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EDITORIAL

A round up of local news

Hopefully you got chance to see the recent re-enactment display of the English Civil War by the Sealed Knot Society. They marched from the Harbury Church paddock to the Gamecock and then on to the playing fields. The photos on page 35 taken by Ian Hartland show the magnificent costumes and weapons.

With a lot of the work at All Saints' Church Harbury now nearing completion, they are looking for an organist. If you know anyone who can fit the bill, do get in contact with Rev. Andy or the church wardens.

Ladbroke Heritage are suggesting ways to keep your children entertained during the long summer holidays - see article. The Ladbroke Matters next supper and film night 'A Man Called Otto' will be on Friday 11th August; do book in if you are interested in seeing this.

Looking forward to early September, Harbury Village Hall will once again be hosting the Beer Festival - see diary for times. And please don't forget Harbury Village Show on Saturday 9th. Schedules are available from the Library, The Post Office and the Milkshed or can be downloaded from our website - hlnews.co.uk/harbury-village-show.html. Do think about entering one of the classes, be it showing off your vegetables, fruit or flowers, baking a chocolate cake or exhibiting your arts and crafts. Entry forms should be sent in by Wednesday 6th September.

We are always happy to print notices of births, special birthdays, congratulations, anniversaries and thanks. If you are aware of someone passing away and know that the magazine will not be notified through the All Saints' Churches registers, if not having a funeral service in the villages, please do let the News know and we will mention them in our editorial.

Due to the Bank Holiday at the end of August, next month the deadline will be a day earlier on Sunday 20th.

Finally, we extend our condolences to the families of Jeff Bedford, Monica Clarke and Mary Shelley.



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HARBURY DIARY

For local events

AUGUST

Sat 5 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Tracheo-Oesophageal Fistula (TOFS)
Car/Bike Meet, 12 noon onwards, Curry Shed Food Van from 5.00pm, Village Club

Sun 6 TRINITY 9
Said Holy Communion, 9.00am, Church
Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall
Carboot, 9.00am, (pitch £5), Village Club

- Mon 7 Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall
- Tue 8 Free Chair-based Activity Class, 10.00 - 11.00am, Village Hall
Tennis Club BBQ Tournament, 6.00pm, Tennis Courts
- Wed 9 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car park - Bishops Itchington (4 miles)
Mothers' Union, Tea Party, 2.30pm, Tom Hauley Room
Children's Carpet Bowls competition, 4.30pm, Village Library
Hereburgh Morris Practice session, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall
- Thurs 10 Said Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
- Fri 11 Meeting Point, 12.30pm, The Crown Inn
Nallys Jamaican Street Food, time to be confirmed, Village Club
- Sat 12 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Church - Heat, Light & Stone Appeal
- Sun 13 TRINITY 10**
Holy Communion with activity for children, 10.30am, Church
Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall
- Mon 14 Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall
- Tue 15 Free Chair-based Activity Class, 10.00 - 11.00am, Village Hall
- Wed 16 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car park - venue to be arranged
Connections (Dementia) Café, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
Village Chippy, 4.30 - 7.00pm, Village Club (Club open until 7.00pm)
Hereburgh Morris Practice session, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall
- Thurs 17 Said Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
- Fri 18 Bingo including snowball, 8.00pm, Village Club
- Sat 19 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Church - Heat, Light & Stone Appeal
Children's Carpet Bowls competition, 2.00pm, Village Library
Family Fun Day - Bouncy castle, face painting from 12 noon, with live music - 5.00 - 7.00pm, Village Club
- Sun 20 TRINITY 11**
Said Holy Communion, 8.00am, Church
All Age Service, 10.30am, Church
Harbury Heritage Centre open, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Harbury School - (Park Lane entrance)
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- Tue 22 Free Chair-based Activity Class, 10.00 - 11.00am, Village Hall
Harbury Theatre Group, 7.00 for 7.30pm, Village Club
- Wed 23 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car park - Lapworth - Packwood
Hereburgh Morris Practice session, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall
- Thurs 24 Said Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
- Sat 26 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Church - Heat, Light & Stone Appeal
Repair Café including 'Kids Take it Apart Table', 2.00 - 4.00pm, Village Library
Live Music 'Kick the Fridge', 9.00pm, Village Club

- Sun 27 TRINITY 12**
 Holy Communion with activity for children, 10.30am, Church
 Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall
- Mon 28 Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall
- Wed 30 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car park - venue to be arranged
 Village Chippy, 4.30 - 7.00pm, Village Club (Club open until 7.00pm)
 Hereburgh Morris Practice session, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall
- Thurs 31 Said Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room

SEPTEMBER

- Fri 1 Meeting Point, 12.30pm, The Crown Inn
 Harbury Beer Festival, 4.00 - 11.00pm, Village Hall
- Sat 2 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Guide Dogs - Southam
 Harbury Beer Festival, 11.00am - 11.00pm, Village Hall

Sun 3 TRINITY 13

- Said Holy Communion, 9.00am, Tom Hauley Room
- Mon 4 Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall
 Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall
- Tue 5 Harbury Heritage Centre open, 7.00 - 9.00pm, Harbury School - (Park Lane entrance)
- Wed 6 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car park - Charlecote - Wellesbourne
 Mothers' Union Service 2.00pm, meeting starts 2.30pm, Tom Hauley Room
 Ballroom Dancing, beginners 7.15pm, improvers 8.30pm, Village Hall
 Hereburgh Morris Practice session, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall
- Thurs 7 Said Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
 Folk Club, 8.00pm, Village Club
- Sat 9 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Godstuff
 Harbury Village Show, 2.00pm, Village Hall

Refuse Collection Rota

Week Commencing Monday	Thursday Collection - Harbury	Wednesday & Friday Collections - Ladbroke Friday Collection - Deppers Bridge
7 August	F - R - W - G	F - W
14 August	F	F - R - G
21 August	F - R - G	F
28 August	F - W	F - R - W - G
4 September	F - R - G	F
11 September	F	F - R - G
F = Food caddy - R = Recycling (blue bin) W = Waste (black bin) G = Garden (green bin) Wednesday Collection - Parts of Ladbroke - Thursday Collection - Harbury Friday Collection - Deppers Bridge and Parts of Ladbroke		



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HARBURY**

FROM THE RECTOR

Rev. Andy Batchelor

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

As I was reflecting on what to focus on for this month's article I was struck how chaotic the world around us seems at the moment. We have huge political turmoil both here in the UK and many other nations across the world. We have an economic crisis with soaring inflation and interest rates, ongoing protests about culture issues, freedom of speech and the environment, and of course the worldwide impact of the war in Ukraine.

Genesis tells us that God created the Universe from primeval chaos, and brought order and beauty into being. However it was not long before evil and sin warped Gods creation and after the relationship between human beings and their creator was broken, the world descended into a dark place where human beings exploit each other, suffer and hate.

But it won't stay this way forever. In Isaiah we read how God will remake his creation; the orderly, harmonious cosmos of Genesis 1-2 will one day be fully restored. In the book of Revelation John writes *'Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.'* The sea, which was the primary symbol of chaos in the Bible, has been overcome.

Of course we don't know when these prophecies will come to fruition, and harmony is restored, but we do know that in the meantime, Jesus walks by our side in the chaos that we are sometimes surrounded by. He is indeed our 'Good Shepherd' and the one who can bring us hope and peace when we most need it.



FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

Liz & Andy

All are welcome to join us at any of our services - our Sunday services follow a monthly pattern:-

1st Sunday 9.00am said Communion: 2nd Sunday 10.30am sung Communion:

3rd Sunday 8.00 am said Communion and 10.30am All Age service

4th (& 5th) Sunday 10.30am Sung Communion

We are very grateful to Ann Clucas for accompanying us on the piano at the sung Communion services. However, if you know of any organist going spare then we have a wonderful organ just waiting to be played. Please contact Reverend Andy or ourselves if you do have one up your sleeve.

All 10.30 services have either Children's church or some activity aimed at families with young children. After the service, tea and coffee are served in the church hall which allows us to have a good natter and catch-up.

The church, both as a building and as a family of worshippers, cannot grow and thrive without all taking part. Throughout August you will find sign-up sheets in church asking for help with various aspects of church e.g., cleaning, coffee making, children's church and sidesmen. To this we can probably add churchyard maintenance and I'm sure the bellringers would welcome new ringers too. The church is open every day so if you can spare a bit of time please sign up.

Thank you

Re-wiring of the church is almost complete and we are looking forward (imminently) to the

new lighting being installed. The Heat, Light & Stone funds were boosted by £800 following the concert on 2nd July. Thank you to the Warwickshire Singers. And now to raise more funds - primarily for stonework repairs, a new doorway into the Memorial Garden and improved audio-visual equipment for the church. The coffee mornings in the THR on Saturday 12th, 19th and 26th August will be run in aid of the HLS appeal. We look forward to seeing you.

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 Andy Dean (07753 497967) or email both on warden@allsaintsharbury.org

From the Registers:

Memorial Services

30th June Monica Clarke

15th July Mary Shelley

24th July Jeff Bedford



MOTHERS' UNION

Gillian Hare

We have established a pattern in July to replace our normal meeting with a visit. This month's was very interesting as we went to Chedham's Yard in Wellesbourne.

There, the friendly and informative volunteers told us the story of how this family run business, after four generations of repairing wagons and making all sorts of tools and iron work, closed its gates in the 1960s. It lay almost forgotten, buried in undergrowth until early this century.

A team put together a bid for, and won, the major award from the BBC heritage restoration programme. After many years of research and hard labour, it is open to the public as it used to be. A real step back in time, when life was simpler, if harder, and a man's word was to be honoured.



We do not have a normal meeting in August, but on 9th we are returning Southam's hospitality with a tea party to celebrate Mary Sumner, our founder. This will be in the Tom Hauley Room at 2.30pm. We would be delighted to welcome friends to join us - just turn up.

Our year starts on 6th September, with a communion service in Church, with hymns. There will be an address by Rev Denise, our diocesan Chaplain, followed by - you've guessed it - more tea.

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AUGUST

- Sun 6 TRINITY 9**
Family Service, followed by refreshments, 10.30am
- Tues 8 Table Tennis, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Fri 11 Film Night - 'A Man Called Otto', doors open 7.00pm, Village Hall
- Sun 13 TRINITY 10**
Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am
- Tues 15 Table Tennis, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Sun 20 TRINITY 11**
Holy Communion (BCP) 9.00am
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- Tues 22 Table Tennis, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Sun 27 TRINITY 12**
Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am
- Tues 29 Table Tennis, 7.30pm, Village Hall

SEPTEMBER

- Sun 3 TRINITY 13**
Family Service, followed by refreshments, 10.30am
- Tues 5 Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Wed 6 Heritage and Friendship Group, 10.30am - 12 noon, Village Hall
- Thurs 7 WI, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Fri 8 Heritage Open Day, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Church
- Sat 9 Heritage Open Day, 10.00am - 4.00pm, Church
Boules Tournament, Village Hall
- Sun 10 TRINITY 14**
Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am
Heritage Open Day, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Church



LADBROKE CHURCH NEWS

Peter Rigby
www.ladbrokechurch.org.uk

Ever since the C of E primary school in Ladbroke closed fifty years ago, the church has maintained a link with Southam St James School (now Academy). This link guarantees children living in Ladbroke a place at the school and the Church continues to appoint one of its Foundation Governors.

Another way in which the Church maintains this link is to donate Bibles to be given to their Year 6 leavers. We have just done this again this year and Rev. Andy together with a few members of the congregation attended the Year 6 leavers' assembly to give out the bibles and we were treated to coffee and cake with the Year 6 children afterwards.

During August, no additional activities are planned but we will of course be continuing with our regular Sunday services. The church remains open 10.00am - 4.00pm each day for anyone wishing to visit, either for quiet prayer and reflection or to learn about its heritage. For the latter, Ladbroke Heritage have produced some very useful materials including some that are child friendly so do pop in if you wish.

Services and events this month:

Sunday 6th August	10.30am	Family Service
Sunday 13th August	9.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 20th August	9.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 27th August	9.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 3rd September	10.30am	Family Service

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LADBROKE PARISH COUNCIL

Jackie West - H&L News Correspondent

Official minutes can be viewed on the noticeboard by The Bell Inn and the parish council's website - www.ladbroke-pc.gov.uk

All the Ladbroke Councillors were present at the meeting on 12th July but our new District Councillor had sent a report and her apologies and our County Councillor was also unable to attend. Most of the items on the agenda were quickly dealt with, the headlines being as follows.

SDC – The council has declared a climate emergency and net zero targets and they have £1.3M climate change fund. If anyone has problems with OVO energy they should let Susan Ostrander know. It is hoped to appoint the GP health facility for Lighthorne Heath in October 2023 but until they are up and running, the residents will have to use existing facilities in the area. Note: Susan covers Harbury as well as Ladbroke and her regular update in the magazine is in the Harbury General Section.

HS2 – There is lots of visible work happening and there will be some road closures, including in Ladbroke Hill Lane.

Alibone Trust – One of the non-ecclesiastical trustees is standing down. Cllr Groves offered to replace him.

Planning – No representation was made regarding felling of a cherry tree at 2 Village Farm.

The majority of the meeting was a discussion about the land off Windmill Lane. Unlike the previous meeting which had been well attended by the public, this time, excluding me, there were just two present much to the disappointment of the one of them. SDC Planning Dept had not reached a conclusion yet about the current application - a stable block and change to equestrian use and if they supported it on planning grounds, it was expected to go to committee. Irrespective of that decision, there continued to be concerns what might actually happen on the site and possible options. The Parish Council will investigate getting a professional review.

Next meeting – 13th September

At the July meeting on Thursday, 6th, Lucy Morgans gave a really interesting talk about her experiences and the changes in the travel industry over the last 35 years.

Lucy's career in the industry started with Pickfords in Canterbury who became Going Places before being taken over by Thomas Cook. In those days there were 12 travel agents in Canterbury, the one Lucy worked in having eight desks and 17 members of staff whereas now there are only four agencies.

In 2007, when Lucy's two children were very young she became part of Travel Counsellors Ltd and was able to work from home.

A perk of the job was the 'educational' where travel consultants would be taken to a destination sponsored by airlines, hotels and the local tourism where they were expected to assimilate information about the destination. From the wealth of information Lucy had, she chose to pick out three of her favourite destinations. In the Seychelles her preferred island was La Digue which was traffic free, transport being by ox cart, where she saw turtles on the beach.

On another trip she flew to Nairobi, then went on a safari in the Maasai Mara where the 'game drives' took place in the early morning and evening. They stayed at the famous Tree Tops hotel where the rooms were alarmed if wild life strolled into the vicinity so that you could get up and see them.

The third destination was a short river cruise from Budapest to Vienna along the Danube and Lucy was particularly impressed with the food which was sourced locally.

Answering questions Lucy said probably her most difficult challenge was during the ash cloud from the eruption of a volcano in Iceland in 2010. During the 10 days when European airspace was closed, ten million customers were affected. Lucy was instrumental in saving the holiday of a group of bikers who had planned a road trip from Buenos Aires and whose motorbikes had already been sent. From Dover they crossed to Calais as foot passengers then on to Madrid where they were able to catch a flight to Buenos Aires landing only 24 hours behind schedule. When Covid hit, 'it felt as if the travel industry had been bulldozed' but they got through it and the nature of Travel Counsellors working from home gave them a head start and they won the British Travel Achievement Award two years running.

Lucy can be contacted at lucy.morgans@travelcounsellors.com or on 02476 991820.

As the WI has needs for funds to pay for the hall and speakers, there was a sale table which raised £38 on the night and will be repeated. During the month, members had attended Tai Chi, the food and friendship lunch at the Countryman at Staverton and reflexology at Wren Hall.

Warwickshire Federation House in Warwick will have Open House every Wednesday from 10.30 - 12.30.

The Summer Outing will have been taken place before the next edition is distributed. The September meeting is on 7th September at 7.30 when Jo Horne and Geoff Timms will be in conversation about the old days!





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 long-awaited **boules tournament** is to now be held during the afternoon on **Saturday 9th September** at the village hall culminating in a final match and barbeque. Teams must consist of two players and registration is £15 per player. To register your team or for more details email Helen Morten on **shmorten@gmail.com**.



Our next supper and film night will be on **Friday 11th August** in the village hall starting 7pm sharp. The film will be 'A Man Called Otto' starring Tom Hanks. Tickets are £15 each including a two-course meal. Bring your own drinks. Email Nicky Lewis on nicolalewis1958@gmail.com if you wish to book.



The childrens' play area on the Millennium Green is over 20 years old and, although quite safe and useable, it is in need of significant refurbishment. We are developing plans and obtaining proposals from various suppliers. This project will require substantial funding and we will therefore be seeking grants and planning fundraising events. If you have comments or ideas please contact one of our trustees.



To book your special celebration in our village hall, or if you wish to hold regular classes or meetings, contact Debs (07779 225105 or email debs.dptv@gmail.com). Despite rising costs we have been able to keep our hourly booking rates for 2023 at £15 per hour, or £12 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 June 2023

£50	Angela Coleman	£50	Richard Smith	£25	John Liverton
£25	Dianne and Trevor Surgey	£25	John Herriot	£10	Kate Todman
£10	Sophie Kendall	£10	Cara Jenkins		

Margaret Bosworth



LADBROKE PHOTOGRAPHY

Mike Todman

A challenge, an action session and a meal: the components of an enjoyable evening. The challenge was to embellish a very ordinary photograph of Chesterton windmill with its sails missing.

The results did not disappoint as members brushed up their Photoshop skills to add and change details. In one photo a giant moon had been added, rising behind the mill. Another went psychedelic with bright purple grass and green sky. In another the windmill was capped



Fixing the Windmill by Mike Todman

with the coronation crown from the Harbury postbox. Then there were various images on the theme of replacing the missing sails as you can see here.

For the action session Mike Todman had brought inflated balloons with some water in them - and a pin on a stick. The idea was to catch the precise moment when the balloon exploded, with water and rubber suspended in the air. It was one of those occasions when burst mode is needed to take several shots in quick succession (smart phones can do this as well as good cameras). As the pin broached the balloon there was a sound like machine guns as the shutters fired to record the explosive moment. Richard's two photos shown here were taken less than a tenth of a second apart - it all happens very fast! We rounded the evening off with a buffet meal to which we all contributed.



*Balloon explosion
by Richard Bedwell*

We shall not be meeting in August but will be back together on 5th September with a presentation on Colour by John Lewis. On 3rd October we shall have a competition on Summer in the Park and have some fun looking at our balloon-bursting results. Visitors, guests and new members are all welcome to our meetings which are usually in Ladbroke Village Hall on the first Tuesday of the month. For more information please contact ladbroke.photoclub@btinternet.com

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LADBROKE GENERAL NEWS



LADBROKE HERITAGE

Jackie West & Nicky Lewis

We hope you had a chance to see the Local Record Breakers exhibition in the phone box which we took down last month. We appreciated all the contributions and they certainly educated and entertained passers by. A special thank you goes to all the tall people who recorded their height and congratulations Henry M. who towers above the rest of us at 6 feet 5 inches!

In the early years of Ladbroke School the summer break began when the barley and oats were being gathered in and lasted for six weeks. According to the school log, attendance was often poor at the start of the new school year as children were still working in the fields. "Sept 17th, 1877 Re-opened school - Attendance very thin - Harvest not finished many children are gleaning". Nowadays school holidays are a time for children to relax rather than work. Six weeks can seem a long time

to fill so here are some suggestions from Ladbroke Heritage, whether you are on holiday at home or entertaining visitors:

- Discover Jurassic Ladbroke at church using our free leaflet.
- Draw a picture, create a face from natural materials or build something from things in the recycling bin - if you want, it can go on display in our Heritage Open Days exhibition (8-10th September), see next article.
- See how many different wildflowers you can spot in the churchyard or on the Millennium Green.
- Do the Ladbroke Treasure Trail.
- Bring family or friends to explore Ladbroke Church; it's open 10am - 4pm every day and there's lot of printed information whether you just want the highlights or want to delve more into the stained glass or geology.
- Take a look at the www.ladbrokeheritage.org.uk for lots more ideas and many downloadable leaflets, including the Ladbroke Village Trail in French, German, Italian, Romanian, Russian, Spanish and Ukrainian.

If you'd rather explore with a personal guide, several of us love showing people around the church and village, whether it's a planned visit by a club, or something you would like to do as a family or with visiting friends. For more information please contact Nicky on 815196 or email Jackie on ladbrokechurch89@btinternet.com, a single guide can often be organised at short notice.

The Heritage and Friendship group restarts on 6th September. These get-togethers, once a month on a Wednesday morning in the Village Hall have refreshments and a theme, people are invited to bring photos or an object to show others but it's all very informal and undemanding. The group is targeted at those who don't have the opportunity to go out much, perhaps because of their age, health or caring responsibilities and it is dementia friendly too but everyone is welcome. September's meeting is on the theme: HOLIDAYS. If you are thinking of coming or would like to know more about the group please contact Carol on 814715.



HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

Jackie West

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The theme this year is “Creativity unwrapped” so our exhibition will be of artwork and photos by local people of all ages. If you have already created something we could display in church or are looking for a creative goal for the next few weeks, please contact Jackie **by 25th August either** in person or on ladbrokechurch89@btinternet.com, alternatively leave a message on 810331.

Thank you.



HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL

John Holden & Nicola Thompson – H&L News Correspondents

Official minutes can be viewed on the Parish Council website

www.harbury-pc.gov.uk or obtained from the Parish Clerk, Tel: 01926 614646

Parish Council Report - from meeting held Thursday 22nd June 2023

Quite a lengthy meeting with a larger than usual turn out by members of the public.

Public Participation – First to speak in the public participation agenda item was Steve Ekins who was concerned that the PC might withdraw its financial support for the monthly Saturday market. The Council pays for the hire of the Village Hall and if this stopped, it was unlikely that the market would continue. All proceeds from the Markets are donated to local charities, with Harbury charities given priority. If none are able to assist at the market, then other local organisations are offered the place.

Next Ed Wilson spoke about the planning application for the Middle Road solar farm. He explained that solar panels were an inefficient way to generate electricity, there were considerable legacy issues associated with decommissioning the panels at the end of their life. Solar farms were urbanising the landscape.

Bob Sherman gave an update on the proposed car charging points at the Village Hall car park. The County Council were now managing the scheme and it would now be possible to disperse charging points around the Village. Bob had identified three potential charities to submit bids for grant funding to pay towards the extension to the car park, which would need to be submitted by mid July. However, any grant funding would need to be submitted and paid to a ‘responsible organisation’ and Bob wondered if this could be the Parish Council? Tim advised that a full proposal would need to be submitted to the PC and if needs be an extraordinary meeting called due to timescales involved.

Regarding the planning application for a garage at 26 Mill Street. A neighbour whilst complimentary about the refurbishment to the Old Chapel, expressed concerns over the proposed garage and Juliet balcony and resulting loss of privacy overlooking their gardens.

Lastly, Rich Fowler gave an update on the Library saying that footfall on the same period compared to last year was up and that the ‘Summer Reading Challenge’ would be running during the school summer holidays.

Planning – First application to be discussed by the Council was the garage, Juliet balcony and obscure glazed window to the Old Chapel in Mill Street. A site visit had been undertaken and the applicant queried whether the Council had had sight of the revised plans? The Chairman said that any revised plans would be referred on by SDC and this item would be brought back to a future PC meeting. Councillors were concerned about the raised terrace and balcony overlooking the neighbouring properties. They decided to object to the application on the basis the planning department would assess distances and angles and their meeting planning guidelines, before determining the application.

There was then a lengthy discussion on the Middle Road Solar Farm. It was noted that this application was only slightly different to the previous application made last year, which the PC did not object to, although this was turned down by SDC (now subject to an appeal). This application was for a large solar farm and Ufton PC was very much against it and wanted it split into two applications. The Chairman reminded the members that the Council had declared a Climate Emergency last year. Some Councillors were for the application, others had concerns. The PC decided to object to the application in support of Ufton PC on the basis that it should be split into two applications.

Next was an application to fell a number of spruce, sycamore and apple trees at Kingston House. On the basis that there was no justification given for the trees' removal, an objection would be made.

Councillors were supportive of an application to build a bungalow in the garden of 2 Sutcliffe Drive, saying it meets the village housing needs - being one bedroom and suitable for a first time buyer or elderly persons. For this application and the change of use of land to a garden at Stapenhall Farm, no representation was made.

Environment – A family in the Village had offered to donate an Oak Tree sapling, however where to plant it was the question? None of the Village Greens were suitable for what would become in time a large tree. It was agreed to go back to the family to see if they could suggest a suitable location. Complaints had been raised about parking on the grass area in Neale's Close. As the land was not owned by the Parish Council, although covered by the grass mowing contract, it was thought there was little they could do to intervene.

Suggestions for bids to our County Councillors delegated budget were agreed to be - improved 'Keep Clear' sign at Mill Lane and High Street junction and the replacement of some stiles with gates on local footpaths.

Properties – On the issue of Village Hall car parking overspill, the Chairman had met with the Football Club representatives and they were amenable to providing a Marshall on match days to encourage use of alternative nearby car parks. The Wellbeing Project up on the Allotments was proving to be quite successful, with all of the raised beds now taken. It was hoped in the future to provide a greenhouse and plant some fruit trees. There was now a need to provide the second phase of raised beds and Councillors agreed to fund this from reserves.



One of the raised beds being cultivated

The provision of a bus shelter at Binswood End is proving to have some challenges. As it is a designated Village Green a series of permissions would be required to enable the construction of a bus shelter. There would be costs associated with gaining these. However, if as thought possible, it could be proven that there had been a bus shelter there previously, then this could remove the need to gain permission. Enquiries would be made by Councillors.

Finance – As mentioned earlier, the funding of the Village Hall hire for the Local Market was discussed. Councillors were supportive of the market and the trade it gave to local businesses who had stalls there. It was agreed to continue meeting the hire charge.

Next Meeting – Thursday 20th July 2023, 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council - 6th July 2023

The Council met to discuss one item only on the agenda – the Harbury Future Energy Project for the installation of a wind monitoring mast, EV charging points and the extension of the car park at the playing fields. The Council had been obliged to call an extraordinary meeting due to a decision made by Warwickshire County Council that the extension of the car park (originally planned to be part of the scheme) is outside its funding scope. This meant that the parish council would need to decide whether to take ownership of this and apply for grant funding to the UK Share Prosperity Fund (Stratford DC allocation) in its own name. The deadline date for grant applications was on 14th July. To begin with however, the Council discussed slightly less contentious items connected with the project.

Installation of Wind Monitoring Mast & Permission for WCC to carry out the relevant works

The purpose of the wind monitoring mast would be to assess wind speeds and direction over a six month period in order to assess the feasibility of siting a permanent wind turbine on the site. It is by no means certain that we will have enough wind, or indeed the “right” kind of wind with a low amount of turbulence! A number of queries were raised including what would happen to the concrete base after the trial has completed, how would individuals be deterred from climbing the mast and who will be responsible for manufacturing and installing it. Luckily, Future Energy Project members Bob Sherman and Paul Quinney were on hand to answer questions and, following further discussion, it was agreed that, subject to the concrete base being removed on completion of the project, that permission should be granted for the mast to be sited on parish council land. The actual installation, monitoring and maintenance however will be overseen by WCC.

The installation of the electric charging points on the car park was also discussed; there will be six double charging points (maximum 12 cars) for slower overnight charging and two doubles for rapid charging. This is a village wide project with charging points also planned for other locations. It was noted that the spaces allocated for slower charging will not be exclusively reserved for vehicles on charge, meaning the general public, not just those charging their cars, can park in them. It will also be necessary to widen the access to the car park. After discussion and questions the PC formally agreed to allow WCC to install the EV points on their land and carry out all associated work.

Car Park Extension

The Council then considered the proposal that it should take on responsibility for the car park extension and apply for the necessary grant funding in its own name. Estimated costs for the project were given as £71,000, of which £25,000 has already been received from the Eastfields Solar Energy Fund, leaving the remainder to be applied for from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (Stratford DC allocation).

Harbury Future Energy group is not a constituted body so is not able to apply in its own name, however, they had already prepared the application ready to send and were also willing to potentially supply a member of their group who would be co-opted onto the council for the specific purpose of helping with this project. Members of the council had concerns about this however; as they pointed out any co-opted councillors should be prepared to join in with all the work of the council not just one specific project. They also had concerns about the increase in the

clerk's workload due to project management and administration and whether the project could be delivered within budget and on time – the grant will specify that it should be completed by next March. However, a vote was taken and it was resolved with six in favour and one against, that the council should go ahead and submit the grant application.

A decision is expected in September and, in the meantime, the council will consider how it can best project manage the scheme.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm. The next ordinary meeting of the parish council will take place on Thursday 20th July, in the Farley Room, Village Hall, 7.30pm.

Current Parish Council members contactable via the Parish Office are:

Tim Lockley (Chairman), Julie Balch (Vice-Chair), Samantha Allen, Jess Dominick,
Alan Knowles, Alex Potter, Keith Thompson.

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HARBURY SOCIETY

David Turner

On Tuesday 4th July, members of the Harbury Society met at Lighthorne Village Hall for a talk and tour of the village given by Colin Such, of the Lighthorne History Society.

The Society was founded in 2006 and one of its projects has been to identify and record tombstones in the churchyard which have been laid flat and, at some point, covered with soil and moss. Photos taken from the top of the church tower during a very dry summer revealed the outline of many buried gravestones enabling them to be exposed and to record their location and details. Most of them dated from the 17th century onwards but there is evidence of much older burials north of the church. A Neolithic grave of a woman and child was discovered in the 19th century which was thought to date to around 2500BC. The woman was wearing a necklace of amber beads and these were removed by a local person to make hat pins.

In 1910 a skeleton of a male was discovered, positioned as if 'sitting on his haunches'. Further excavating revealed a row of nine skeletons buried in the same manner. Because they faced the Avon valley in a good defensive position they have been labeled as the nine guardians of Lighthorne.

There is evidence of Roman activity in the area and much pottery, tiles, brooches and coins have been found. A professional geophysical survey conducted in 2015 revealed evidence of multi-phase settlement including iron age roundhouses but unfortunately no evidence of a Roman villa.

Colin fast-forwarded to 1646; the time of the English Civil War when Parliament wanted to assess the effects the conflict had on the civil population. It instructed local constables to record losses suffered from specific households over a 4 year period - 1642 to 1646. They set out the costs for items such as parliamentary taxes, free quartering of parliament troops, fodder for horses, plunder by the soldiers, theft of horses and livestock, etc. Colin and his wife were involved in helping to transcribe this document and it has enabled a picture to emerge of the upheaval caused by the conflict. The cost of providing free quartering alone to soldiers passing through the village was enormous. On one occasion 257 soldiers and their horses had to be accommodated.

Also, taxes were imposed on the village. Lighthorne was situated halfway between the Parliamentary garrison at Warwick Castle and the Royalist garrison at Banbury Castle, so they were taxed by both sides.

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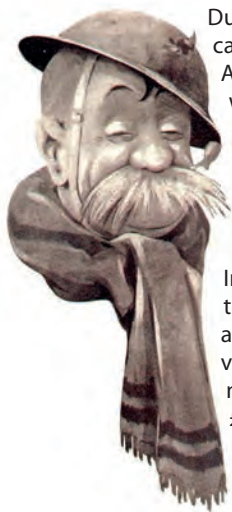
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To put this into context, 50 years earlier, William Shakespeare had bought New Place in Stratford, the biggest house in the borough, for £120.

At this troubled time, people would hide their savings to avoid being robbed by passing soldiers and in 1972 a coin hoard dating from the Civil War period was found under a front door step of a cottage in Old School Lane. The coins were 16th and 17th century English coins with a total face value of £4 15s 3d and these are now in Warwick Museum.

Lighthorne was the first village in Warwickshire to have its commons enclosed by an Act of Parliament in 1721. The cost of fencing the enclosed fields caused the smaller land owners to part with their land, resulting in the expansion of large agricultural estates such as Compton Verney. The Verneys first acquired land in Lighthorne in 1436 and gradually increased their land holding. At the time of the Enclosure Act they owned just over half of the parish and in 1829 the last major freeholder within the village, sold 89 acres to the Verneys and Lighthorne became an estate village.



During World War I 'Old Bill' was a morale boosting, walrus moustached, cartoon character created by Bruce Bairnsfather, a captain in the British Army, who lived in Stratford on Avon. He was an amateur theatre actor, writer and director and was a great friend of Clare Verney. He would often cycle to Lighthorne to write, direct and appear in Lighthorne pantomime productions organized by Clare. Bruce Bairnsfather and Clare are considered to be the founder members of the Lighthorne Drama Group which is still in existence. It's been suggested that many police officers at the time possessed similar facial hair to 'Old Bill' hence their nickname.

In 1921 the Compton Verney mansion estate including Lighthorne was sold to Joseph Watson, a soap manufacturer. However he was killed in 1922 in a riding accident and the trustees put up the entire estate, including the village, for auction in 1929. Not all the property was sold and eventually most of the cottages in the village were sold to sitting tenants for about £200 each.

Lighthorne has an impressive village sign, which was designed by Tony Hunter who resided in the village. He was the person responsible for designing the interior of the current Mini car.

We then left the hall for a tour of the village.

The Antelope Public House

This is thought to date from the early 18th century. A flat-roofed extension to the right replaced an earlier lean-to manger, with a pitched roof, which also served as a laying out room for the dead.

Adjacent to the pub is the malt house, probably built in the early nineteenth century and converted to domestic use in the 1980s. It was in use as a village hall, youth group venue and drama group venue before the Village Hall was built in 1960.

Bishop's Farmhouse

This was named after the tenant farmer John Bishop. It has a date of 1726 carved into the stonework. When Rev the Hon Walter Verney retired as the Lighthorne vicar in 1908, he and his family moved from the old rectory into this house.

Smithy Cottage

Built of square coursed limestone in the mid eighteenth



century, Smithy Cottage is one of only two houses in Lighthorne to retain its thatch. The cottage also served as a Post Office with the blacksmith, William Herbert, acting as a postmaster and parish clerk. Attached to it was a forge, which was built in the early nineteenth century, with a tiled roof - it ceased to be a smithy in 1988.



The Old School

The schoolhouse is thought to have been constructed in the mid 18th century.

Church Cottages

An attractive row of four cottages with a date of 1642 carved in the stone of the chimney of no. 2. Originally they were thatched. This was replaced by tiles in the 1950s.

Church Hill Farm

Church Hill Farm is probably the oldest domestic building in the village. Part of it dates back to the early to mid sixteenth century, with extensions in the early to mid seventeenth century with a late seventeenth century wing.

The Old Rectory

The first record of this building is dated 1667 and the front elevation was remodelled in the 18th century. It was here that Bruce Bairnsfather and Clare Verney staged pantomimes, in an open-air theatre in the garden.

The Church

The first reference to a church in Lighthorne is 1298. In 1773-4 a new church was built of stone. Roughly one hundred years later, in 1876, a new nave and chancel were built but the tower was retained. Stained glass from the 1773-4 church was re-used and additional stained glass windows were commissioned.

Church Windows

The church contains many fine windows from the Victorian period, a modern window by a Coventry designer and also some much older glass.

A medieval chapel at Compton Verney was demolished in 1772, when 'Capability' Brown landscaped the grounds. When the church at Lighthorne was rebuilt it's possible that some of the medieval windows from the demolished chapel came from there.

One window in particular has attracted a lot of attention, that of St Sebastian. Some authorities have suggested that it is from the Southwark workshop of Barnard Flower, a glazier to King Henry VIII.

It is astonishing that a country church



servicing a small local agricultural community contained so much important stained glass. The reason was because of its close association with the Verney family.

Having completed the tour we made our way back to the village hall where a cream tea was served.

Following this, Chairman Ed Wilson, thanked Colin Such for a very enjoyable and interesting afternoon.

Harbury Society forthcoming events

Tuesday 19th September: 'The Last Man in the World' a presentation by local actor Peter Walshe throwing a spotlight on his acting career. Meeting in the Tom Hauley Room. Doors open 7.30pm. All welcome - free to Harbury Society members - guests £1.

Tuesday 17th October: Stuart Pierson from Wessex Archaeology will be giving a presentation featuring the excavations carried out at Coleshill Manor. Meeting in the Tom Hauley Room. Doors open 7.30pm. All welcome - free to Harbury Society members - guests £1.

Tuesday 21st November: Watch this space! An event TBA to celebrate the formation of the Harbury Society 50 years ago.



HARBURY WI

Mary Thompson

At our July meeting we were pleased to welcome representatives from local organisations who received donations from our Community Fund. Covid restrictions had meant we weren't able to run the cinema and build up our Community Fund therefore we were delighted to give a total of £2,645.85 to the following organisations - Harbury Heritage Room, Harbury Village Library, Harbury Village Show, Harbury School PTA, Tom Hauley Room and Warwick Hospital Young Minds Matter.



The Community Fund comes from profit raised at the rural cinema and we look forward to running the cinema again at the Village hall on 23rd September and over the winter. More details in the Harbury and Ladbroke News and on Village notice boards.

Our speaker for the evening was Daniel Beckett from the Pinnock Distillery. Daniel had a background in media and TV and had lectured at the college in Leamington for 11 years. His wife is a producer for the BBC.

In 2001 there was a boom in craft distilling and the law changed so that people could distil on a smaller basis. Daniel decided to have a complete change of career and started distilling gin in his kitchen at Pinnock Cottages in Kineton. He wanted to incorporate local history in his product. During the Battle of Edgehill in 1642 gin hadn't been invented only "strong water" or "Juniper Water"

Daniel was able to track down an old recipe book that Charles 1st had commissioned and Daniel starting experimenting using local botanicals. Juniper is more difficult to find as it comes from Croatia and Scotland and Coriander is abundant in Egypt. Daniel uses honey from Fosse Way, lavender from Snowhill and Quince from Warwick. He spent eight months experimenting before he got it right!

Daniel now has a distilling room in the Tower at the Castle Inn at Edgehill where he runs gin tasting on a Saturday and also three hour gin making sessions. He also provides gin for the Castle Inn and other inns in their group including the Bell at Ladbroke. As well as white gin he makes Rhubarb and Strawberry gin using products from Herefordshire. Daniel also makes Sloe and Damson gin - he told us how locals were happy to pick sloes for him on their "Lockdown" walks in exchange for a bottle of gin!

He has moved from making gin in his kitchen to a farm in Deppers Bridge and sells his gin at Hill Top Farm, Harbury Local Market in the village hall and online - www.pinnockdistillery.com

Members enjoyed tasting the gin that Daniel bought to show us and some took the opportunity to buy some gin. Daniel was an excellent speaker and members thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

We don't have a meeting in August but look forward to our visit to Hampton Court and our annual garden party.



HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

Anna Harper

Following the success of our latest show, "Ridiculous Allsorts": Harbury Theatre group are very proud to present a cheque of a huge figure totalling £1000!! This sum of money will be donated to the Harbury C of E Church's heat, light and stone fund. Hopefully this Christmas time we can enjoy sitting in a lovely warm church!



An exciting time awaits us as we prepare for our November production of the classic Jack and The Beanstalk!

I wonder who Jack will be? Will he climb up the beanstalk or how tall will the beanstalk be? Will he kill the giant? I guess you'll have to find out.... Keep a look out, you don't want to miss the magical, Jack and the Beanstalk. Make a note of these dates for your dairy: 23rd, 24th and 25th November.

To end this article, I would like to add a personal note; I would like to thank all the Harbury group for opening their arms to me as a disabled person, I have found you all to be so willing and supportive towards me. It has really made me feel like a part of the group and I love

being part of such an amazing group. I am very excited to be able to get on stage with a lift and hope that it will be used, not only by me but other members too!



FOLK CLUB

Peter McDonald

The theme for the 438th session of Harbury Folk Club on 6th July was "Pleasant and Delightful" just because I liked the sound of those two words together. It turned out to be quite a challenge for many of the performers but most of them ingeniously related their songs to the subject. In a month when I might have expected to be short of performers, in fact I had 15 acts to fit in so it was quite a long evening - and very good value for just £1 entry!

I started the evening with 'The Appalachian Front Porch Song' which imagines the happy gatherings that might have taken place when Cecil Sharp visited the Blue Ridge Mountains in 1917 to collect songs and tunes. Norman grumbled about the theme but still managed to find two suitable songs - 'I couldn't take my eyes off her' and the self-penned 'In the Sky'. Rik chose the Hebridean 'The Spinning Wheel' and, with his granddaughter in mind, Billy Joel's 'Lullaby - Goodnight, My Angel'. In an evening where female performers were heavily outnumbered by the men, it was good to see Sue & Maureen singing together with 'The Leavetaking' followed by a folk club favourite, 'Come By The Hills'.

Bob gave us Neil Young's plaintive song 'Only Love Can Break Your Heart' and then an original song about village life. Michael was up next with 'I'm Waiting for You' (from The Detectorists) followed by the traditional ballad 'Lord Franklin'. Pete Grassby made a flying visit to the Club with two contrasting unaccompanied songs - the ballad 'Up the Noran Water' and then his own composition 'Guilty Sleeps' (which struck a chord with many in the audience or, at least, those who were still awake!). The Harvesters finished the first half with two lively bluegrass-flavoured numbers, both featuring Sue's banjo - 'Keep on the Sunny Side' and 'The Cuckoo'.

In their usual spot in the evening, the Folk Club Choir started the second half with the *a cappella* song 'O Makunde' (from the Cirque du Soleil show, 'Ka') followed by the up-tempo 'Diamonds on the Water', one of the Oyster Band's greatest hits. My second song was 'Come Walk With Me' (by Liz Weston) where a parent encourages their offspring to appreciate nature in its many pleasant and delightful forms.

Dave C gave us two well-known songs that we could sing along to - Donovan's 'Yellow is the Colour' and 'Messing About on the River' - then our resident poet, Debbie, read two of her own poems, including 'Mobility Morris' (will it catch on in Harbury?). Peter Mason also chose two great sing-along songs - the traditional 'Whisky in the Jar' and then Steve Tilston's 'Slip Jigs and Reels'.

Don is always finding interesting songs and this month was no exception - he sang Hannah Rarity's beautiful song 'Neath the Gloamin' Star of E'en' followed by the intriguing 'Love that makes a cup of tea', on which he was accompanied by Bob and Ann. Des was on good form as he led us through the classic 'Teddy Bears' Picnic' and then the mournful 'Disaster at Sea', only to discover it was a spoof tale about a cargo of woodpeckers in a timber ship!

Pete Bones was missing Liz but breezed through a couple of fine songs on his own - 'Bonny Maid of Fife' and 'Fiddlers' Green', with its great chorus. Then it was left to the Choir to return to the stage and finish the evening in harmony with the traditional 'Pleasant and Delightful'; the audience were in fine voice too.

The charity raffle raised £78 for Cancer Research UK. The next Folk Club will be at 8pm on 3rd August, in the Village Club as usual, when Debbie will be the host and her theme will be "From Cradle to Grave".



HARBURY TODDLER GROUP

Lynne Barton

Hello from everyone at Toddlers

We thank everyone for their support throughout the year. We hope all of our families have a great summer break as we are now closed until Monday 11th September 2023.

It is always with mixed emotions we wave goodbye to our children going to their next phase of education at 'big school'. We wish them all well and look forward to hearing about their future adventures.

We did however all enjoy a good send off with a packed entertaining session and our Summer Toddler Trip.

Diggers (our own Bob the Builder)

The children were excited to see this fabulous yellow Digger at the end of the drive. Thank you to Alex who was so helpful, charming and for whom nothing was too much trouble. We all had a great time climbing up, pipping the horn and training to be the future generation of construction workers. A huge shout out to **James Mann Construction Ltd and Clements Plant & Access Hire** for making this possible.



Mini Bamboo

Louise and Luke supplied us with a range of soft play and a glorious Ball Pool such fun to round of a lovely end of term. Thank you to:
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Summer Trip

The weather was really kind to us as we were treated to a Meet and Greet by Josh at Hatton Country World. We had our own party room to leave our belongings in for the duration, enjoy our picnics and have some chill out time if needed.

We had a Toddler Tractor Ride around the Farm and were excited to go through the muddy puddle and see the animals in their fields. Then we went to see the guinea pigs and rabbits.



And Finally

With much affection, stay safe and we look forward to seeing you all very soon. Monday @ 9.30 to 11.15am. Our cost per session has remained constant for almost a decade at £1.50. We know families feel it represents good value with every little helping in a cost of living crisis. We will be tidying the shed in August and we hope to rediscover some toys we haven't seen for ages so watch this space.

We wish you all a lovely summer break. See you in September.

Love from Lynne, Selina, Debbie and Judi x x



HARBURY PRE-SCHOOL

Staff and Committee

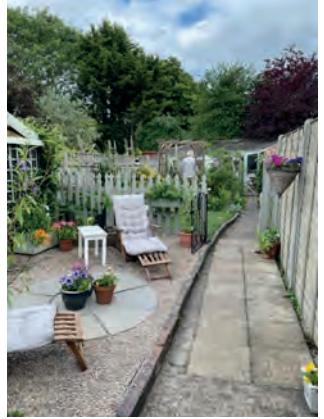
Jungle Play

The children have loved our jungle play. Inside we have a jungle corner with a tent, camouflage, wild animals, binoculars and cameras. The children can also dress up as proper 'jungle explorers'. They have taken the play very seriously, creeping around quietly to avoid scaring the animals. So much so that we also set up another jungle area outdoors in the play house with another collection of wild animals and a few dinosaurs which the children chose to add.



Garden Walkabout 2023

Photos by Ian Hartland and Bill Timson



Sealed Knot Event

Photos by Ian Hartland



The small world area has become a wild animal vet clinic with wild animals, a vet's surgery building, cars and a vet ambulance.

Planting

Our plant borders were looking a bit tired so the children have been busy planting seeds and plants. They have looked after them extremely well, remembering to water them using the watering cans. We were impressed to see the seeds sprouting within days!



The children have also planted their own individual cress seeds in yogurt pots on paper towels. They have also very quickly sprung straight to life and the children will be taking them home for the holidays.

Clay

As part of our museum theme, the children made some imprints in clay using either shells and natural found objects or dinosaur footprints. It was interesting to see the results as every child chose to do their own thing - 1 large shell imprint, multiple small shells, one big footprint or a few little ones. They came out extremely well, ready for painting and taking home.

Zoolab

For our end of year treat, Zoolab came to visit. The children were extremely brave and excited to meet a giant snail, a tree frog, a cockroach, a corn snake, a tarantula and a frog. We also got to look at and touch snake skin.



The majority of the children touched, stroked or held the animals. We were proud of their bravery.

The children sat brilliantly while Zoolab described the animals, their habitats and their characteristics. A lovely morning all around. After the session the children enjoyed a lovely party food picnic.

Places filling fast

We have a record number of Pre-Schoolers currently enrolled and some of our sessions from September 2023 are already full. If you are considering Harbury Pre-School for your child, please do get in touch.



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





HARBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Lucy Bosley - Headteacher

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"Let us not love with words and speech but with action and in truth" 1 John 3:18

Busy last few weeks

The last few weeks of term have been very busy. We have enjoyed the Infant Celebration and Sports Day. Sadly, the rain held off the Infant Celebration on the field but we did manage to have a very successful Sports Day and picnic. We held a fund race for the Guide Dogs.



This fun race involved the children wearing a blindfold and racing following a rope. It was a very valuable experience for the pupils experiencing the feeling of not seeing where you are going. We raised £100 for the Guide Dogs.



Coronation Banner

Thank you to Sue and Ros for all your effort and energy going into the banner. It looks wonderful in the hall and represents a significant part of history. Well done to all the pupils who contributed to the sewing, cutting out and completing all of the Common Wealth flags.



Love of Reading

The Women's Institute have presented PTA with a cheque for £400. What a wonderful donation! This is going towards our love of reading and will pay for several magazine subscriptions for the school. We are sure this will encourage more readers. A big thank you WI!



HARBURY VILLAGE HALL

Andy Rutherford

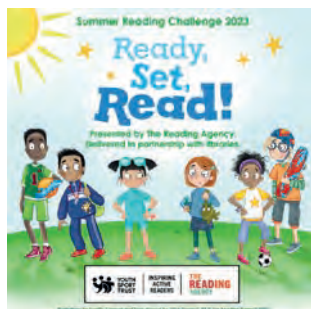
Still a busy time at the Hall, with good booking levels. We are planning a series of maintenance activities at the Hall, with a resurfacing of the main hall at the beginning of October, repainting of the institutional green skirting boards, and curtain replacements. More projects to follow.

Our recent experience of allowing a young teenage party in the Hall did not work out so well for the Hall or local residents, despite assurances of adequate adult supervision. It is not likely that the Village Hall will accept similar bookings in the future. The vast majority of Hirers show respect for the venue, but ...



HARBURY LIBRARY & BIBLIO'S CAFE

Rich Fowler



Summer Reading Challenge 2023 is under way. This year, the Reading Agency has teamed up with the Youth Sport Trust to create 'Ready, Set, Read!', a Challenge that's all about sports and games. Children will join a fictional team and their animal mascots as they use their skills to weave their way through a summer obstacle course. You can sign up for the challenge at the library at any time.

Summer Holiday Activities

We've already held the first of our Summer Holiday activities at which we learned how to make origami sumo wrestlers. Many thanks to Masa Chiba for leading this.

Coming up on Wednesday 9th August at 4.30pm and Saturday 19th August at 2pm, we'll be holding a **Children's Carpet Bowls** competition. Then, on Saturday 26th August, together with Repair Cafe Harbury, there'll be a **Kid's Take it Apart Table**. Under the supervision of experienced volunteer repairers, children will be able to take apart a variety of items in order to see what's inside and explore how they work. Part of the intention is to spark the interest of budding engineers in our community.

Tunes and Tales will continue to run every Thursday during the summer holidays, but will start at 9.30 rather than 9.15am.

Finally, a selection of **craft materials** will be available in the library on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. Friday is Board Game Friday, so come and play some of ours or bring your own.

Introduction to FindMyPast sessions

Starting this month we'll be running a series of sessions for people to learn how to use the FindMyPast system we have available on our Public Access Computers. Each session will be for two or three people who will have the opportunity to use FindMyPast to start exploring their family history. If you're interested in joining one of the sessions email us at findmypast@harburyvillagelibrary.org.uk.

Did you know?

When looking at Harbury Village Library people often only see the library and cafe, but a lot more happens, both during the day and out of hours. So far this year there have been 74 hours of activities and events while the library is open, and 137 hours when the library is closed. If you're interested in holding your own event, activity or meeting in the library, email us at events@harburyvillagelibrary.org.uk.



Need to sell tickets for your event?

So far this year we've sold over £4,300 worth of tickets for community groups in Harbury. Tickets can be purchased whenever the library is open and we can accept both cash and card payments. If you'd like us to help sell tickets for your event, please email us at events@harburyvillagelibrary.org.uk.

Other Activities and Events

Board Game Fridays Come along with friends to play some of the board games in our collection, or bring your own. Board Game Fridays start at 1.30pm. Tea, coffee and biscuits available.

Classic Book Group

Our group meets in the library on the third Thursday of every month. We aim to read, and discuss, those "classic" books you always meant to read, but never did. If you're interested in joining us please email BookGroup@harburyvillagelibrary.org.uk.

Warm Welcome

Whatever the weather, there's always a Warm Welcome for you at Harbury Village Library. It's warm in the winter, cool in the summer and always dry (we hope).

Just come in, sit and read a newspaper, use our free WiFi, help yourself to tea, coffee and biscuits. If you want to stay a bit longer we have Board Games and Jigsaw Puzzles, or you can make use of our collection of craft materials. Oh, you can also choose something to read from our shelves of books.



Biblio's

Why not meet friends for a hot drink and homemade cake? Our friendly volunteers will be waiting to serve you in Biblio's Cafe on any of the days and times when the Cafe is open, as stated in this article.

Regular Opening Times

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

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

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



HARBURY CLUB & INSTITUTE

Club Committee

We are pleased to say that the roof contractors have admitted liability for the leak and we are now watertight again, which has enabled us to get the internal lounge ceiling, fixed and plastered. It is now open again for members use.

Membership

- Junior 16-18 years - £5
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Summer opening hours

Monday 7pm -11pm – Tuesday 7pm -11pm – Wednesday closed – Thursday 7pm -11pm
Friday 7pm -12am – Saturday 1pm -12am – Sunday 12pm -11pm

We are licensed for parties and functions both within and outside of these hours.



GARDEN JOTTINGS

Christine Dakin from Bridge Nursery

This is the time of year for sitting and relaxing in the garden perhaps with a drink by your side and a book to read. A well-earned rest from all the action and hard work done through the earlier months.

But wait, isn't that a weed over there? It would be good to pull it out now before it seeds everywhere. Oh, no, this rose needs tying up it is flopping all over the other plants and it needs dead-heading as do all the roses. Those newly planted plants look a bit droopy, better give them a drop of water. It would be a good idea to pick tomatoes, cucumber and lettuce for tonight's salad, the peas also need gathering and the onions and garlic should be tied up and hung in the shed to dry. There seems to be a blackbird in the fruit cage, must go and let it



out, oh, my goodness there is a lot of raspberries to pick. Sweet peas have already flowered for a few weeks thanks to picking some each day so need to pick more now. Hang on a minute, the cuttings of penstemons promised to a friend haven't been done, better get the secateurs and do it now. The few plants left in the greenhouse are very dry, oh dear, at least there is a bit of water left in the water butt. Those crocosmia are hidden behind that shrub, move it now or it will be forgotten. Which is a reminder to get the bulb catalogue to order narcissus and alliums for next year.

Ooops, it seems to be getting dark, where did the day go? Maybe tomorrow will be the day for relaxing?

Bridge Nursery, Tomlow Road, Napton
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NATURE NOTES

Martin & Amanda Randall

There are some evenings when we can sit in our garden in Harbury and hear Tawny Owls calling from nearby woodlands. Theirs is the characteristic 'too-wit too-woo' call that we think of as being typical for owls. However, when we hear this sound, it isn't from a single bird but a duet between the female's 'too-wit' or 'keewik' contact call and male's 'too-woo' response. The Tawny Owl is the most frequently encountered of the UK's five commonest owl species, with a population of about 50,000 pairs. Although widespread throughout the country, they are absent from upland areas and islands, perhaps being unwilling to undertake short sea crossings; and they don't occur in Ireland. Tawny Owls mainly nest in hollow trees in woodland. They will also breed in large suburban parks. The early autumn is a good time to listen out for them, when young birds start to establish territories of their own.

As a species that nests in tree cavities, Tawny Owls will use suitable nest boxes placed as high as possible in a suitable tree. This allows breeding success and productivity to be monitored by qualified ringers and nest recorders. Tawny Owls are strongly territorial in their breeding area; females are sensitive to disturbance and can be aggressive during the egg laying and early

incubation period (March to early April), so always be wary if you suspect you might be near an owl nest. In fact, we recall many years ago meeting Eric Hosking, the pioneering wildlife photographer, who told us he had been struck in the face by a Tawny Owl when he was photographing at a nest in 1937. He lost an eye as a result of that encounter, though it did not stop his interest in wildlife and photography; his 1971 autobiography is, appropriately, titled 'An Eye for a Bird'.



Barn Owl chicks; photo by Phil Neale of the South Warwickshire Barn Owl Survey group

We occasionally see Barn Owls in the evening when we drive back into Harbury. Their ghostly white form caught in the car headlights never fails to quicken the pulse. They hunt with deadly precision in the dark; their stealthy and silent flight combined with their keen night vision and ability to detect high-frequency sounds, enables them to find a mouse or vole in the vegetation; "a small sweetmeat to the eyes of night"*. They are also crepuscular - active at dawn and dusk - and can be seen 'quartering' over farmland and grassland looking for prey. Our friends used to watch a Barn Owl hunting in this way over the areas of rough grassland and longer vegetation opposite Temple End; though no longer as there will be fewer small mammals now that those fields have been ploughed and reseeded.

Unlike Tawny Owls, Barn Owls make eerie screeching and hissing noises, hence their other nicknames 'screech owl' or even 'demon owl'! Barn Owls are found throughout the UK, apart from the Scottish Highlands, and are the second most common owl in the UK after the Tawny, with an estimated 10,000 pairs in the UK. That is an encouraging increase from the last survey by the British Trust for Ornithology in 1994 to 1997, which found only about 4,000 breeding pairs. The recent increase may, in part, be due to efforts of volunteer groups who have helped by erecting nest boxes. Those boxes have taken the place of previous nesting sites lost by the removal of hedgerow trees and the conversion of old farm buildings. One of those groups is the South Warwickshire Barn Owl Survey. A nest in one of their boxes installed locally produced three chicks this year (see photograph). In total 17 chicks will have been raised and fledged from this location in five years, which is very impressive.

The third species of owl that we might find nearby is the Little Owl. It is not a native UK species, having been introduced in the late



Statue of Minerva (Athena) with her owl in York; photo by Tony Hisgett

19th century. Its Latin name is *Athena noctua*, from the Ancient Greek goddess Athena (Minerva to the Ancient Romans), the goddess of knowledge, wisdom, perspicacity and erudition. Paintings and statues of this goddess often depict her with her owl.

The Little Owl is our smallest owl, not much bigger than a Song Thrush though chunky in appearance. It is a species of open country habitats such as farmland, parkland and orchards. Populations are in decline, both here in the UK and elsewhere in Europe, although the reasons are unclear. The last time we saw one was near Chesterton Church, but that was several years ago. It would be interesting to hear from anyone who has seen a Little Owl recently.

There are some other species of owl that can be found elsewhere in the UK, breeding here or occasionally just visiting as vagrants blown off course during their migrations. One such is the Eurasian Scops Owl, which breeds across much of southern Europe and the Mediterranean but heads into Africa during winter. A few Eurasian Scops Owls are thought to 'overshoot' their breeding grounds and end up in the UK in spring, when they return from migration. A friend reported hearing one calling on several nights while he was staying in the Isles of Scilly earlier this year.

** from "Maya" by Robin Williamson*



HARBURY GENERAL NEWS



HARBURY CARNIVAL

Carnival Committee

Saturday 10th June 2023 saw another fabulous Harbury Carnival with villagers turning out in force to enjoy the sunshine and fun. Gathering in Sutcliffe Drive before setting off around the route to the playing fields, the procession was led by the fantastic Shirley Pipe band and brilliant Hereburgh Morris Dancers.



Following behind, the Carnival King and Queen rode in a classic Triumph Stag (thank you Roger and Lesley), ahead of locals in fancy dress, a collection of decorated bikes/prams/cars and four large trailer floats gathering donations in buckets from the people who lined the streets. A huge thank you goes out to everyone who took part - whether you dressed up, decorated your 'wheels', helped with the organising or cheered on from the sides and then made your way to the field - everyone contributed to a great day.



MID-WEEK OFFERS!

Tuesday Night is Burger Night:

Enjoy a delicious towering creation from our menu, with a 175ml glass of house wine or a pint of select draft beer, all for just £16.95

Thursday Night is PIE NIGHT:

Devour a yummy Chef's Pie with a 175ml glass of house wine or a pint of select draft beer, all for just £16.95

CHARITY QUIZ & THAI NIGHT

Tuesday 15th August

We will be hosting a charity quiz in aid of Alzheimers UK. Tickets are £10pp and include a delicious half time Thai curry, with £2.50 donation on the night for the charity.

AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY

Monday 28th August

Come down and enjoy cocktails in the sunshine this August Bank Holiday - Keep an eye on our socials for updates and special extended opening times.

TURNING TABLES

Wednesday 6th September

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Here are the winners in the procession categories, who received their rosettes and certificates from this year's Carnival Queen Emily and Carnival King Henry: -

Decorated Trade Float 1st Harbury Village Club - Harburyopoly
 2nd The Shakespeare - Toy Story
 3rd The Crown - Café

Decorated Private Float 1st Harbury Rugby Club Juniors

Junior/Childrens Float 1st Harbury Pre-School

Decorated bike/pram/car 1st The Beatons - Blues Bros
 2nd River - Star
 3rd WW11 Motorbike

Walking Tableau 1st Brownies - Out of this World
 2nd WI - Women of the World
 3rd PTA - Pokemon

Family walking tableau 1st Tigers
 2nd Storm Trooper

At the field, our regular compère, Debbie Ellis, was in fine form once again - keeping everyone up to speed (and chuckling) - thank you Debbie. Alongside the stalls selling bric-a-brac, organic dog treats and cakes, crowds were entertained by Stilt Man, Love Ballet, and singers from Warwickshire Arts. Unfortunately, the hot weather put pay to the annual dog show, but three of Harbury's sporting clubs were in attendance on the field, giving people a chance to have a go at tennis, netball and rugby - and the Charles Muggerridge family fun fair kept the kids entertained at the top of the field.

There was plenty of choice for a bite to eat with delicious pizzas available from Jammin Pizza and tasty curried goat from Nally's Jamacian Grill. Harbury Pre School were barbecuing burgers and hot dogs and Harbury School PTA baked some wonderful cakes which were available in the Village Hall, where refreshing cups of tea or coffee were accompanied by performances from Harbury Theatre Group and Harbury School choir. The Windmill Brewery and the Little Cocktail Bar were also on hand to keep everyone suitably hydrated on a baking afternoon.

The raffle was almost a sell-out - no surprise when you looked at the wonderful prizes on offer. Thank you to the Co-op for their very generous donation which meant we could make four lovely hampers - also thanks to Tesco, The Crown, Paul Winchester, Warwick Castle, Stratford Butterfly Farm and the many other donations we had - and let's not forget Will Peasgood, who donated the signed Rugby ball which attracted so much attention. 😊

We also have to say a massive thank you to Murphy for providing vehicles and trained drivers to lead our procession, we could not have it without you - Thank you. 😊

Also, big thanks to Biffa for providing the bins and collecting all the rubbish, it really made all the difference to the clear up operation this year - Thank you. 😊

And we cannot forget all those helping hands we had to set up the field and tidy it all away, lots of hard work and muscle used, massive thanks to Simon Pattison, Vinnie Crossen, Tracey Pettipher, Adam Powell, Erin Powell, Joe Quinney and Scott McKay. Thanks to Liz and Mike McBride for all their help and advice, and to all our raffle ticket sellers. Very much appreciated guys, thank you so much. 😊

Thank you also to Wigley Group, who funded the Stilt Man, allowing us to donate more of the profits to local groups. On that note, if you are part of a local group who needs funding, especially for something specific, let us know, we will be distributing profits soon and would like to give to those most in need.

And of course, thank you to all who attended, we hope you enjoyed it all.

Finally, the winners of the trophies and fancy dress:

The Tim Percival Cup for child best original costume in the parade goes to Arthur and Tommy - WW11

The Sue Andrews Cup for adult best original costume in parade goes to Daniel Beaton - Storm Trooper

The John Ridgley Trophy for best adult walking group goes to Harbury WI - Women of the World

The Lisa Tebaldi Trophy for best decorated trade float goes to Harbury Village Club – Harburyooply

Pecker Cup for Harbury sports personality of the year award goes to Ben Linnett



Fancy dress winners

Under 5 years	1st	Mia - Princess Rapunzel
5-7 years	1st	Chloe
8-10 years	1st	Heidi
	2nd	Emily - Carnival Queen
11-17 years	1st	Ialah
	2nd	Esme
	3rd	Lacey
Individual adult	1st	Daniel Beaton - Storm Trooper
	2nd	Chris - Monopoly master
	3rd	Martin - Pint of beer
Adult Group	1st	Harbury WI - Around the World
	2nd	The Beatons - Blues Bros

And in the words of the great Walt Disney 'That's all folks'.
Until next year - **Saturday 8th June 2024**, put it in your diary!



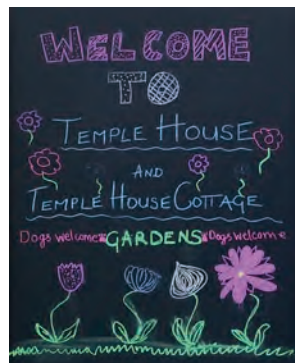
A GREAT SUCCESS

Peter Walshe (on behalf of e-wheels)

Thank you to all those who hosted their gardens and for the huge numbers who visited them! Your support raised a whopping £2,700 for e-Wheels, for which we are extremely grateful.

The good weather helped as well as the variety and number of gardens. A big attraction was the first-time opening of the refurbished Temple House, with a lovely welcome sign created by Susie Edwards and her daughter.

This year we publicised the event on the UK National Directory of Open Gardens which attracted people from far and wide to the lovely village of Harbury with its Heritage Centre, pubs, Church Concert and Open Studios. Andrew Lawrence, who co-ordinated many of the Open Studios exhibitions in Harbury, gave us some



attendance figures that showed the appeal of the Garden Walkabout: Two weeks before the Walkabout, the first weekend of Open Studios attracted 81 visitors to his exhibition, the next weekend 74 visitors. But when the Walkabout was on, a massive 316 visited his exhibition!

Excellent teas and cakes were supplied by Alison Lewis and Cheryl Anne Adkins in their gardens for e-Wheels. Other charities supported from the delicious lunches and teas by Wendy Hancox and her team at Wits End were ABC Club and Shipston Home Carers. Max Appeal and e-Wheels benefitted from donations and a raffle at the Luntley garden, as well as e-Wheels from the raffle at the Lawrence's Open Studios. That's what makes this weekend so worthwhile.

Of course we could always improve in organising the days and so I would be very pleased with any feedback you would like to give: peterdouglaswalshe@gmail.com or text/WhatsApp 07446 779879.

And it would be great if you could consider opening your garden next year - potentially Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th June!



HARBURY DISTRICT COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Susan Ostrander (Cllr Harbury Ward)

District Council Matters

Following the election, the new administration is getting to grips with planning for several initiatives as well as picking up work on day-to-day activities. These include renting out spare floor space in the council offices to generate income, restoring the customer service facility in local libraries (including Southam) which was cut during the pandemic, carrying out a review of energy and climate changes factors in our own buildings and facilities, setting out how community groups and others can apply for funding for climate change initiatives, and the re-introduction of free parking for all residents across the whole District who are of state pensionable age. This latter concession only affects the car parks in Stratford because the car parks in other market towns such as Southam are already free.

It was interesting to note that residents across the whole District, including our area, used the concessionary parking in Stratford before it was withdrawn, although in fewer numbers than those living closer to Stratford. However, we have asked if the Council can investigate how we could expand the concession to Warwick District if that is possible, which may be an additional benefit for residents in this area.

South Warwickshire Local Plan

The South Warwickshire Local Plan website has been updated following the Issues and Options consultation which ran between 9th January and 13th March 2023. The representations received to the consultation have now been published and can be viewed within the online consultation portal (southwarwickshire.oc2.uk/document/124). Instructions on how to view the representations are available in the portal once you click the link at the top of the page. A paper copy of the consultation document is available to view at Harbury library.

The SWLP Team are currently analysing the consultation responses. Once this process is complete, the two Councils will publish their response and a summary of key issues through a Consultation Statement which will be available to view on the website.

In addition, a second Call for Sites ran concurrently with the Issues and Options consultation and these submissions have also been published on the South Warwickshire Local Plan interactive map alongside the earlier Call for Sites 1. Please be aware that these sites are presented for information at this stage and have not yet been assessed as to their suitability for inclusion within the plan nor are they endorsed. There are a number of proposed sites in this area. The interactive map can be viewed at: www.warwickdc.gov.uk/SWLPmap.

Upper Lighthorne Health Care

Nigel Rock (Deputy Leader of the Council) and Jeremy Wright MP held a meeting between the District Council Deputy Chief Exec and the NHS in attempt to move forward with GP provision for the new village at Upper Lighthorne/Gaydon. Twenty-three parishes have been lobbying for action to implement this provision which is proceeding unacceptably slowly. A date for reviewing applications for GPs to run this service has now been set and we should know who is to run the GP's surgery in October but getting it up and running is a long way off. In the meantime, new patients are putting pressure on the surrounding practices in the area. Your Councillor is concerned about the apparent slow response of the NHS to the expanding population and will continue to monitor and report on this situation.

Parish Council Champion

Cllr Manuela Perteghella (Welford on Avon) has been appointed the Parish Council Champion for Stratford on Avon. This role has several objectives: to raise awareness and have regard of issues affecting Parish and Town Councils within the District Council; to be the first point of contact for Parish and Town Councils in the event of concerns relating to dealings with the District Council (liaising with the ward member as appropriate); to ensure that Parish and Town Councils views are taken into account when the District Council undertakes consultation; to encourage joint training events; and, perhaps most importantly, to facilitate discussions in relation to the possibility of devolving services to parish councils.

sue.ostrander@stratford-dc.gov.uk or susan4harbury@gmail.com



KNITWITS AND PLEASANT PASTIMES

There are no meetings in August 2023. We meet up again on 13th September in the Tom Hauley Room, 2.00 - 4.00pm.

We meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month in the Tom Hauley Room at the rear of the Church.

Future dates for your diary: 13th / 27th September, 11th / 25th October, 8th / 22nd November and 13th December.



REPAIR CAFÉ

Rich Fowler -
Organiser, Repair Café Harbury

Our next Harbury Repair Cafe will be on Saturday 26th August from 2pm to 4pm in Harbury Village Library (CV33 9HW). As part of Harbury Village Library's schedule of activities for children we plan to have a **Kid's Take it Apart Table**. Under the supervision of experienced volunteer repairers, children will be able to take apart a variety of items in order to see what's inside and explore how they work. Hopefully we can help to spark the interest of budding engineers in our community.

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- * Thanks to someone

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This image is of a knife grinder and his cart, c1949-56. Photo: Nigel Henderson. In the Tate Gallery collection.

If you're planning on bringing something in need of repair to our next Repair Cafe you can let us know in advance by filling in our online Repair Details form at sites.google.com/site/repaircafeharbury/frm/rch01

Wanted: Volunteer Repairers, for two hours a month to help prevent broken household items ending up in landfill. If you're interested in helping, please email us at repaircafeharbury@gmail.com.



THE COLLECTIVE

Rev. Andy Batchelor

Which meets monthly in the Shakespeare pub to discuss life's issues from a Christian and secular perspective, is taking a break in August. The next meeting will be in September. Watch out for more details in the next edition.



HARBURY LOCAL MARKET

Steve Ekins

No Market this Month. The next Market is Saturday 20th September. We are also on Facebook @Harbury Local Market - join for regular updates.



HARBURY BEER FESTIVAL 2023

John Crossling - Festival Organiser

On the first and second of September Heart of Warwickshire CAMRA are once again organising the Harbury Beer festival and this year we are celebrating our 30th year.

This year we are featuring beers from North Staffordshire and are including some beer styles that we have not had for a few years or in some cases ever before!

We will have three milds of various strengths. We have a Raspberry fruit Beer. We have a Cherry Chocolate Stout we are even having a real lager. Hopefully there will be something for everyone.

If you go to this webpage – how.camra.org.uk/?page_id=79 you will find a full list of beers and for the first time a QR code enabling you to buy tickets in advance and save £2.00.

We have a new band on Saturday night called "Muve-on" who will play a well-known selection of tracks from the sixties to the nineties. They are a five piece band with an excellent young guitarist and a superb female sax player – her version of Baker Street is something special!!

Another first - we are having a stand outside which will be a Gin Bar run by Rugby Gin Company. They will be selling gin by the glass or even by the bottle!

Normal entry price is £20 but **please note over half of that is tokens to get you beer.**

We hope you will support our anniversary event - who knows perhaps the food stall will have some Staffordshire oatcakes!



HARBURY BALLROOM & LATIN AMERICAN DANCING

Amanda Randall

Harbury Village Hall Wednesdays: Beginners 7.15pm – Improvers 8.30pm

If you've always liked the idea of ballroom dancing but never had the opportunity or felt confident enough, then do come and try it at our friendly and relaxed classes in Harbury Village Hall!

We are looking forward to beginning our Autumn term on Wednesday 6th September, and would love to welcome some new dancers, as well as those who have been attending for a while. All beginners will be learning something new together, so everyone will start the term on the same page (feet)! Dancing boosts your confidence and is a great feel good factor!

There will be six classes followed by a two-week break, and then six further classes. On week six we plan to have a joint practice session when the beginners' and improvers' classes overlap for half an hour so that we can all dance together. Week twelve will be our Christmas Party.

Dates for your diaries:

6th, 13th, 20th, 27th September, 4th and 11th October

No classes 18th or 25th October.

1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th November and 6th December (Christmas party)

Dances: Beginners: New tango routine (Twist turn!), Improvers: Tango.

The fee is £15 per couple, per session, 'pay as you go'. You will need to bring a partner to dance with.

Prospective dancers please get in touch:

Contact: Email: harbury.ballroom.dancing@gmail.com

Phone: Jacqui Powell: 01926 612887 or 07769 683888

Follow us on Facebook (Harbury Ballroom Dancing Group) or Instagram @harburyballroomdancing for further updates.

"KEEEEEEE Dancing"!!



Pictures from
Harbury Ballroom Dancers'
End of Term Party



HARBURY VILLAGE SHOW

Village Show Committee

As the calendar clicks over to what is officially the start of autumn, the Village Show will be held on 9th September in the Village Hall.

There are over 100 separate categories available to enter, with items as diverse as the heaviest marrow to the best chocolate cake.

There still is plenty of time to look at your various flowers and vegetables. Perhaps being able to recognise one or two that may be worthy of showing this year. Or perhaps that batch of strawberry jam tasted especially good.

Whatever you have, why not share it with the village and who knows, you might even win a prize or a shiny trophy.



Schedules for adults and young people are available from the Milk Shed, the Library and the Post Office or downloadable from hlnews.co.uk/harbury-village-show.html

Entry forms should be completed and returned no later than 6pm on Wednesday 6th Sept.



HARBURY SWIFT VILLAGE - UPDATE

Amanda Randall

You may have heard or seen on the news last month, there was a Parliamentary debate to create legislation to make swift bricks a requirement in new buildings. That debate followed a petition that was supported by over 100,000 people. Swift bricks are hollow bricks that provide nesting accommodation for swifts directly into the brickwork. Legislation to make them mandatory in new build properties would help the rapidly declining populations of swifts and other endangered

hole-nesting bird species. Unfortunately, following the debate, the government chose not to make a commitment to this, with responsibility being passed to individual local authorities.

However, according to campaigners asking for legislation, only eight local authorities have effective swift brick measures in place. On a more positive note, there are a few large home-building developers who have already committed to including swift bricks and other biodiversity-enhancing features in all their new developments without it being a legal requirement. Barratt and David Wilson Homes have been working with the RSPB to install swift nesting bricks that are added into the external walls of new homes as they are being built.

If you are considering building an extension or a new home, do consider including swift bricks, which are inexpensive and have been designed so that they do not compromise home insulation. They are a cheap, cost-effective way of helping to halt biodiversity loss. (See below for further information about swift bricks).

A number of our swift boxes have been used by House Sparrows this year and I have been asked whether or not they need to be cleaned out. If you are able to access your boxes, then it's worth cleaning them out if you can, in case the Sparrows have used twine or string that baby Swifts could get caught up in. This does sometimes happen, causing serious injury or death. Removing old nests also gets rid of any bird parasites that might be left behind. However, don't worry if you aren't able to do this. I checked with people in the Swift Local Network and who told me that Swifts can successfully breed in boxes containing Sparrow nesting material. In fact, one person told me that his Swifts actually evicted the House Sparrows. The Swifts pushed out the excess nesting material and then laid their own eggs on top. He also said that Swifts and House Sparrows are able to fledge young out of the same nest box in a single year, one after the other!

If you do have access to your swift nest boxes, then you might also block the boxes until May when the Swifts return. Remember that just like Swifts and Swallows, House Sparrows are also red listed, meaning they are a species that is considered to be in critical decline; so please don't remove all nesting opportunities for them. You could provide extra boxes for the Sparrows to use! (See below).

Swifts begin their autumn migration in late July or early August so only a handful will still be around in Harbury in August; very few are left in the UK by September. Most will be winging their way back to Africa to spend their winter south of the Sahara where they follow the rains to take advantage of rapid changes in insect populations. It is thought that the onset of the migration is triggered by the lack of insects high in the air.

This will be the last swift box update for 2023. I will be back next spring, ready for the return of the swifts in May 2024!

Do contact me if you have spotted nesting swifts this year. Thank you.

Amanda - a.l.randall0657@gmail.com

Swift Bricks	House Sparrow Multi Nest Box	The Guardian article tinyurl.com/b6574p8
		



HARBURY SENIOR CITIZENS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Mike McBride

We received this invitation from Southam Lions to the Senior Citizens of Harbury. There will be a poster on the notice boards with details. The invitation is for those over 60 years old. If anyone is interested, please contact Lion Peter on 01926 814436 or Lion Dave on 01926 810513. They will be able to arrange transport if required. Please also note that you need to let the Lions know if you are going.

2023 Ken Graham Senior Citizens Party

Southam Lions free party and concert for local senior citizens is happening again.

On behalf of Southam & District Lions Club I would like to invite Senior Citizens of Harbury to come along to our party, which will be held this year on **Saturday October 7th 2023** at Southam College, Welsh Road West, Southam, **starting at 2pm.**

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

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

It would assist with our catering arrangements if we know the numbers attending by **Friday 29th September 2023 at the latest.** Contact details are shown below.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Guy - Event Co-Ordinator

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Tel. 01926 814436 or 07495 006232. Email: peter.guy@sky.com



SOUTHAM HERITAGE COLLECTION

Linda Doyle

2023 is not only 75 yrs since the NHS came into being, but is 200 yrs since Dr Henry Lilley Smith of Southam set up his Eye and Ear Hospital and Dispensary at what is now Warwick House on Warwick Road in Southam, where there is a memorial in the car park. The Southam Heritage Collection is delighted to present their "Medical Matters" exhibition in Tithes Place telling Dr Smith's story with that of later Southam doctors. Feel free to bring your own stories.

Presented in wall posters with items in display cabinets from Dr Frank Smorffitt's medical bag, which gives one more than a feel for the 1950s doctor and how far we have come in medicine. There are plenty of fascinating stories and for those who want to know more about Henry Lilley Smith, retired Southam doctor, Dr Alastair Robson, has researched and written an incredible and amazing book about him, available from Dr Robson and Southam Heritage Collection.



Open mornings 10am – 12pm, Tuesday and Thursday to Saturday through the summer. Free entry, just pop in and have a look and chat with our volunteers. Or make an appointment for any other time with Linda or Bernard. Any small or large groups always welcome.

Tel: 01926 814214 - www.southamheritage.org



GALANOS HOUSE

Shelley Fardon

All events take place at the Community Hub and Café (Next to Galanos House, Banbury Road, Southam). Follow us on Facebook for updates, Facebook: @RBLCommunityHub Call: 01926 812185, HUB Option 5

<p>Armed Forces Veteran's Breakfast Club Last Wednesday of every month</p> <p>Come along, purchase your own Hub Breakfast, and join in with the banter</p> <p>Next dates: 30th August & 27th September. 10am - 12noon</p>	<p>Galanos House Dementia Café (Free) Dementia support group with music and refreshments. Last Friday of every month. Next date: 25th August and 29th September. 2.30pm - 4.00pm</p> <p>Open to everyone, come along on the day.</p>
<p>Sporting Memories (Free) 2nd Wednesday of each month 10.30am - 2.30pm</p> <p>Next date: Wednesday 9th August and Wednesday 13th September</p> <p>Reminisce about all things 'sport' and some gentle exercise with guest speakers. Light lunch available afterwards for only £2. Open to everyone, come along on the day.</p>	<p>Silver Sunday (Free) Next date: Sunday 13th August & National Event Sunday 1st October. 2.30pm</p> <p>Join us, bring a friend, and have a dance. Andante Music will be here to entertain us. Everyone is welcome to come along. Please telephone 01926 812185 Ext 5365 to book your place. Every other month</p>
<p>Galanos House Summer Fete</p> <p>Saturday 2nd September 2.30 - 4pm. Free entry and everyone welcome.</p> <p>There will be lots of stalls from crafts, games, cakes, tombola, plants and the ice-cream van of course! And much more. Our café will be open serving breakfast until 4.30pm. We also have a selection of hot/cold drinks, homemade cakes and lunches available.</p> <p>Proceeds go to the Galanos House Residents Amenity fund which provides the residents with opportunities (trips, entertainment, personal care and support) to further enhance their lives.</p>	<p>Greatest Gamers (Free Children's traditional and digital gaming mornings)</p> <p>Friday 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th August, 10.30 - 12.00 noon.</p> <p>Come along and join in with traditional and digital games (bring your own digital device). Suitable for 5-11 years</p> <p>As part of a multi-generational initiative we will be encouraging our residents of Galanos House to get involved and share their skills when it comes to the more traditional games, and interact with the digital world of gaming too.</p> <p>The sessions are completely FREE, but places are limited. All children will need to be accompanied by an adult. To book call 01926 812185 Ext 5365.</p>

<p>Nosh and Natter Cost £10 - Two Course homemade hot lunch and dessert. Everyone is welcome to come along, booking is essential. First Wednesday of every month. Next date: Wednesday 2nd August & 6th September. 12 noon - 1.30pm. Please telephone 01926 812185 Ext 5365 to place book your place.</p> <p>*Free transport available from Southam library to the Community Hub - Please book</p> <p>Collection outside Southam Library: 11.45 Return to Southam Library: 2.00pm.</p>	<p>Meet the Services Family Fun Day Meet your local emergency and military services. They will be here with their vehicles - great for a photo opportunity and look inside too! This is a free community event, ideal for the whole family.</p> <p>Our café will be open serving breakfast until 4.30pm. We also have a selection of hot/cold drinks, homemade cakes and lunches available.</p>
<p>Monday Makers (Free Children's Craft mornings) Monday 24th and 31st July / 7th, 14th and 21st August, 10.30 - 12.00 noon</p> <p>Suitable for 5-11 years.</p> <p>Come along and get crafty with us, we have lots planned. The sessions are completely FREE, but places are limited. All children will need to be accompanied by an adult. To book call 01926 812185 Ext 5365.</p>	<p>Men's Health and Well-being Evening with Dr Faris Tuesday 29th August at 6.30pm</p> <p>Men's informal meeting discussing anything and everything to do with men and their issues/queries or general health questions.</p>



WARWICKSHIRE POLICE

PCSO 6355 Naomi Sutton

Information from your Stratford District Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNTs)

The police encourage all residents to report any policing issues directly to us, as a direct report from a resident is logged onto our database and builds evidence for resources to be applied to issues. Social media conversations do not contribute to this important database and reports made by emails to others often delay the recording, action or update on what the police are actively doing to try to deal with incidents, reduce crime and tackle anti-social behaviour. We would like to signpost and encourage the below ways to best contact us:

Points of contact

999 - This is the number to ring if there is an emergency incident happening right now that needs an immediate police presence if life is at risk, people are injured, offenders are nearby or a crime is in progress.

Reporting online - This is the preferred method to contact police and report any non-emergency issues that do not require an immediate response. This also includes reporting non-emergency collisions and anti-social behaviour. Online reporting is available 24/7 and can be accessed at www.warwickshire.police.uk/ro/report

Just reporting - If you simply want to provide information or intelligence without speaking to anyone, this can be done online at www.warwickshire.police.uk/tua/tell-us-about/

Operation Snap - You can report and submit digital footage showing potential moving traffic offences online at www.warwickshire.police.uk/operationsnap

101 - If you are unable to report an issue online but have concerns that do not need an emergency response, this is the number you can use. Please be aware that you may have to wait if the lines are busy, but make sure you have (or receive) an incident number.

Police Station - Stratford Police Station front counter is now back open seven days a week. Opening times are: 9am to 5pm - Monday - Friday, 9am to 4pm - Saturday and 11.30am to 2pm - Sunday.

This information is also available on the Warwickshire Police website and is updated regularly at www.warwickshire.police.uk/area/your-area/warwickshire/stratford-on-avon-district/stratford-town/about-us

Crimestoppers - 0800 555 111 - If you want to report something anonymously, you can contact Crimestoppers. They are an independent charity working to help communities and your anonymity is guaranteed. Search for them online or visit their website at <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/>

Contacting your Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) - If you have information or intelligence and you would rather speak to someone in person, you can speak to any of our SNT while out and about, during one of our station surgeries or public engagements or by emailing your relevant SNT team directly: Southam - sntsoutham@warwickshire.police.uk

(Note - Please do not email report of crimes.)



READERS' LETTERS

Dear Editors

We would like to say a very big thank you to all that visited us for open studios and for the very kind donations to our raffle both at our charity concert and throughout the two weeks of open studios art.

We raised a total of £537.18 which was split between Harbury ewheels and the children's charity Max appeal.

The five raffle prizes have been distributed and appreciated.

We really enjoyed our two weeks and meeting folks from Harbury.

Thank you!

Michael and Dee Luntley

Church House, Crown Street



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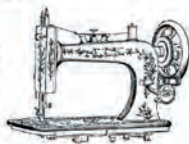
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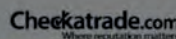
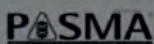
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