make the largest electrolyser in the world, ITM Power.

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Hydrogen is a clean energy carrier that can be used in many ways. At the moment most is used in refining oil! Many companies are beginning to use it directly as a fuel, often via a fuel cell to reproduce electricity for powering cars and lorries. However, some are redesigning engines to burn it direct, producing no CO₂, only water from the exhaust.

One example is the excavator company JCB. Their engineers have taken their diesel engine, basically changed pistons and cylinder head and designed a gas injection system, making the engine run cleaner and quieter on pure hydrogen.

Search:- jcb.com/hydrogen

Another new development by Israeli startup company Aquarius Engines is a unique multi-fuel engine with only one moving part! They have managed to make this engine run efficiently on pure hydrogen, at present running as a lightweight 8kW generator.

Search:- aquariusengines.com



LOCAL FOODBANK - there is a facility in the village to donate non-perishable food to your local Foodbank, which supplies the surrounding area, including Harbury. Please bring donations to the Wight School (library) car park on Mondays between 11.30am and 12.30pm, one of the e-Wheels drivers will be there to receive your items. Alternatively, donations may be dropped off at the library foyer during its normal opening hours.

Thank you



HARBURY E-WHEELS

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We are delighted and proud to announce that Harbury e-Wheels has received the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. This prestigious award is the organisational equivalent of an MBE and not easily gained. The award is given to relatively few organisations a year, although many are nominated. It shows appreciation for the dedication of our volunteer team and the efficiency and friendly delivery of our services.

We are grateful to those who nominated us and provided supporting letters and to the many people in Harbury who support us financially and make it possible to deliver the service entirely free. Talking of which, as you will see, there is another Open Gardens Weekend coming up to raise money for e-Wheels. Hope that many of you will enjoy the days with us.



HARBURY RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Steven Kittendorf

Following on from the emphatic win against Chaddesley Corbett, we were all looking forward to the next league match, away to top of the table Claverdon. Before that, we had a trip over to play Shipston 2s in a friendly. Unfortunately, not only did we lose 36-12 but the injury list grew yet again.

Early the following week it soon became apparent that player availability for Saturday was **not** looking good. The Committee worked hard throughout the week but a number of players were out through injuries picked up against both Chaddesley Corbett and Shipston, testing positive with Covid, shortage of a front row and individual's personal commitments all of which forced us to pull out of the fixture due to insufficient numbers. Did some players not fancy pitching up against top of the table opposition? We didn't hear any evidence of this. Holroyd contacted Claverdon's Chairman on Friday morning to apologise on behalf of the Club.

On the morning of Saturday 2nd April, Coventrians belatedly pulled out of the fixture against Harbury as they were unable to field a side. Not wanting to waste the occasion, it was decided to put Saints v Bristol on the big screen; beer £2 a pint followed by the after-match meal. Not quite the same as a good run out but the end result was much the same!

Unfulfilled fixtures have been happening throughout all the leagues and are of concern to the RFU.

Seventeen players made the team sheet for the journey over to Upton upon Severn on 9th April. Whilst the final score (49-5) certainly doesn't look good, the lads did put in a full shift. It didn't help that Team Manager Ben Linnett was not on hand to offer his insight into the game. The Club took advantage of this away fixture and booked in the Rawlinson Bracket cycling event endorsed by British Cycling. This is the third time that the Club has hosted the event and they raised funds for research into, and awareness of, Sudden Arrhythmic Death Syndrome as well as humanitarian support in Ukraine.

A **full squad** travelled over to Kings Norton for the last league game of the season. This was an evenly matched contest where Harbury finally closed out the game with a try bonus point win 17-24.

Harbury finished the season in sixth place in the Midlands 4 West (south) league, notching up 9 wins, 7 try bonus points and 3 losing bonus points – a result to build on for next season!

After three years at the Club, Director of Coaching – Hendry Rheeders is moving on to fields anew. Hendry re-energised the players, attracted some new signings and leaves the Club in a much stronger position. We wish him all the best.

Josh Biggs will take over the role as Team Coach ably supported by Team Manager Ben Linnett. Fitness sessions are continuing two nights a week before Pre-Season training gets underway in July. Season 2022-23 presents a very exciting prospect and time for the Club.



HARBURY TENNIS CLUB

Colin Mercer

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

It was great to hold our first proper AGM for three years in April and 28 of our members enjoyed a very sociable evening at the Village Club. Our membership stands at record levels and, with so many new to the club, we dealt with the normal business very quickly and then opened the meeting up for discussions on how to develop the club.

On the back of the feedback we've introduced two new club sessions. The first is a Sunday evening 'She Rallies Social Tennis' session, building on the success of April's **She Rallies** event for women and girls to encourage more even participation. This runs from 7.30pm to 8.30pm - for more details contact Emma Brangwin at emmacwilson@hotmail.com The second is a Tuesday morning session from 10.00am - 12.00 noon, just drop in at any time during the session.

The winter leagues finished with three wins, all with a 5-3 score. The "B" team finished very strongly beating Deddington "B" and Kings Sutton "B" to finish in fourth place in Division 4. The "A" team ended the season



with an excellent win at Byfield and finished in third place in Division 2. We have two teams in the Banbury Summer League and by the time you read this the first two matches should have been played.

Unfortunately, for this term we are only able to run coaching sessions on Fridays due to coach availability, but Lianne is trying hard to find another coach to re-start the Monday sessions as soon as possible. The Friday sessions for juniors and adults plus cardio tennis continue to be popular. For more details contact Lianne on 07919 104093 or lianne@coolsporz.co.uk

Harbury Tennis Club is 42 Years Old



Harbury Tennis Club was planning to celebrate its 40th birthday in 2020 – unfortunately Covid prevented that.

We are planning a small celebration to mark the occasion during our annual Strawberry Tournament on Tuesday 21st June 2022.

If you were one of the earlier members and happen to be going for a walk between 6pm and 9pm on that evening, we will be pleased to see you. You may recognise some of the members in this early photograph – we hope to have other photographs on display.

**Mary Thompson (Secretary,
Harbury Tennis Club)**



HARBURY TODDLER GROUP

Lynne Barton

Hello from everyone at Toddlers

With all our festivals celebrated it was time for the **Wild West** to come to Harbury **yee – haw**

Them cowboys and cowgirls just strolled into town and took over our Toddler Saloon, serving sausage and beans, building camp fires, riding their horses around the place!

What fabulous fun.

We all love getting dressed up as you know, any occasion, but can't beat a retro theme.

We were joined for a good old Wild West sing song before we headed home and our thanks go to Sue and Ian Hartland whose 'home home on the range' set the tone perfectly.

Plenty more activities await but we will let our photos do the talking on this occasion.



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 cuppa and the opportunity to make new friends and all this for just £1.50 per session. All welcome, you don't have to be 'toddling' 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

Outdoor Play



It is so lovely to have some warmer weather and sunshine! The children have loved using the climbing frame and slide when it's sunny. When it's rainy, we cover the top with blankets, remove the slide and ladder and the children get to play in the 'den' with the babies and kitchen items or just curl up underneath with a cushion and look at a book.

We have recently acquired a fabulous mud kitchen and the children have loved making mud pies and generally getting messy!

The children have also been playing with the sand, boats and ducks in the water, crawling through the tunnel, balancing on the beams, and playing with the balls, stilts and hoops. It's been very hot some days, so we have been cooling down with the water play, using the parasol for some shade in the play area, playing in the play house or sitting with a book in the quieter outdoor area.



Planting

The plants in our planters were looking a bit bedraggled so the children refreshed them for the winter. They pulled out the weeds and planted some summer flowering seeds with Anne. They then watered them. We are looking forward to seeing them flower!

Carnival Paintings

We are all very excited that the village Carnival is returning this year. The children have been very busy and have painted some fantastic paintings to decorate our Pre-School float. Can you guess our theme this year from the paintings (pictures overleaf)?

Jubilee

Hopefully our birthday card to the Queen is wending its way to the Palace. Our Pre-School card was created by the children. They each painted their hand or their friend's hand and printed it on to paper. A few Pre-Schoolers then walked to the Post Office with Anne to post the card to the Queen!



After half term, we will be learning all the about the Queen, her family, her pets and where she lives.

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 LIBRARY & BIBLIO'S CAFE

Rich Fowler

We marked our 10th Anniversary by displaying an illustrated history of Harbury Village Library, and offering free milkshakes (kindly donated by The Milk Shed) and cakes (baked by the Biblio's team) every afternoon during the anniversary week. The history will be on display in the library until it is replaced with a display to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The "cakes and shakes"



were a great success with more than 90 children and adults visiting on a couple of afternoons. On Friday 13th we were visited by Jeremy Wright MP, appropriately as he had been present at our official opening in 2012.

The Harbury Library
Book Bear Club



Passport



Harbury Library Book Bear Club: Children can now collect a Book Bear Club passport from the library and, every time they visit, get a bear paw stamp on it. When they've collected enough stamps they receive a congratulatory certificate.

Playlists for Life: Harbury Village Library has now been designated a Playlists for Life Hub. Founded by Sally Magnusson, Playlists for Life is a charity that specialises in harnessing the power of music to connect people, and help those living with dementia and those who care for them. "The Soundtrack of your Life" is a personal collection of songs that gives you a flashback feeling whenever you hear them. The library now has a supply of resources to help people build their own soundtrack including: Conversation Starters, Music for Dementia leaflets, Soundtrack Workbooks, and a reference book, "100 Years: A Century of Song", which documents the top 100 songs every year from 1915 to 2015.

Bridging the Gap: Love Arts and Crafts? Over 65 years? There's still time to sign up to take part in the intergenerational project to create a new mural for Harbury Primary School hall. Work with artist Jessica Hartshorn on the tree design and meet the children of the school to discuss the last 70 years of the Queen's reign. You can take part in one or more of the three workshops taking place on the mornings of Monday 13th, 20th, and 27th June. To book a place contact the library at library@harburyvillagelibrary.org.uk, on 01926 258 776, or by coming into the library and speaking to one of the volunteers.



Ukrainian Families: Warwickshire County Libraries have announced that since Ukrainian families being hosted in Warwickshire have official addresses they can be joined as normal library members as they have proof of address. If you know of anyone requiring help to sign up for a library card please let them know that our library volunteers are available to help.



Harbury Voltage Monitoring Project: From Monday 30th May there will be a collecting box for the emonPi voltage devices used in the village for this project. The library will also host an event at 6pm on Thursday 7th June where the findings will be presented. The project has been a collaboration between CrowdCharge, Hangar19 and the University of Reading.

Recycling Boxes: A reminder that, in collaboration with Harbury Environmental Group, we have recycling boxes in the foyer for Marigold gloves, toothbrush heads, bras, and empty medicine blister packs.

What's On

- Biblio's Café will be hosting a free antiques valuation event, run by Hanson's on the 14th June. It will commence at 3.00pm and finish at 6.00pm. The Café will be open for refreshments.
- Friday 17th June - The Ghost of a Smile. This is the rearranged date for the production comprising the dramatisation of two Dickens ghost stories. Tickets purchased for the original date are still valid. Tickets can be purchased from the library and online at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/hvlbc/t-lqylpa>

Platinum Jubilee The library and café will be closed on Thursday 2nd June and Friday 3rd June, but will be open again on Saturday 4th June.

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 Café - Wednesday to Saturday - 9.15am to 12 noon, Saturday - 10am to 12 noon

Bookings can be made via the following email address:
bookingsbiblioscafe@outlook.com



HARBURY CLUB & INSTITUTE

Judy Morrall

Sadly, I will no longer be writing my monthly articles for the Village Club. I would like to thank the members for their support over the last few years and I feel proud of my achievements.

Thank you to all who have stopped and chatted to me when I have been working on the rockery and for the positive feedback.

Thank you to the team at Harbury & Ladbroke News for editing my articles and the wonderful photos that have enhanced the contents. Talk about going out with a bang!! The May issue with the photo of Sam Waley-Cohen winning the Grand National, which was added by the team, was the icing on the cake.

I volunteer at Upton House & Gardens as you know on Wednesdays and Saturdays and look forward to seeing you there. My very best wishes to everyone who has taken the trouble to read my articles over the years.



GARDEN JOTTINGS

Christine Dakin from Bridge Nursery



A couple of months ago I was presented with an engraved hand fork by the National Garden Scheme as a thank you for opening the garden here for 20 years. We must have raised a few thousand pounds during that time and are continuing to raise more this year. Please come and help contribute to this excellent charity. Open each weekend, 10am-4.00pm until the end of September. Adults £3.50, children free.

June is such a busy month and is also very rewarding, there will be more flowers after the mid-May gap and the risk of frosts should be a distant memory. There is a lot to be done.

It is safe to plant out all tender plants including dahlias, canna lilies, bedding plants, runner beans, sweetcorn, courgettes, cucumbers and

tomatoes. Trim back aubretia. Prune any spring flowering shrubs such as forsythia and Spirea arguta by removing some of the older stems close to the ground, this will encourage new growth. Stake any perennials which tend to flop before they get too tall. Plant out brassicas and leeks. If you haven't already done so remove forget-me-not plants. Divide primroses and cowslips so you have lots more next year. And, finally, weed, and then weed some more.



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



HARBURY GENERAL NEWS



CEMETERY CORNER

Bill Timson

Have we at last buried the problem of flooding at Cemetery Corner?

Balfour Beattie working on behalf of Severn Trent found two misaligned storm water pipes which back up during heavy rain. They have added a manhole so that the storm water can now flow without restriction.



We will have to wait and see if this has solved the problem!



HARBURY CARNIVAL

Ceri Edwards

Saturday 11th June

Not long until the big day now! If you plan to take part in the parade, please assemble in Sutcliffe Drive at 12 o'clock ready for judging. The procession will leave at 1pm - led by Shirley Pipe Band and then Hereburgh Morris. The procession will arrive at the playing fields around 1.45pm for the official opening of the fete.

There will be plenty to see and do for all ages - try your luck on the tombola, enjoy the fairground rides, watch out for the stilt walker, get yourselves something to eat or drink, or take a look around the stalls where you can find various crafts, books, plants, and more. Take part in the fancy dress competition or sit back and enjoy the singing and dancing acts.

We would love to keep this village tradition going but we still need volunteers to make this event a success. If you can spare a little time on the day to marshal or sell programmes, please get in touch with Haidee on 07775 857054 or e-mail harburycarnival@gmail.com



HARBURY CARNIVAL GAMES WEEK

Mike McBride

Pub Games

It was 25 years ago that we revived Carnival Games week and during that time we have had hundreds of people (and generations) join us to play a variety of games.

This year they will start Monday 6th June through to Thursday 9th June, commencing at 7.30pm each evening.

The schedule this year will be:

Monday 6 th	Horseshoes	The Gamecock
Tuesday 7 th	Table Skittles	The Crown Inn
Wednesday 8 th	Aunt Sally	The Shakespeare
Thursday 9 th	Quiz	The Village Club

The last time we ran the games in 2019 we had **eight** teams take part but we can easily accommodate a few more. Although we try and have some outdoor games, those of you who have come along in the past will know that we can move inside should the weather not be "flaming June".

While there is a maximum of 12 players per team, only four players are needed for each game so there is nothing to stop a team having just four players as long as they are happy to turn up to play every evening. This gives plenty of flexibility for friends, neighbours, and colleagues etc to get together and enter a team, so why not come along and enjoy the fun?

Apart from the quiz, the games usually last less than a couple of hours.

Points are allocated for each event and the team with most points at the end of the four nights will be presented with the Pub Games shield.

We do ask for an entrance fee of £1 per person per team.

Should people just want a night out to do the quiz, you are welcome to come along to the Village Club on Thursday to take part for a bit of fun.

Entry forms will be available in the local pubs and club or you can contact me on 01926 612421 or John Broomfield on 01926 614258 to register or if you have any questions.



HARBURY ECO-FAIR

Julie Balch

Harbury is lucky enough to have several organisations that are working to tackle climate change and we invite you to meet some of them at our Eco-Fair!

Come and see us to find out more about the activities currently undertaken and pick up ideas, hints and tips on things you can do too! We will be running a Repair Café, children's planting activity, and be able to tell you about future plans.

The Eco-Fair will be held as part of Harbury Carnival, our marquee will be on the field from 1pm - 4pm, Saturday 11th June 2022.

We hope to see you there.



SENIOR CITIZENS

Mike McBride

Everyone who requested a seat for the trip to Bristol will be going so please turn up at the Village Hall on **Wednesday 15th June**. The coach will be leaving at **8.30am**.

Many of you will have been on our trips before but for the newbies, please remember that when you get there it is up to you what you do as it is not a guided tour.

There is plenty to see and do in Bristol but you can visit the Bristol tourism website at <https://visitbristol.co.uk/> to get up to date information of what is happening and copies of maps and so on.

Harbury is trying to get back to doing things that we have been doing for years and you may know from previous editions of the Harbury & Ladbroke News we are running a chocolate tombola at Harbury Carnival again this year. While we have received donations already, if you should have any unwanted chocolate that you don't want the temptation of eating, then we will be happy to help you by taking the temptation and using it in a good cause. Any donations of chocolate can be left at **32 South Parade**.

We hope that those going to Bristol enjoy the day, the waterside, SS Great Britain, Clifton Suspension Bridge, museums and so much more to choose from.



WEDNESDAY WALKERS

Gillian Hare

May has been such a beautiful month, especially for bluebells, although they are definitely coming earlier. We shall have to plan the April walks round them next year! We are now in the beginning of the wildflower season, so look forward to those at Draycote and Butlers Marston. Another pub lunch and a picnic coming up; do look at the diary page for details. As ever, we always welcome new walkers; ring Gillian on 614809 to know more.





HARBURY GARDENS WALKABOUT

Peter Walshe

(2nd & 3rd July 2022 -) Book Tickets in Advance

You can now book tickets in advance (£5 per adult) which will be valid for both days either via Ticketsource:

<https://www.ticketsource/hvlbc/e-gkdlbg>

or call into the Village Library and buy your tickets there.

As you know it is in aid of Harbury e-Wheels and several other local charities and we have 25 gardens that will be opening, so plenty to see.

Please contact Peter Walshe on 07446 779879 or peterdouglaswalshe@gmail.com if you have any queries.



Looking forward to a fine, fun weekend.



REPAIR CAFÉ

Rich Fowler

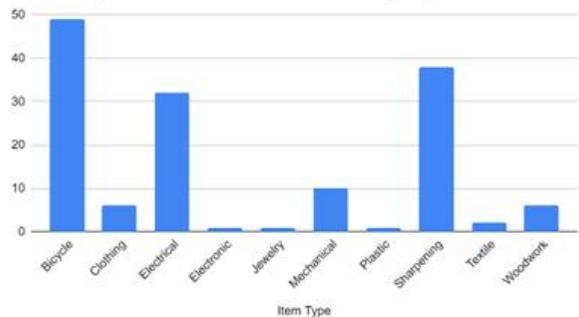
Our next Repair Café is on Saturday 25th June, from 2pm to 4pm at Harbury Village Library.

In addition to our team of volunteer repairers, we have glue, string, tape, lubricants, and a range of tools available so that you can carry out your own repairs. Harbury Seed Library and the Green Label collection of books about the Environment and Climate Change will also be available.

Since our first Repair Café in April 2021, we have dealt with nearly 150 items which might otherwise have been thrown away.

If you'd be 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.

Count of types of Item dealt with at Harbury Repair Cafe





HARBURY VILLAGE SHOW

Show Committee

We're pleased to say that this year's show schedules are now available. Paper copies can be picked up both in the library or at the Milkshed. You can also access the schedule on our new web page. We are now part of the Harbury & Ladbroke News website - hlnews.co.uk which includes a village show tab at the top of the page. The schedule is available to view or download [here](#).

Before the show we have a couple of events planned. We are hosting a coffee morning in the Tom Hauley room on Saturday, 4th June. Jubilee weekend! Why not come along and join us as part of your weekend of celebrations and pick up a cake for your street party on Sunday!

As previously mentioned we will have a stall at the Carnival selling plants, cuttings and seedlings - all grown in Harbury so you know they should do well here.

And finally, we would like to collect all the trophies from last year for engraving and to get them ready for this year's show. If you have a trophy from last year's show could you drop it off at Fox Cottage, Chapel Street (next door to the Gamecock). Many thanks.

Hope you enjoy reading through the schedule and find lots of classes you can enter - we try to include something for everyone and you would be supporting a great village event.



CONNECTIONS CAFE

Janice Montague & Jill Baker

We began the Connections Café in Harbury Library over five years ago for people with a dementia diagnosis and their carers. It soon outgrew that space and moved to the Tom Hauley Room, behind the Church. We still meet there every third Wednesday of the month from 2-4 pm for tea, cake, singing, games and chat (see photos below).

We hope that carers in particular will appreciate the friendly and supportive atmosphere: you and the person you care for will receive a very warm welcome. Join us at our next meeting on Wednesday 15th June - no need to book, just turn up! We look forward to seeing you then.

Contact either Jill or Janice on the numbers below for further information.

Jill - 01926 612483

Janice - 01926 612340





HARBURY DISTRICT COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Jacqui Harris

Hello everyone!

I hope this finds you well and enjoying the warmer weather!

My news is pretty much stable in that I continue to attend various Parish Council meetings and forums. I have two topics I would like to share with you, which are important for the ward. 1. in Harbury and 2. Upper Lighthorne.

1. I have over this past month taken Warwickshire County Council to task over the situation we have at Harbury Cross roads in not fitting the long-awaited traffic lights. I have to be honest, it does not bode well when they keep moving the date of the work commencing; it looks unprofessional and makes a mockery of us all. It appears they cannot seem to manage their own projects well, or time line responses from firms who are submitting tenders.

I have expressed in strong terms how disappointed we are at their performance and failure to deliver. I have been approached by residents in Harbury asking what they can do to support the effort in getting the project delivered. I suggest that residents write to the Leader of Warwickshire County Council, complaining and asking for an update as to when this project will be delivered.

2. Upper Lighthorne Parish, there is a concern around the build of the 3000 houses and the infrastructure in the new town being built in that part of this ward.

One may wonder how an issue over in Lighthorne Heath can affect you in Harbury. It is significant in that it is about Health Provision, GP's and Dental Provision. What I will say is that if health provision is not delivered, especially how residents wish, or to the standard required, the knock-on effect is that it will impact on surrounding Parishes and Surgeries, including Harbury. This is not acceptable. I have discovered to date the CCGs (Clinical Commissioning Groups) to be found wanting, an uncontrollable quango that can be a little obtuse. To ensure that good quality health provision will be delivered, I am working with Senior Managers and Officers at Stratford District Council. The Health Portfolio Holders at Stratford District Council and Warwickshire County Council are on notice about this situation and I will ensure it remains at the forefront of their minds.

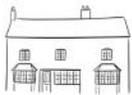
Please stop me and say hello, I am in the village most days!



123+ REFUSE COLLECTION SCHEME

John Holden

Stratford District Council are introducing new refuse collection arrangements from the beginning of August. The 123+ scheme will mean that food waste is collected weekly, recycling and garden waste collected every two weeks and black bin refuse every three weeks. The magazine will continue to publish the refuse rota to help residents put the correct bins out. From the new rota that has



THE BELL INN
at
LADBROKE
VILLAGE PUB & STEAKHOUSE

NEW AT THE BELL THIS JUNE...

NEW OPENING HOURS!

We now have some new extended opening hours! Please check out the website for all the latest details.

BRUNCH!

In June, we will be opening our doors earlier, Wednesday through to Saturday from 10am with a delicious new brunch menu.

AFTERNOON TEA!

After a great response to our special Afternoon Tea on 21st May, we have decided to add this to our weekly offering. So 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.

PLATINUM JUBILEE

We will be hosting the village Jubilee celebrations on Sunday 5th June. There will be a bouncy castle, live music from "Charlie Tarry & The Outlaws", street food, drinks and much more to enjoy! The village raffle for some great prizes will be on display at The Bell. So please come along and purchase your raffle tickets.

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been distributed with the food caddies, it appears that Harbury will be split between a Wednesday and Thursday collection.



1 Food waste collected weekly

- Residents will receive a 7-litre indoor food caddy and a 23-litre outdoor food bin.
- The indoor food caddy can be lined with compostable caddy liners or newspaper. Residents should put any peelings, raw or cooked leftover food into their caddy.
- When full, the indoor food caddy should be emptied into the outdoor food bin and the food bin presented for collection on the property boundary each week.
- The food waste is taken to an anaerobic digestion facility where it is used to create renewable energy and a soil improver.

2 Recycling collected every two weeks

- Residents should place the items below in their blue-lidded bin or recycling box for collection every two weeks:
 - All clean and dry cardboard
 - All empty, rinsed tins
 - All empty, rinsed cans
 - All empty, rinsed glass jars, with or without lids
 - All empty glass bottles, with or without metal lids (no corks)
 - All clean and dry paper
 - All empty, rinsed plastic milk bottles with or without lids
 - All empty, rinsed plastic drink bottles with or without lids

- All empty, rinsed plastic pots, tubs and trays
 - All clean foil and foil trays
 - Empty aerosol cans (no spray paint, etc.)
 - Empty, rinsed (where possible) Tetra Pak and cartons
 - Empty, rinsed (where possible) household cleaner bottles
 - Empty, rinsed (where possible) toiletry bottles
- Recyclables must be put in the bin loose - DO NOT bag.
 - Household batteries and small electrical items can be bagged, tied and put alongside the blue-lidded bin or recycling box for collection.

3 Refuse collected every three weeks

- Only items that cannot be recycled should be placed in the grey bin.

4 Garden waste collected every two weeks - If the resident signs up for the Garden Waste Service.

- The green bin should be used for garden waste only. No food waste.



LOCAL TRANSPORT SCHEMES

John Holden

Whilst collecting a magazine subscription recently from one of our more elderly residents who lives on the outskirts of Harbury, I was asked if we could publish details of local transport schemes that are available for those without their own transport. Below are the schemes which I am aware of, however the information has mainly been taken from the organisations' websites so may not be completely up to date.



Harbury e-Wheels is a registered charity offering a free volunteer transport service using two electric cars based in Harbury. We will collect and return passengers from anywhere within a 15 mile radius of the centre of the village and cover journeys up to 60 miles round trip and further in particular circumstances. There is no charge to either the passenger or the referring agency.

Passengers need to be referred or registered with e-Wheels. This can be done by a surgery, social agency, food bank, church or similar organisation. The referred passenger does not need to complete any forms; the process is done for them. Whilst e-Wheels does not make any charge for the service donations are always welcome.

Harbury e-Wheels will deliver to medical and dental appointments, social events, children's centres, visiting friends and shopping trips (especially for the elderly and isolated), assessments, court appearances, job centres.

For further information, call Janny Freeman on **01926 612002** or Bob Sherman on **01926 612277**. web: www.harburyewheels.co.uk




The UBUS service is for residents of Stratford on Avon district, who cannot access public transport because of mobility issues or live in an area with limited or no public transport. It operates Monday to Friday 9.30am until 7.00pm, except between 2.30pm and 4.30pm on school days.

Booking is through the booking centre on ubus@stratford-dc.gov.uk or call **01789 264491** between 8.30am and 6.00pm Monday to Friday to register and book your journey.

There is no registration fee and when you register you will be sent further details of the service and your membership number. You can book your journey up to a maximum of a week ahead and a minimum of a day before travel. The UBUS booking centre will confirm your journey details on the day of booking. Harbury, Ladbroke and Ufton are in their green zone which limits journeys to Leamington, Southam and our local villages.

Fares on the service are £4 single and £6 return. Warwickshire County Council Concessionary bus passes are now valid for travel on the service.



Back & 4th

The WRCC Back & 4th service provides community transport for residents of Stratford on Avon District. Their 15 and 16 seater minibuses are fully wheelchair accessible and can be hired by community and voluntary organisations. Volunteer drivers take groups on outings including shopping trips, lunches and cultural visits.

The service also includes the **Shoppa-Hoppa** service. If you live in Leamington, Warwick or the surrounding villages, you can book a place on their weekly Monday service to take you to a range of supermarkets. Our Shoppa-Hoppa service is driven by a volunteer driver, who will collect you from your door. If required, they can arrange for a volunteer assistant to help you around the supermarket to collect your shopping. Shoppa-Hoppa currently costs £6.00 for a return journey.

For further information, please call **01789 471595**.



VASA's Volunteer Transport Service takes people who are without their own transport to medical appointments at hospitals, doctors' surgeries, dentists' surgeries and day centres across Stratford District and beyond. The service is

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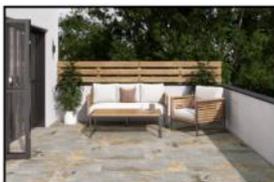
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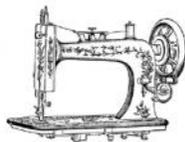
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