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**Cover photo: Village Show by Sue Dronfield**



# EDITORIAL

*A round up of local news*

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

With the start of the Autumn, in Harbury there will be the Village Show to attend on the 9th of this month. The Heritage Centre's annual Village Treasure Hunt is on Sunday 17th from 2pm onwards. And the re-commencement of the Village Cinema run by the WI sees their first film night of the season on Saturday 23rd. Please do support these events if you can.

Alternatively, if you fancy a trip out of Harbury for a drink or a meal at one of the many restaurants and pubs in Leamington, you could consider using public transport. Warwickshire County Council have re-routed the No.77 bus for the last journey of the evening, meaning you can now catch a bus home at 10.40pm - though the route back to Harbury will take a bit longer via the B4100.

In the Ladbroke section, the first mention of Christmas has appeared in the magazine!! Sue Wright will once again be coordinating the village's local contribution to the Christmas gifts in the shoe box appeal. Plenty of notice to give villagers a chance to start gathering donations.

All Saints Church Ladbroke will be joining in with the Heritage Open Days, 8th to the 10th September, you will be very welcome to visit - see page 15 for details. There are many other local places opening which are not normally accessible to the public, see [www.heritageopendays.org.uk](http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk)

A letter from a Professor of History in Utah, USA is also included in the Ladbroke section of the magazine. The Professor is interested in finding out information on Violaine Junod who lived in Ladbroke in the 70s and 80s. Please contact him if you can help.



## HARBURY DIARY

*For local events*

### 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 Communion, 9.00am, Church
- Mon 4 Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall  
Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall
- Tue 5 Free Chair-based Activity Class, 10.00 - 11.00am, Village Hall  
Bumps & Bundles, 10.30am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room  
Harbury Heritage Centre open, 7.00 - 9.00pm, Harbury School (Park Lane entrance)
- Wed 6 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car park - Wellesbourne (5 miles flat)  
Mothers' Union Service 2.00pm, meeting starts 2.30pm, Tom Hauley Room  
Spellbound Dance Classes, 5.00 - 5.30 & 5.30 - 6.15pm, Village Hall

Deadline for entries for Village Show no later than 6.00pm today  
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
- Sun 10 TRINITY 14**  
Holy Communion with activity for children, 10.30am, Church  
Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall
- Mon 11 Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall  
Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall
- Tue 12 Free Chair-based Activity Class, 10.00 - 11.00am, Village Hall  
Bumps & Bundles, 10.30am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room
- Wed 13 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car park - Shipston (4.5 miles)  
Knitwits and Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room  
Spellbound Dance Classes, 5.00 - 5.30 & 5.30 - 6.15pm, Village Hall  
Ballroom Dancing, beginners 7.15pm, improvers 8.30pm, Village Hall  
Hereburgh Morris Practice session, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall
- Thurs 14 Said Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room  
Harbury WI, 7.30 for 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room - Judy Warner from Zoe's Place,  
Baby Hospice
- Fri 15 Ben & Soph's Jazz Night, Tickets - Tel: 07989 017427, 7.00pm, Village Hall
- Sat 16 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Southam United  
Bowling Club
- Sun 17 TRINITY 15**  
Said Communion, 8.00am, Church  
All Age Service, 10.30am, Church  
Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall  
Harbury Heritage Centre open, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Harbury School (Park Lane entrance)  
Village Treasure Hunt, starting from 2.00pm, Harbury Heritage Centre (Park Lane  
entrance)
- Mon 18 Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall  
Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall
- Tue 19 Free Chair-based Activity Class, 10.00 - 11.00am, Village Hall  
Bumps and Bundles, 10.30am - 12.00 noon, Tom Hauley Room  
Harbury Society, 'The Last Man in the World' by Peter Walshe, 7.30pm, Tom Hauley Room
- Wed 20 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car park - Claverdon (4 miles)  
Connections (Dementia) Café, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room  
Spellbound Dance Classes, 5.00 - 5.30 & 5.30 - 6.15pm, Village Hall  
Ballroom Dancing, beginners 7.15pm, improvers 8.30pm, Village Hall  
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- Thurs 21 Said Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
- Fri 22 WI Harvest Supper - Alan Rogers MBE "A Policeman's Lot", 7.00 for 7.30pm, Village Hall

- Sat 23 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Harbury WI  
South Warwickshire Literary Festival 2023, 10.00am - 4.30pm, Village Hall  
Repair Café, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Village Library  
Harbury Village Cinema presents 'Joyride', doors open 6.15, film starts 7.00pm, Village Hall
- Sun 24 TRINITY 16**  
Holy Communion 10.30am, Church  
Muddy Church, 10.30am, meet in Tom Hauley Room  
Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall
- Mon 25 Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall  
Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall  
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- Tue 26 Free Chair-based Activity Class, 10.00 - 11.00am, Village Hall  
Bumps & Bundles, 10.30am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room  
Harbury Theatre Group, 7.00 for 7.30pm, Village Club  
The Collective, 7.15pm, Shakespeare Inn
- Wed 27 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car park - Lower Boddington (4 miles)  
Knitwits and Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room  
Spellbound Dance Classes, 5.00 - 5.30 & 5.30 - 6.15pm, Village Hall  
Ballroom Dancing, beginners 7.15pm, improvers 8.30pm, Village Hall  
Hereburgh Morris Practice session, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall
- Thurs 28 Said Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room  
Parish Council, 7.30pm, Village Hall  
WI visit, 7.30pm, Heritage Centre (Park Lane entrance)
- Sat 30 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Save the  
Children - Southam, Village Hall  
Harbury Local Market, 10.00am - 12.30pm, Village Hall  
Councillors Corner, 10.00 - 11.00am, Village Hall

## OCTOBER

- Sun 1 TRINITY 17**  
Said Communion, 9.00am, Church  
Little Saints, 10.30am  
Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall
- Mon 2 Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall  
Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall
- Tue 3 Bumps & Bundles, 10.30am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room  
Harbury Heritage Centre open, 7.00 - 9.00pm, Harbury School (Park Lane entrance)
- Wed 4 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car park - to be arranged  
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 5 Said Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room  
Folk Club, 8.00pm, Village Club
- Fri 6 Meeting Point, 12.30pm, The Crown Inn
- Sat 7 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Mothers' Union  
Southam

## Sun 8 HARVEST FESTIVAL

Holy Communion with activity for children, 10.30am, Church  
Messy Church, 3.00 - 5.00pm, Tom Hauley Room

Mon 9 Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall  
Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall

Tue 10 Bumps & Bundles, 10.30am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room

Wed 11 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car park - Lowsonford with optional  
pub meal  
Knitwits and Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room  
Hereburgh Morris Practice session, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall

## Refuse Collection Rota

Week Commencing Monday	Thursday Collection - Harbury	Wednesday & Friday Collections - Ladbroke Friday Collection - Deppers Bridge
4 September	F - R - G	F
11 September	F	F - R - G
18 September	F - R - W - G	F - W
25 September	F	F - R - G
2 October	F - R - G	F
9 October	F - W	F - R - W - 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



All Saints  
HARBURY

## FROM THE RECTOR

Rev. Andy Batchelor

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

If there is one thing we can rely on in this country is that the weather will always be unpredictable. We had a marvellous June, but after that the summer has been a bit of a washout, although as I write this, there is still time for a bit of warmth in August.

As we move into September we will sense the first stirrings of autumn, that tinge of sadness as the summer holidays come to an end. However as things start up again there is plenty to look forward to. In Harbury our All-age team have been planning new ways to engage children and families, building on the success of Messy and Muddy church, developing our All-Age service, continuing to work closely with our church school, and starting a new breakfast gathering in church on the first Sunday of October.

Jesus said we should be like children to enter the kingdom of heaven. Research in children's

spirituality sees it as being something natural and innate rather than something that adults have to initiate. Rebecca Nye (author and consultant on childhood spirituality) talks about engaging with and nurturing children's spirituality in terms of recognising and supporting God's ways of being with children, and their ways of being with God. While adults often like to emphasise the verbal and make things wordy, children's spirituality often operates at a non-verbal level, in art, play, movement and through the sensory. We are fortunate to have a great team who can put these principles into practice.

Work continues in Harbury church to install new LED lighting and repair damaged stonework, and of course we will be looking forward to a warm church as the temperatures drop and the new heating system comes on-line. My colleague Rev Barry will be working with the Ladbroke congregation to assess how our newly refreshed vision priorities can be put into practice in that small rural community. As everything starts up again this September, and a new school year comes rushing in, I invite you to slow down and join us on this imaginative journey, week by week.



## FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

Liz & Andy

We were delighted and surprised to be given £1,000 towards the Heat, Light & Stone Fund by Harbury Theatre Group mainly raised at their Ridiculous Allsorts performances. Perhaps Rev Andy should wear pink tights and a tutu more often (or maybe not). And a big thank you to Harbury WI for their grant of £500 which will be put towards the redecoration of the Tom Hauley Room. The ongoing coffee mornings have added a further £627 to the fund too.

### Progress at All Saints, Harbury - by John Stringer

The church heating is installed, and we await the first cold spell in this strange year of weather. Then the heating can be turned on, and the church heated for the first time. If you have not been in the village church for a while, go and take a look. We may miss a full view of those beautiful beams, but the roof-mounted radiators will warm the congregation and not the walls, and make the church welcoming throughout the winter.

The planners made the sensible decision to ask James Davis, a local electrician, to install the wiring for the planned church lighting while the scaffolding was up. Now we are prepared for the next stage, when modern lighting will show the church at its best.

The improvements are not at an end. Ancient stonework around the windows and in the walls themselves needs renewal and replacement. Around some windows, the glass is holding the stone frames together, rather than the other way around. There is a lot for stonemasons to do before the church is ready for the centuries to come.

A great improvement will be a new door from the lobby of the Tom Hauley Room directly to the memorial garden, replacing the lobby window. At present the garden and





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memorials are only accessible by walking right round the church.

The cost has been high, not least because of rising prices and unavoidable delays. More funding will be needed. But the result will be a warm, well-lit and secure building that will be welcomed by future generations.

Thank you, John. We are also seeking to install additional audio-visual equipment for the church to enable different sorts of services, concerts and events to take place, making full use of the large church building for a wider group of people.



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](mailto:warden@allsaintsharbury.org)



## MOTHERS' UNION

*Gillian Hare*

Our summer break included the date when we remember our founder, Mary Sumner. This was marked by a service of celebration in St Mary's Church, Warwick, and for us, an afternoon tea shared with a dozen fellow members from Southam.

We start the autumn season on 6th September with a Communion service in Church at 2pm. That will include an address by our diocesan chaplain, Rev. Denise Burgess.

And in October, our topic will be "Harvest Traditions"- maybe you have a memory to contribute?



## LADBROKE NEWS & DIARY

### SEPTEMBER

#### Sun 3 TRINITY 13

Family Service, followed by refreshments, 10.30am

Tue 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 and Barbecue, 5.00pm start, Village Hall

#### Sun 10 TRINITY 14

Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am

Heritage Open Day, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Church

Tue 12 Table Tennis, 7.30pm, Village Hall  
Wed 13 Parish Council, 7.45pm, Village Hall

**Sun 17 TRINITY 15**  
Holy Communion (BCP), 9.00am

Tue 19 Table Tennis, 7.30pm, Village Hall

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**Sun 24 TRINITY 16**  
Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am

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Tue 26 Table Tennis, 7.30pm, Village Hall

## OCTOBER

**Sun 1 HARVEST FESTIVAL**  
Family Service, 10.30am  
Harvest Brunch, from 12 noon, Village Hall

Tue 3 Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Wed 4 Heritage and Friendship Group, 10.30am - 12 noon, Village Hall

Thurs 5 WI, 7.30pm, Village Hall



## LADBROKE CHURCH NEWS

*Peter Rigby*  
[www.ladbrokechurch.org.uk](http://www.ladbrokechurch.org.uk)

The arrival of September means "Heritage Open Days" and this year these will include a special exhibition of photos and artwork by local people, as well as chance to see our beautiful church. The exhibition will be open on Friday 8th September from 2 - 4pm, Saturday 9th 10am - 4pm and Sunday 10th 2 - 4pm.

Although it still August as I write this, autumn is fast approaching and on Sunday 1st October we shall be holding our Harvest Festival. The 10.30am family service will be followed at 12.00 by a Harvest Brunch in the Village Hall. As in recent years, this is an open event and everyone is invited to drop in. Admission and brunch are free but we shall be accepting donations (cash or card or non-perishable produce) for Crisis Fareshare.

### Services and events this month:

Sunday 3rd September	10.30am	Family Communion
Sunday 10th September	9.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 17th September	9.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 24th September	9.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 1st October	10.30am 12.00 noon	Harvest Thanksgiving, followed by Harvest Brunch in Village Hall

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Members of Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge WI enjoyed their summer outing in August, visiting Hill Close Gardens in Warwick. We had a really interesting guide who explained the history and lay out of the gardens. In 1845 Hill Close pasture land was divided into plots which were rented by Warwick tradesmen. They planted fruit trees and grew produce and flowers, also keeping pigs and poultry. However, these areas were not just allotments but places to find cleaner air and open spaces for health and leisure. Many built summerhouses to provide shelter and some contained fireplaces for warmth. Whole families and their servants would come to picnic and enjoy the view across the common.



Almost lost during the last century when the local authority bought the land for development, this important area was rescued when officially "Listed" after many local protests. Today the gardens are run mainly by volunteers who manage the various plots, each with a different theme. Sixteen gardens remain together with a number of the beautiful summerhouses giving a flavour of what life must have been like for those families finding a retreat from the busy town centre.

Our visit concluded with delicious cake and tea and many of us decided that we would return to explore more of the gardens, particularly to see how they change in the various seasons. Special days are arranged when visitors can come along to get advice and celebrate the various crops or flowers in



season. The small shop sells produce from the gardens and they have their apples juiced and bottled for sale in the autumn. We can certainly recommend a visit to anyone who might be interested.

In September we are very much looking forward to hearing of Life's Experiences with Jo Horne and Geoff Timms. As ever, you are most welcome to join our friendly WI.



## 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.



Many thanks to all who helped to make our supper and film night another great success last month, especially our chefs who supplied a mouthwatering array of food.

The event was another sell-out with all 60 tickets sold. We hope that those who came enjoyed the evening and we plan to have another film night soon.



Our long-awaited boules tournament is being held during the afternoon on Saturday 9th September commencing at 5pm at the village hall and culminating in a final match with a barbeque. See the article by Helen Morten elsewhere in this issue for more details.



We are planning a quiz night for Friday 13th October at the village hall which will include a fish and chip supper. More details will be available soon but in the meantime start arranging your team - ideally of four people.



The rugby world cup 2023 is taking place during September and October and we are planning to televise significant matches in the village hall during this time. The matches will be played during the afternoon and evenings. More details will be available via the village e-news.



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. This project will require substantial funding and we will therefore be seeking grants and planning fundraising events (including the boules tournament this month). If you have any 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](mailto: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 July 2023

**£50** Jo Rose

**£50** Geoff Timms

**£25** John and Jenny Barrett

**£25** Russell Griffith

**£25** Kate Todman

**£10** Pauline Long

**£10** Chris and Caryl

**£10** Miranda Lowman

**Margaret Bosworth**



## LADBROKE PHOTOGRAPHY

Kip Warr

On 5th September we shall return from a month off for a presentation on Colour by John Lewis. Then on 3rd October we shall have a competition on 'Summer in the Park' (any park - anywhere) and have some fun looking at our balloon-bursting results from July.

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](mailto:ladbroke.photoclub@btinternet.com)



## LADBROKE AQUARIUM

Jackie West

Have you seen the Ladbroke Aquarium yet? The phone box looked very bare without nothing displayed so with the help of local youngsters and some other enthusiasts it has now become a haven for fish and other sea creatures. Do take a look. Further contributions welcome - just drop them into Hallsfield, School Lane and we'll add to the aquarium.



## HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

Jackie West

**It's back, bigger and better than before!**

England's FREE festival of history and culture this year is 8 - 17th September with dozens of places to visit and many special events within a few miles of Harbury and Ladbroke, more than 100 across Coventry and Warwickshire and many more if you venture further or on-line. Just go to [www.heritageopendays.org.uk](http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk) and search.

If you put in your postcode and distance it will find everything available, if you are looking for something on a particular date you can search on that or if you are specially interested in say stained glass or fossils put these in as keywords. A combination of either of those key words plus

a local postcode should put **Discover Ladbroke Church** at the top of the results list as we will be there to welcome you and show you the highlights of our beautiful building on

Friday 8th Sept, 2 - 4pm      Saturday 9th, 10am - 4pm      Sunday 10th, 2 - 4pm

Even if you have visited before, come and enjoy it again and take a look at the small exhibition of artwork and photos by local people. If you feel inspired you could create something yourself and we'll add it to our digital gallery. If you want to visit but not those dates the building is open daily 10 - 4pm. There are free leaflets to help you explore or we would be pleased to show you around at a mutually convenient time, please email [ladbrokechurch89@btinternet.com](mailto:ladbrokechurch89@btinternet.com) to organise this.



## MILLENNIUM GREEN WILDFLOWER AREA

Jackie West

Many of us like to see wildflowers but left completely to their own devices, without any grazing or maintenance, areas set aside for nature soon become full of the thugs of the plant world - nettles, cleavers, brambles and the like.

The wildflower area on the Millennium Green is no exception and thanks must go to Kip for scything it and Simon who cleared the cuttings away, after a few days pause for the seeds to drop. Thanks to their efforts, next year it should once again be full of natural treasures from the snowdrops in early spring to these "late developers" which were still in flower in late July and also resident amphibians - newts, frogs and toads were spotted when the cuttings were removed.



*Clockwise from top: sharpening the scythe, common knapweed, toad, meadow cranesbill, smooth newt, scabious.*



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All proceeds will go to the refurbishment of the play area on the Millennium Green in Ladbroke.

## T4U TEAMS4U – LOVE IN A BOX SHOEBOX APPEAL

Sue Wright

Once again Teams4u will be distributing Christmas gifts in shoeboxes to vulnerable children and families in Romania, Ukraine, Bosnia, Moldova and Georgia.

I'm looking forward to coordinating our local contribution to this year's appeal.

There will be different ways to get involved but if you want to start gathering items to go into a shoebox, that would be great - I've already been collecting items in the sales.

Top Tip.....If children or grandchildren are decluttering and want to donate good quality used small toys/ games these would be very much appreciated.

More details to follow in the next few weeks.

Further information can be found on the Teams4U website ([www.teams4u.com](http://www.teams4u.com)) or by contacting me - Sue Wright on 07768 333675 or [suewright21@googlemail.com](mailto:suewright21@googlemail.com).

Thank you in anticipation - these boxes really do make a huge difference to the children and



## READERS' LETTERS

families and never more so than in the present circumstances.

### Dear Editors

*I am researching the life of anti-apartheid activist and social work educator Violaine Junod. Although she was born in Mozambique to Swiss missionary parents and spent most of her life in South Africa, Junod resided in Ladbroke in the 1970s and 80s. She was active in the Women's Fellowship and even wrote about a successful village festival for the Harbury & Ladbroke News. I wonder if anyone has memories of Junod they would like to share for an article I am writing. If so, please contact me by email or letter.*

*With hopeful regards,*

### Keith Snedegar

*Professor of History, Utah Valley University  
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# HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL

*Alison Biddle*

## **Vacancies for Parish Councillors**

We currently have three vacant seats on the parish council. Harbury is a large village and there is always a lot going on. Our council has been very proactive over the years. We look after the excellent facilities on the playing fields, we mow all the village greens and verges, we are the burial authority for Harbury cemetery, we own and maintain all the streetlights in Harbury and Deppers Bridge and also manage the allotments.

We are consulted on and respond to all planning applications and take part in wider consultations on the environment, transport and local infrastructure to name just a few. We have provided funding for and help to organise the Christmas lights, we have co-ordinated and part funded the well-being project at the allotments, we sponsor the Harbury Local Market by paying for the village hall hire and we support the annual Harbury Show in the same way. We also run a community grants scheme from which many of our village clubs and organisations including Harbury School have benefitted over the years.

This is all made possible by local residents who care about our community and have been willing to serve as parish councillors. We are now at risk of not being able to maintain our current level of services or initiate any new projects unless new people come forward. It's a very satisfying way to help your community. Will you be one of the next generation of councillors? Please contact us to find out more. Tel 01926 614646 or call into the office Monday to Thursday mornings.

## **Late Night Bus Service**

Earlier this year, the parish council asked WCC if it would consider reinstating the late night bus service. This has resulted in the no 77 bus being re-routed so that it travels via Bishop's Itchington and Harbury on its last journey of the evening. Please note that passengers travelling to Harbury from Leamington will have to go via Lighthorne Heath and Gaydon. A full copy of the no 77 timetable can be downloaded from the Stagecoach website. Live Bus Times & Timetables | Stagecoach (stagecoachbus.com)

## **Parish Council Meetings**

The council is in recess in August. Our next meeting is on Thursday 28th September 2023. All our meetings are open to the public and we welcome your attendance. We always have a public forum near the beginning of the meeting when you can speak directly to the council on any item on the agenda. If you want to raise something that is not on the current agenda, please contact the parish clerk to discuss. We aim to publish the draft minutes of the meeting on our website within 14 days.

## **Parish Council Website**

Please visit our website [www.harbury-pc.gov.uk](http://www.harbury-pc.gov.uk) for easy access to planning applications, minutes and agendas and lots of other information about the council and our community.



# HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL

*John Holden - H&L News Correspondent*

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## **Parish Council Report - 20th July Meeting**

A relatively short meeting, with only one other member of the public in attendance and only one planning application to consider. Councillors were perhaps looking forward to the summer break and holidays!!

## Public Participation

Dan Whiteman had been invited to attend the meeting to talk about the young trees he had planted in spring 2022 up on the playing fields. Despite a dry summer last year, some had taken, some had died off and some had disappeared. The trees planted by the BMX play area, Dan thought had been strimmed, although the Parish Council mowing contractor had suggested not. Some of the trees along the path on the right hand side of the playing fields had disappeared and would not be replaced. The trees planted at the top of the playing fields and by Pineham Farm had been the most successful in taking. There were still a few dead trees around which would be replaced during the coming winter.



## Other Organisations

The Chairman reported that Harbury School would have a full intake this September. Whilst at Southam College, the new classrooms would be ready by next Easter. Then the oldest original school buildings would be demolished. The good news for the organisers of the Beer Festival in early September, is that the late night buses back to Leamington will be running on the Friday and Saturday. The lack of these buses last year was thought to have led to a reduction of the number attending the festival in the evening.

## Planning

Councillors quickly agreed to make no representation to a rear single storey extension at Spring Hill in Butt Lane. Regards the proposal to name the new development off Bush Heath Lane - Old Paddock Grove. The Council thought the street name was too long and could be just Old Paddock.

## Environment

The long awaited tree planting report from the County had arrived and two areas had been identified for planting. These being Frances Road green and the grass area by Five Ways at the top of Bush heath Lane. Suitable species for the area proposed were being suggested. As regards the replacement of stiles on some of the local footpaths. The Council would now be contacting the landowners concerned to seek their agreement. Whilst the PC would fund the installation of the gates, thereafter any maintenance responsibilities are with the landowner.

## Properties

The Village Hall car parking capacity issue is still ongoing, the Chairman still favours pursuing better awareness of scheduling of Village Hall events, along with sporting fixtures on the playing fields, to be able to identify times when car park capacity could be exceeded. First steps will be to speak to the Village Hall booking secretary. The village questionnaire on this issue will now be sent out in the autumn. It was reported that WCC had advised that any bus shelter now installed has to be a minimum of 1.2 metres back from the roadside. So this would take the shelter back onto Binswood End green to an area where there are buried services. This would increase the cost significantly if these had to be diverted. The view was that this made any provision of a bus shelter here unfortunately unviable. The clerk was asked to double check with WCC about the 1.2m rule.

**Next Meeting** - Thursday 28th September, 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

### 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.

**Would you like to become a Parish Councillor? Call 614646 or email [clerk@harbury-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@harbury-pc.gov.uk) for details.**



# HARBURY SOCIETY

*Sue Turner*

Summer at last! Hopefully you've all been able to enjoy the lovely sunny weather we've had recently and the showers haven't spoiled whatever plans you may have had.

So now it's time to let you know what events the Harbury Society has organised for the coming autumn and winter months.

## **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 Coleshill Manor. Meeting in the Tom Hauley Room. Doors open 7.30pm. All welcome - free to Harbury Society members - guests £1.

## **Tuesday 21st November**

Harbury Society's 50th Anniversary Party. The venue for this special occasion is going to be Harbury Windmill! As the current owner knew the mill was the Harbury Society's logo, he has very generously offered the ground floor as the location for this event. Harbury Society members will receive full details nearer the date.

## **January 2024**

Harbury Society's annual social event. Full details will be circulated to members towards the end of 2023.

## **Tuesday 20th February**

Michael Luntley will be giving a presentation entitled 'Carry us away: Migration to Brazil - Warwickshire agricultural workers 1872'.

## **Tuesday 19th March**

Presentation by Bill Timson, Harbury Heritage Group Chair, entitled 'Harbury Windmill Past, Present and Future'.

For further information, or to become a member of the Harbury Society, please contact Sue Turner, Secretary, on 07917 055920 or email [sue@turners.co.uk](mailto:sue@turners.co.uk).



## HARBURY WI

*Mary Thompson*

On 26th July, five members braved torrential rain and travelled to the Spa Centre to attend the AGM of the Warwickshire Federation. The County Chair, Sue Postlethwaite welcomed representatives from other Federations and past Chairs of the Warwickshire Federation. Members were welcomed to Leamington by the Deputy Mayor Cllr Judith Clarke who reminisced about her grandmother who saw the WI as a trusted place for women to meet up and have a voice. Sue reported that Warwickshire has 3,006 members.

As well as the normal business one expects at an AGM we heard from two excellent speakers.

James Squire was from the Warwickshire Police Cyber Unit. He warned members that Cyber Crime is the fastest growing crime - criminals are after your information. 153,000 false sites were



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taken down during 2020/2022. Police are aware of 2,000 scams involving £12 million but lots of people are too embarrassed to report the scams. He encouraged members to watch for spelling errors and grammatical errors on websites. You can report scams on [phishing.gov.uk](https://phishing.gov.uk) or by text on 7726.

The second speaker was Nick Bailey who has written the book "365 Days of Colour in your Garden". Nick is a freelance horticulturist, best-selling author, award winning TV presenter, garden designer and speaker. He is currently a regular presenter on BBC Gardener's World. Nick's illustrated talk encouraged us to combine colours in the garden and ensure we have colour all year round. He recommended a shrub called Coronilla which flowers from September to April.

Fortunately the sun was shining on the afternoon of 27th July when Lin organised our annual Games Afternoon in the grounds of the Village Hall. 16 members played Jenga, Hoopla, Connect 4 and other games and enjoyed a very relaxed social afternoon.

August 7th dawned bright and sunny after another wet weekend. 28 members, husbands and friends thoroughly enjoyed a visit to Hampton Court Palace, where the sun shone all day and we found so much of interest in the palace and outside in the beautiful gardens. Many thanks to Lin for organising this outing.

Our annual Garden Party was held on 10th August - although a cloudy evening it was warm and dry. Our thanks to committee members who organised the food and to Andrew and Chris Rutherford for allowing us to use their pretty garden.

We have a change of speaker at our meeting on 14th September. We shall welcome Judy Warner from Zoe's Place Baby Hospice in Coventry, 7.30 for 7.45pm in the Tom Hauley Room.

On Thursday 28th September members are welcome to visit the Heritage Centre where there is quite a lot of WI history to look at. Please enter via the Park Lane entrance from 7.30pm.

The annual Harvest Supper will be held in the Village Hall on Friday September 22nd, 7.00 for 7.30pm. The speaker will be Alan Rogers MBE describing "A Policeman's Lot".

We are pleased to be resuming our Rural Cinema in the Village Hall on Saturday 23rd September. The film is Olivia Coleman in 'Joyride'; the story follows Joy on an adventure with a cheeky street urchin. You won't be surprised that the cost of Fish and Chips has increased so we have made a small increase in price. £12 for the film with fish and chips or £6 for film only. Tickets can be purchased using cash or card at the Village Library. We have to order the food in advance so tickets should be purchased by Wednesday 20th September at the latest. The doors will be open at 6.15 for a 7pm start - as usual a bar will be available.



## HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

*Ali Hodge*

This year's village panto of "Jack and the Beanstalk" by Alan P Frayn has everything you would expect from a traditional panto - corny jokes, chase sequence, slap-stick scene and singing of course. We are pleased that there will be some new faces on the Village Hall's stage. Just about all of them have been in productions before.

I've volunteered to take on the roller coaster ride of directing it, though any production is down

to good teamwork and I am supported by an enthusiastic and efficient team of backstage helpers. So far at least fifteen people have volunteered to sew costumes, build set, paint scenery, provide lighting and sound, and direct the singing. We are missing one important person and that is someone willing to be the prompt. If anyone would like to be involved but did not fancy treading the boards, and is willing to give up their time to rehearsals and performances, please email [harburytheatregroup@gmail.com](mailto:harburytheatregroup@gmail.com)

We have already started rehearsing! A successful panto needs practice, it's all in the timing, and we are aiming to put on a great show for you. Performance dates for your diaries are Thursday 23rd, Friday 24th and Saturday 25th November with a matinee on the Saturday.



## FOLK CLUB

Deborah Ellis

For the 439th Folk Club I chose 'From Cradle to Grave' for this month's theme. I also chose The Ambulance Staff Charity (TASC) for my charity too. The ambulance service deal with all patients from the cradle to the grave and this charity is dedicated to caring for those who are members of the UK's ambulance community. I spent 10 years in the ambulance service and I would have benefitted from this charity in so many ways.

So to start the evening's entertainment I began by singing one of my favourite songs, 'Liverpool Lullaby'. Then I introduced Robin who sang a James Taylor song 'Sweet Baby James' and followed with 'Arlington' as in the famous cemetery in Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania. Rik was next. He sang 'Ploughing' about somebody speaking to someone beyond the grave. Then he sang 'Three Bells' in English. This was an original 1940's French song.

I had two new faces come to the folk club. The first was Mike Greenhalgh. He performs at a lot of Dementia Cafes. His first song was by the Zac Brown Band and 'Lance's Song'. His second was self-penned and it was called 'Mirror on the Wardrobe' and it was about getting older. My next new face was John Colenso and his first song was about reincarnation called 'John Barleycorn' and he finished with 'Baker Street'. Don sang a U2 song called 'All I Want Is You' that had the theme of the evening in the lyrics. His second offering was 'Faithful'. To finish the first half I had The Harvesters who sang one of my favourite Johnny Cash songs 'A Long Black Veil' and a song by Joan Baez 'Unquiet Grave'.

To start the second half I began with a self-penned poem called 'Put Your Arms Around Me' which was about someone needing comfort as they passed away. Then I had Bob from the Bianco Barbershop Quartet recite the poem 'Sparkie's Magic Contraceptive' that the late Les Barker wrote. He performed this in the Les Barker Tribute Concert at Warwick Folk Festival. Then I had Dave Carvell, supported by Shirley King, and he sang 'Dem Bones, Dem Bones, Dem Dry Bones' and a welcome repeat of 'Three Bells'. Another folk club regular Pete Mason sang 'Now I'm Easy' that mentioned births and deaths in it. His second was 'The Dalesman's Litany'. After Pete Mason I had Pete and Liz Bones up to perform. They sang 'Rocking the Cradle' about a man left in the lurch. Then they sang 'Little Man You've Had a Busy Day' which was a popular 1930's song.

Then I managed my second ever Peter triptych in the history of my MC'ing at Harbury by asking Peter McDonald to almost complete the evening. His first song 'Hard on Your Heels', a song by Paul Metsers, was perfect for the theme. He also played the Appalachian Dulcimer beautifully. Then his second was a Joni Mitchell song 'Circle Game'. To finally finish the evening I invited Pete and Liz Bones to sing 'Three Score Years and Ten'.

The raffle raised £50 for the TASC and their head office is based in Coventry. The next folk club will be on 7th September and will be hosted by Sue Hartland and the theme will be Bitter Sweet.



# HARBURY HERITAGE CENTRE

Bill Timson

The recent visit by members of 'The Sealed Knot' (a British historical association and charity), on the weekend of the 24th / 25th June provided an interesting and unique experience in our village. The display at the playing fields on Saturday afternoon treated everyone to lots of smoke and loud bangs, keeping us alert and entertained.

The group, founded as recently as 1971 by Brigadier Peter Young, a Second World War veteran, came from an idea after a dinner party with close friends and was inspired by a publication written about the 'Battle of Edgehill 1642'.

The group has grown considerably over half a century and now travels the length and breadth of Great Britain staging re-enactments based on the English Civil War (1642-1652). The group is considered to be the largest of its kind in Europe.

There are many books and publications written about the civil war, the only one of its kind in England and hopefully the last. In the Heritage Centre we hold, on long term loan from the library, 'Edgehill. The Battle Reinterpreted'. A book full of technical detail, facts and figures; it provides an account of what happened, as far as we know, on Sunday 23rd October 1642 only a few miles down the road from here.

The book suggests that neither side, the Royalists or the Parliamentarians won the battle, which was the first in what proved to be a long, drawn-out war. However, as with all wars, many lives were lost.

It is said that 26,000 men took part in the battle, 1000 were killed (some modern authors suggest it could have been many more) and 2000 were injured. Soldiers wore sashes to distinguish which side they were on - not a great identifying feature; consequently uniforms were introduced in later battles to avoid confusion. Many of the wounded were treated locally in peoples' houses. Edgehill was the first and the longest of the great field battles of the English Civil War. Two months earlier, in August 1642, as a precursor to Edgehill, the Battle of Southam, described as a 'skirmish' took place. More details about this can be found in the Southam Heritage Collection housed at Tithe Place in the High Street, Southam.

The website for 'The Sealed Knot' is [www.thesealedknot.org.uk](http://www.thesealedknot.org.uk). Or you could contact the company's Commanding Officer Sean McLaughlin if you want to join up.... [Hoghtons@gmail.com](mailto:Hoghtons@gmail.com)



In more recent times Harbury has witnessed its own drama. In May 2004 a siege at The Gamecock pub in Chapel Street saw the village centre cordoned off by police whilst negotiations took place. According to the report in the newspaper '20 armed police swooped on the pub after a 999 call stating that a man with a gun was holding people hostage'. The incident went on for five hours and must have been terrifying for the people involved. Local residents were not allowed to leave their homes or indeed return to them during the negotiations. Shoppers in the Supermarket were trapped and not allowed to leave. Thankfully no one was seriously injured and the village returned to normal later in the afternoon.

The siege was reported on the local TV news and in the Leamington Courier. We have details in our collection and a DVD of the news report.



*A negotiator in action during the siege.  
(Picture Courier Newspaper)*

### Other news:



*The cheque from Harbury WI Chairperson  
Ann Mayer being presented.*

### New Scanner

We are slowly backing up our extensive collection of photographs, documents etc. to ensure that we have a copy in case of any mishap. Owing to the generosity of **Harbury Parish Council and Harbury W.I.** who have donated funds to purchase the scanner and software, we are now able to make high resolution copies of the collection and store them electronically. A BIG thank you to both organisations for supporting the Harbury Heritage Group.

### Visit of Brandon, Bretford and Wolston History Group

On the afternoon of 26th July members of the above group visited the Heritage Centre for a tour of the village and to enjoy an afternoon tea. Thanks to all the committee members who hosted; it was particularly pleasing to see Nigel Chapman leading a group around the village.



### Village Treasure Hunt



This has previously been held in August but with many people away on holiday at this time we have opted for a date in September when hopefully the weather is still favorable.

The cost is still only **£5 per group / couple** and everyone will be rewarded for taking part. Come and enjoy a fun and informative afternoon with your family and friends - bring the dog too!

**Sunday 17th September from 2pm onwards** starting from the Heritage Centre - Park Lane entrance. **Get the date in your diary!**



# HARBURY RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

*Steven Kittendorf*

## **Derby Day Spoils**

After last year's success, Harbury have been looking to build ahead of the upcoming campaign with a strong pre-season. Up first for the 1st XV was the short trip up the road to our local rivals Southam, in what promised to be a competitive and testing game against a team in the league above. Under the management of Coach Josh Biggs, ably assisted by injured winger Toby Whelan, Harbury took 20 players across to Southam; with a squad featuring new signings Tom Boag and Jackson Hobson, alongside much-needed experience in the form of Tom Kittendorf, Gareth Evans, and the ever present Tony Tate. The match was played over four twenty-minute sessions.

Whilst a cagey opening saw several errors from both sides, the visitors took an early lead when Jackson pounced on a loose pass by Southam's centre to fly hack through and score his first try for the Club; converted by hooker Matt Carter. Ben Swidryk took a deserved rest after an industrious first 20 minutes and Harry Holland swapped positions at 9 with Boag coming in from the wing.

Jackson was becoming a nuisance at centre and after breaking through on yet another occasion he put his centre partner Tom Arnold away to score in the corner; Carter missed the conversion. Shortly after, number 8 Charlie Allerton took a quick tap penalty from 15 metres out and crashed over to score close to the posts; Carter adding the conversion. After a well worked line out, Boag found mercurial stand-off Rory Pond; he put Gaz Evans in space before the ball was passed through Jackson's hands for Holland to sprint over the line unopposed; Ben Knott missed the conversion, half time 0-24.

Harbury cruised through the third quarter and winger Matt Willis bagged two tries using his strength and speed to score in the corner; Knott unable to covert neither. Harbury were forced to defend their line with some brave tackling from Bill McFerran and Swidryk helping to keep Southam at bay ensuring a clean sheet; full time 0-34.

## **Minis and Juniors**

We are excited to have started the countdown to our first Sunday of the season, which will be the 3rd September from 10am. We have 4 weeks of training for age groups to get used to their new rules, during which time we welcome new members. All new members get the first 4 weeks for free, so come and give it a go.

We have Coventry RFC players coming over on Sunday 17th September to spend time with our age groups, imparting their professional knowledge of the game onto our players.

If you have kids that are interested in getting involved we run age groups from U5 (Reception school year) to Colts (U18s) including a junior girls touch team, give our Chair, Chris, a call on 07834 972999 or drop us an email on [harburyrfc.enquiries@gmail.com](mailto:harburyrfc.enquiries@gmail.com).

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# HARBURY TENNIS CLUB

Colin Mercer

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Peter Walshe was keeping a close watch on the weather forecast for our annual BBQ tournament. It didn't look good and rained for most of the day but as requested it disappeared, and the sun came out to accompany the 14 players plus spectators!

Two groups of seven players carefully balanced by ability and mixed up, so that no one played with the same partner in the matches before the semi-finals and finals, battled to see who could win the most games. Lucy Ewen came out on top with maximum points and so was paired with the eighth placed player, Dan Chand, for the semi-finals. They faced Ben Fish (2nd) and Ian Reynolds (7th). A very close match resulted in Lucy and Dan going through to the final. They came up against Ash Chand (4th) and Andy Smith (5th) who had beaten Jeunine Crabtree (3rd) and Andy Lewin (6th).



So, father and son squared up whilst the barbecue blazed (which Macca Kandola expertly tended having given up his semi-final place to Ian in order to eat!). It looked to be all over as Ash and Andy faced five match points, slowly clawing back the match. But son Dan, with Lucy, triumphed in the end.

The sausages and burgers were all consumed, and the coals exhausted, but the happy players wended their weary ways into the clear night ready for another game another day.

In the most recent Banbury Summer League fixtures, Harbury "A" hosted Deddington "D" and had an excellent win against Deddington "B". Emma Brangwin, Lucy Ewen, Jeunine Crabtree, Ben Fish, Josh Marshall and Dan Chand were too strong for the visitors and after a 6-3 win the team are in 5th place in Division 2.

The "B" team took on table topping Charlbury "B" at home in a Division 3 match. Sue Panton, Clare Callaghan, Helen Cooper, Tom Woodhead, Ian Reynolds, and James Edge put up a very good fight before losing 4-5 with only three games (of 99) separating the teams. Harbury are in 4th place with a game in hand over the top three.

The 2023/24 coaching programme will again be delivered by *Coolsportz* coaches Lianne Candappa and Ian Shorrocks with sessions on Mondays and Fridays for all age groups. The first session is 8th September, if you're interested, please contact Lianne Candappa on 07919 104093 or [lianne@coolsportz.co.uk](mailto:lianne@coolsportz.co.uk)



## HARBURY PRE-SCHOOL

Staff and Committee

### The End of Another Year

We have had another fabulous year at Harbury Pre-School. The last term is always busy but we fitted in lots of outdoor play, settling in sessions for our lovely new September starters as well as preparing our leavers for school. It was lovely to welcome Mrs James, the Reception Teacher, into the Pre-School to meet some of her new cohort.

### End of Year Picnic

Rain almost stopped play but a last-minute booking of the village hall saved the day.

Children, plus their teddies, their parents/carers and staff walked down to the village hall for a picnic, singing and parachute games. The weather brightened during lunchtime so we were fortunately able to head over to the park for the children to play on the playground equipment.

It was a lovely afternoon. The parents were able to chat, while the children enjoyed playing with their friends. Parachute games are always a big hit for all, especially when we all throw on our teddies for a bounce!

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

### **New Term**

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

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



## **HARBURY LIBRARY & BIBLIO'S CAFE**

*Janice Montague*

As many of you will know, since we became a community library in 2012, we have been building up our own library of books called the Blue Label Collection mainly from donations made by the generous readers of Harbury. During Covid, lots of people made use of the time to clear their shelves and HVL was the happy recipient. We have been working our way through these, plus donations received since, and many are now on our shelves. However we only have limited shelf space and even more limited storage so we have had to call a halt for the time being to accepting more books. Please do not bring us any more for the moment: many charity shops are now looking to refresh their stocks and you can then be supporting the good cause of your choice.

We are very grateful for your generosity in the past and hope you will agree that we have a very wide ranging selection for you to choose from. If we don't have a book you want to read, you can order it to be delivered to HVL from the wider Warwickshire stock, for which there is no charge. You can do this online at [warwickshire.gov.uk/libraries](http://warwickshire.gov.uk/libraries) - just make sure that you choose Harbury Community Library as the delivery point - or ask one of our volunteers to help you. You may also know that we have a selection of books available in the lobby which you do not need to return, so perfect for taking away with you and leaving for the next holiday maker to enjoy.



The Summer Reading Challenge this year has seen a record number of children sign up to read six books over the summer and in exchange receive stickers, access to online activities and ultimately a certificate and medal on completion. It would be great if we could also have a large number of finishers this year, so do come in, tell us about your books and get your rewards. The last date for completion is 10th September, so there are still two weeks after the Bank Holiday weekend to do so.

**The library is open five and a half days a week, 10 - 4.30 Mondays and Tuesdays, 9.15 - 4.30 Wednesday - Friday and 10 - 12 Saturdays. Biblio's, our café, is open every week, Wednesdays - Fridays 9.15 - 12 and 10 - 12 on Saturdays, serving freshly brewed coffee, tea or hot chocolate plus children's drinks and home baked cakes and biscuits.**

When the café is not open, you can help yourself to a drink and a biscuit, while you read the daily newspaper, do a jigsaw, admire the artwork on the walls or even read a book. We have two public

computers which are free to use and printing, copying and laminating facilities available for a small charge. We are sure you will agree that this is an amazing resource to have in our village and hope you will continue to make full use of it.

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## **HARBURY LIBRARY LEADERSHIP** *Sharon Hancock (Chairman)*

At the beginning of August Richard Fowler stepped down as Library Lead and on behalf of the Steering Committee I would like to thank him for the enormous contribution he has made to our Library.

Rich took over the leadership for the second time in the midst of the Covid pandemic. Thanks to his vision and organisation skills, a Library service was maintained even during the lockdowns and this helped many people at a very difficult time. Over the last few years he has overseen the expansion of the services available in the Library and the wider use of the building. He has at the same time raised the profile of our Library nationally and Harbury Library has become recognised as demonstrating how good a community managed library can be. He will be very much missed and he leaves with grateful thanks not only from our team of volunteers but from the wider community.

We are now looking for someone to build on the foundations that Rich has laid. If you think you have something to contribute to the continued development of the Library please do get in touch either at the Library desk or calling me on 612860.



## **GARDEN JOTTINGS**

*Christine Dakin from Bridge Nursery*

This time last year we were desperate for rain and contemplating growing more drought loving plants. What a different story to tell twelve months on. Oodles of rain\*, lots of wind and much cooler temperatures has meant that everything has grown abundantly especially the weeds. The grass needs cutting weekly, more pruning is necessary and the weeds are in danger of taking over. Most fruit and veg are very productive. I'm really pleased with the potatoes I grew in large tubs, a variety called Pink Fir Apple. It is a tasty salad potato, good hot or cold or even roasted. Do give them a try for next year.

\*There have been a couple of wet Saturdays recently when I thought no-one would come to buy plants, but I was wrong, keen gardeners are not deterred by rain and lots of plants were bought. I should know by now that it is impossible to predict anything.



This is the time of year to be buying and planting bulbs for next year, they are readily available from garden centres, and supermarkets but if you want a wider range of bulbs it is best to go to a specialist supplier. One of my favourites for May are *Camassia leichtlinii* a tall blue flower which really like the heavy clay soil. They clump up well and, after a few years, have many flowering stems. Very easy to grow and very showy.

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## NATURE NOTES

*Martin & Amanda Randall*

We are writing this after a walk to see the balancing pond area at Brooks Drive on the Oakfields estate. Balancing ponds, or Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS), mimic natural processes such as soakaways or bogs as well as ponds. Their aim is to temporarily store stormwater and release it slowly. This stops it rushing off hard surfaces like tarmac and tiles and overwhelming drains or local watercourses. The incorporation of these features into new developments is proving more important with the greater risk of increased rainfall and annual flooding, due to climate change.

At the same time as reducing the sudden flow of water into existing drains, these SuDS filter the water so it is cleaner when it finally reaches a drain or river. With good design, SuDS provide shelter, food and breeding opportunities for a variety of wildlife species including, amphibians, invertebrates, birds, bats and other mammals, as well as plants. They are also attractive places for people living close by.



With those ideas in mind we decided to see what we could find at the Brooks Drive balancing pond. We had previously visited there in March this year. As it was early in the year nothing much had started to grow and there was little to see. The vegetation was very short with just a few clumps of rush plants. However by this summer the contrast was very striking, as the photographs show.

The vegetation is wonderfully lush and the previous area almost unrecognisable. Among the various flowers on the bank sides there were pink and white common yarrow mixed with wild carrot flowers and the tall plants of wild chicory with sky-blue flowers. In the damper areas we could see there had been many yellow-flag irises, now interspersed with shocks of bright purple loosestrife. Here also there were yellow flowers of trefoil and meadow vetchling, both members of the pea family that provide good nectar sources for insects.



Aside from the colourful flowers, there was a diverse array of impressive plants with less conspicuous flowers - the grasses, sedges and rushes. Immediately obvious was the bulrush, also called the reedmace, with its dense brown sausage-shaped flower head that carries separate male and female flowers. Each flower spike can produce up to two hundred thousand minute seeds, attached to fine hairs. When ripe, the heads disintegrate into a cottony fluff that carries the seeds as they disperse by the wind. Also striking were the clumps of elegant pendulous sedge. Their flower stems can grow to over two metres in length with long, slender, nodding flower spikes that give it its name. The leaves are quite tough and were once sometimes used to make rope. In contrast to these grand sedge plants were the diminutive spike sedges, only about ten centimetres tall, which form a dense mat of vegetation.



*Bulrush or Reedmace*  
(Martin Randall)

A friend asked how to tell if one of these plants is a sedge. The answer is to roll the flower stem between your thumb and forefinger; if it is a sedge you will feel that it has a triangular stem, hence the rhyme:

*Sedges have edges,*

*Rushes are round,*

*Grasses are hollow*

*Down to the ground.*

Rush stems are usually not hollow but have supporting internal structures, or pith, filling the cavity of the stem, which you can find if you peel back the outer layer. In years past, the pith of rush stems was used to make a substitute for candles. The outer layer was peeled away and the pith dried in the sun. It was then steeped in household fat or grease; mutton fat was considered best because it dried harder. The average wick burned for 10 to 15 minutes. Gilbert White, the eighteenth century cleric and naturalist, gave a detailed description of rushlights in his book *The Natural History and Antiquities of Selborne*. He wrote that, "these rushes give a good clear light." Rushes could also be lit at both ends to give extra light, but then they didn't last as long, which is probably where the saying 'burning the candle at both ends' comes from.



*Pendulous Sedge*  
(Martin Randall)

You might think that description of the past use of rushes seems to be a deviation from our survey of the plants around the pond at Brooks Drive! However, it shows how our social history is bound tightly to the environment around us and can so easily be forgotten.

Although much smaller than a balancing pond, many people have garden ponds, and even bog gardens, which also offer opportunities for wildlife. Sometimes there are quite unexpected visitors. David and Sue Turner told us about a grass snake that they saw recently in their garden pond in Hall Lane. Grass snakes are good swimmers and harmless to humans, though quite startling when you first see them; perhaps it had been hunting for frogs or toads. David managed to photograph it and tells us it was about 30cm long; and that his resident toads did not look happy!



*Grass Snake*  
(David Turner)



*In error, last month in the Harbury Swift Village update header we used clipart of a swallow instead of a swift. We would like to apologise to Amanda for the upset and any confusion caused to our readers.*



## HARBURY GENERAL NEWS



### JEFFREY FRANCIS BEDFORD

*Justine Ragany & Kate Penstone*

#### **26th August 1935 - 11th July 2023**

A stalwart of Harbury since 1986, Jeff played a part in all of village life. This was most evident at the huge turnout for his memorial service at All Saints' Church on 24th July and in the condolence cards sent to his wife, Lorna.

His family have been overwhelmed by the heartfelt messages expressed in the piles of cards arriving onto the doormat each day, each one individual, yet together espousing common themes about the kind of man Jeff was.

'Wonderful' was a word often used. Messages remarked on his larger-than-life character, his good humour and his wealth of stories.

Many expressed how much they will miss a treasured friend, the good times they shared with him and how he was such fine company and full of energy. He is remembered as a man who loved his family dearly, but also as someone who welcomed strangers with a friendly handshake and a smile.

His wise counsel has never gone unrecognised. Well-wishers told of his extreme generosity in donating his time and his skills to the work of the church, and how that made him an outstanding individual. Most of all, the cards reflected how honoured and privileged his friends felt to have known him.

When discharged from military service (with an army number of 229 25 230 which he could recite a week before he died), he received a testimonial the content of which is not far removed from the sympathy notes. Colonel Ellicott wrote: "He has given very good service. He is energetic, has a good brain, displays leadership qualities and is entirely honest, sober and trustworthy. [He is] strongly recommended as a reliable man."

Jeffery grew up in the east end of Birmingham. His parents were tenants of a tiny pub in Inkerman Street.

He was evacuated during the Second World War and went to live with his great aunt and uncle at their farm near Bromyard. There was another relative who lived there too, Joseph, who was born in the 1850s. It's incredible to think of that connection to the past.

No running water, no electricity, no toilets. But plenty of fresh food and he had the countryside to explore. He always remembered the time fondly, but admitted that it would have been very hard for his mother.

Back in Birmingham after the war, the Labour government brought in free education at grammar schools and his mother encouraged him to take the 11 plus. Jeff won a place. The only child in his primary school to do so. Here he flourished both in his studies and playing in the school's rugby and cricket teams.



His father died when Jeff was 14. He had to move, with his mother, to his grandmother's house.

Leaving school at 15, he was apprenticed to a building company. Making the most of the public library and evening classes, he became a quantity surveyor. He worked there until the early 1980s, gaining the respect of everyone he worked with. He was rewarded with promotion after promotion and in the 1970s went to work in Saudi Arabia, with his family tagging along, to run construction projects.

In the mid-1980s, he took up a role at Keller in Ryton-on-Dunsmore where he worked until he retired. This job led to the family moving to Harbury. He is remembered by his former colleagues as a great man who was dedicated, worked hard, but also had fun. He was even a mentor to one of his protégés for 26 years!

He was Church Warden at All Saints' Church for four years from 1994. Once retired, used his expertise to support the church. He was involved in many initiatives, from the underfloor heating to The Tom Hauley Room, the new bell tower louvres, and the Fabric group.

Jeff was also president of the Rotary Club of Southam from 1993 to 1994 and helped elder folk in the village fill out forms and drove them to hospital appointments. Supporting younger people too, he volunteered at Southam College, supporting sixth formers to write CVs and practice interviews.

Father to three children, his first child was a son named Christopher from his first marriage. Christopher passed away five years ago. The two shared a love of West Bromwich Albion, and Jeff was a great support to Christopher in his final years.

With his second wife, Lorna, he had two daughters, Justine and Kate and today has five grandchildren from both of his marriages.

Together with his beloved dogs, Jeff loved to hike. He would often hike ahead of everyone else, thanks to his long legs and expert map reading skills. He was happiest in the Lake District, the Yorkshire Dales, and by the sea. With Lorna, he loved their excursions to Tenby and Bournemouth. They also enjoyed wider travel together, including mainland Europe, Southeast Asia, and Australia.

Jeff had a life-long passion for sport, from horse racing and cricket to athletics, snooker, boxing, football, and rugby.

As a young lad, he took every opportunity to see his sporting heroes. He saw Bobby Robson play football for West Bromwich Albion in the late 1950s and early 1960s.

His father took him to the Oval to see the Australian cricket great, Don Bradman in 1948. Another idol was a young rags-to-riches boxer from Leamington Spa. Nicknamed the Leamington Licker, Randolph Turpin was once the world middle-weight champion and in 1951 Jeff watched him defeat Sugar Ray Robinson at Earls Court in a famous match that lifted the whole nation's spirits.

In his last few weeks, he took great comfort and solace in watching or listening to sports from his hospital bed.

He passed away quietly at home with his family, further to his myeloma returning.

Jeff is survived by his wife Lorna, their two daughters, Justine and Kate, and five grandchildren.

The family have asked that donations be made to the Church's Heat, Light & Stone Appeal in his memory, so far raising approximately £1,000.





## HARBURY DISTRICT COUNCILLOR UPDATE

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*Susan Ostrander (Cllr Harbury Ward)*

I hope that everyone has had an enjoyable summer with some time to rest and enjoy the occasional days of good weather. Like many of you I was closely following the World Cup, enjoying the high quality of play from our team. What a shame that they missed out to Spain!

Apart from watching football I have been engaged in numerous activities in the ward such as dealing with issues relating to Orbit, liaising between residents and officers at Stratford District Council, fighting the solar farm proposal at Middle Road and familiarising myself with some of the community activities in Harbury. In particular, I would like to mention, and give a huge thumbs up to, our wonderful Village Library and Biblio's Café.

I spent almost two hours with some of the many volunteers from this community hub, enjoying a cappuccino and some of the delicious homemade cake, all made by a dedicated rota of volunteers. If you haven't visited lately, I would strongly urge you to.

Since opening in 2012 the library has welcomed over 170,000 visitors, issued over 110,000 books and served up close to 67,000 hot drinks. This has been achieved through the dedication of about 100 volunteers - a staggering number for a village library. This large number of volunteers has meant that the library and café have never had to close, and thus can provide a reliable and friendly community hub for many different people.

For example, this winter they were a registered Warm Welcome Space in addition to already being designated a Warwickshire County Council Safe Space. The library and café support the local community in diverse ways:

- Collecting for the food bank in Kineton as well as the local hedgehog rescue.
- Recycling point for medicine blister packs, electric toothbrush heads, bras and inkjet cartridges.
- Providing wall space to exhibit work by local artists.
- Opportunities to buy books by local authors and locally produced greeting cards.
- A box office for purchasing tickets for events being put on by other community groups.
- A location for events and activities which are literally too numerous to list here but include a lot of work with Harbury primary and pre-school children.

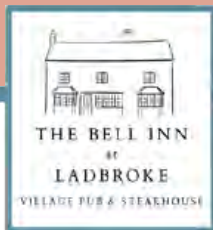
The building in which the library and café are housed is Victorian and the boiler and radiators are not much younger! These need replacing and I hope to support Ed Wilson, the project manager for this, with accessing some funding. Of course, if any generous local people would like to donate to this project that would be gratefully received!

I want to make a special mention of Sharon Hancock, the chair of the community library, Jill Baker, the cafe lead and Janice Montague and Sue Turner, the temporary Volunteer Library Leads. These four gave me a fantastic tour and explanation of everything that happens in our wonderful village library and café - a very useful resource to us all. If you want to find out more look for the Facebook page: Harbury Village Library & Biblio's Café.

On a separate note, I have included what I hope will be a useful flowchart on how to report local issues to Environmental and Neighbourhood Services. This might be worth clipping out and saving for when you need to refer to it.

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## TURNING TABLES

Wednesday 6th September

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## BUMPS & BUNDLES

Carol Jackson and the Bumps Team

We start our sessions again on Tuesday 5th September from 10.30am to 12 noon in the Tom Hauley Room (behind the church).

The group is for Parents, Carers, Grandparents and Childminders as long as they bring along a small child from newborn until they are about three. Pregnant Mums are also most welcome to come and find out what it is all about!

There are play mats and lots of toys and jigsaws for the children.

There is a rota of adults who make the coffee/tea and serve biscuits. If anyone would like to join us they would be most welcome. Please call in to the Hauley Room any Tuesday morning or phone 01926 941784 for more information.

There is no need to "join" just come along any Tuesday that you are free.

We would also welcome any other people who would like to join in on the Rota to help, it is not arduous and it can be a lot of fun.



## HARBURY BALLROOM & LATIN AMERICAN DANCING

Amanda Randall

### Wednesdays at Harbury Village Hall

#### Beginners 7.15 pm - Improvers 8.30 pm

We are looking forward to welcoming ballroom dancers, new or experienced to our Autumn term classes which begin on Wednesday 6th September.

All the beginners will be learning some new Tango steps so it doesn't matter if you have never tried our classes before!

There will be six classes followed by a two-week break, and then six further classes. On 11th October (week 6) we will have a joint practice session when the beginners' and improvers' classes join together for half an hour.

#### 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:** harbury.ballroom.dancing@gmail.com or Jacqui Powell: 01926 612887 or 07769 683888

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

**"KEEEEP Dancing"!!**





## HARBURY VILLAGE SHOW

*Village Show Committee*

Harbury Village Show showcases the best in home-grown produce, flowers, cookery and creative arts.

It will take place in the village hall on Saturday 9th September.

Different Categories for 2023:

- ❖ Show Stopper Cake Decoration - "MY HOLIDAY" (the cake will not be cut)
- ❖ Limerick - Using the word "CROWN"
- ❖ 'YELLOW' Photograph 🌻
- ❖ Flower Arrangement Centrepiece "CORONATION"



All the information you need is on the leaflet at the library, the milk shed or post office or download at [hlnews.co.uk/harbury-village-show.html](http://hlnews.co.uk/harbury-village-show.html)

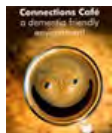
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*Jill Baker & Janice Montague*

The Connections Café is for anyone who cares for someone suffering from dementia to come along with their friend or family member for a convivial afternoon in the company of those with similar experiences. The next monthly meeting will be from 2 - 4pm in the Tom Hauley Room (behind the Church in Harbury) on Wednesday 20th September. There will be games, puzzles, a sing-song, refreshments and chatter - please come along yourself or tell anyone you know who may be interested: you will all be very welcome.

Please contact one of the following if you need further information:

Jill Baker 01926 612483 or Janice Montague 01926 612340.



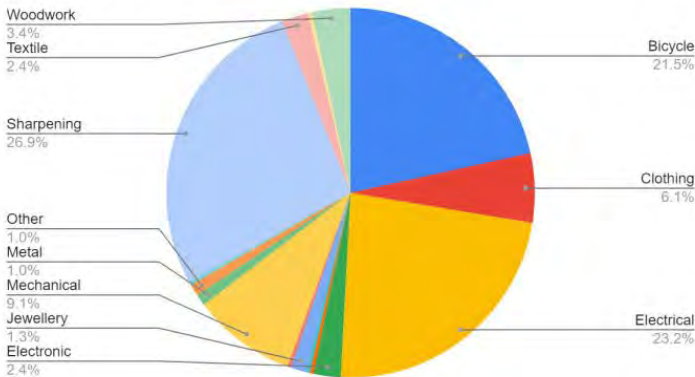
## REPAIR CAFÉ

*Rich Fowler -  
Organiser, Repair Cafe Harbury*

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*Rev. Andy Batchelor*

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## HARBURY LOCAL MARKET

*Steve Ekins*

The next market is Saturday 30th September, not as advertised in the last HLN edition. 10.00am until 12.30pm in Harbury Village Hall. Up to 20 stall holders selling Food, Art, Crafts, Plants.

We are also on Facebook @Harbury Local Market join for regular updates.



## WEDNESDAY WALKERS

*Gillian Hare*

Our summer season of guest leaders has been very successful, and again we have been lucky to avoid any wet mornings. The countryside has flourished from the cooler weather and we have even, at times, struggled to push through the undergrowth. It has been delightful to see a good variety of butterflies and wild flowers, and a stunning panorama of bright blue borage near to Shutford.

As ever, prospective new walkers are most welcome to join us. The programme is on the diary page; just turn up with suitable shoes and a drink. Or ring for info to 01926 614809.

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<p><b>Sporting Memories (Free)</b> Reminisce about all things 'sport' and some gentle exercise with guest speakers</p> <p>2nd Wednesday of each month 10.30am - 12.30pm. Next date: 13th September and 11th October. Open to everyone, come along on the day.</p>	<p><b>National Silver Sunday (Free)</b> Join us, bring a friend, and have a dance. Helen Pearson will be here to entertain us. Please wear something Green - a top, scarf, hat, trousers etc.</p> <p>Everyone is welcome to come along. Please telephone 01926 812185 Ext 5365 to book your place. Every other month, next date: Sunday 1st October, 2.30pm</p>
<p><b>Nosh and Natter</b> Cost £10.00 - Two Course homemade hot lunch and dessert. Everyone is welcome to come along, booking is essential.</p> <p>First Wednesday of every month. Next date: Wednesday 6th September, 12 noon - 1.30pm.</p> <p>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. Collection outside Southam Library: 11.45am Return to Southam Library: 2.00pm</p>	<p><b>Galanos House Summer Fete</b></p> <p>Open to everyone, come along on the day.</p> <p>Saturday 2nd September, 2.30 - 4.30pm</p> <p>BBQ Family Fun   Games Cakes   Silver Singers   District of Dunchurch Band   Tombola   Plants   Raffle   Face Painting &amp; more</p>
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<p><b>Menopause Fayre (Free)</b> Dr. Kurti Viswanathan &amp; other menopause specialists</p> <p>Wednesday 18th October, 7pm - 10pm</p> <p>Open to everyone, come along on the evening.</p>	<p><b>All events take place at the Community Hub and Café (Next to Galanos House, Banbury Road, Southam).</b></p> <p><b>Call 01926 812185 HUB Option 5</b></p>



# READERS' LETTERS

## Dear Editors

The Shelley family would like to thank all those who came to the memorial service for Mary on 15th July. The turnout was impressive, the service just as she wanted, the eulogies warm, and we enjoyed reminiscing with everyone afterwards. Harbury did her proud.

The collection raised some £200 for Gingerbread. The charity has asked us to pass on thanks.

Best wishes

**Toby Shelley**

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## Dear Editors

Hello!

I hope this letter finds you well and enjoying this mixed summer weather!

I have been busy, helping and supporting local folk, which as you know is why I stood for office in the first place. I believe that things in the country are not in a good place, freedoms of many types especially speech are being eroded, democracy, innocent until proven guilty and other values are under attack, plus, we have the unsettling of the cost-of-living crises.

My main worry is that Westminster does not seem to be able to grapple with any issue and it is failing to realise that government is not working any more, we are drowning in administration, on a treadmill that keeps churning out more none costed madness, overburdening the public sector with more work but give no extra resources. This is why I believe Reform is required and it is a time to change things, the only Party that see this is REFORM UK.

I am standing for REFORM UK, as the Kenilworth and Southam Prospective Parliamentary Candidate. I hope those of you who have similar concerns to those mentioned above, will join my campaign along with many other likeminded people.

I know some people have a view of Reform, based on a past life that has gone. This party is growing and changing fast, especially in the Kenilworth and Southam area.

Please if you have any concerns share them with me, it would be fantastic if you could join us, meet local people and see what we are about, which is common sense and sensibility, pragmatic change, come and have a dialogue with us and see for yourself who Reform really is today.

Drop me a message if you have any questions or concerns.

Jacquiharris1@hotmail.com

Best wishes

**Jacqui (Harris)**



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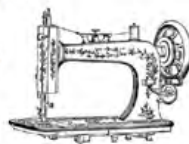
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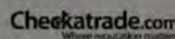
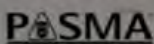
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