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## EDITORIAL

*A round up of local news*

Our editorial photograph shows the Aurora Lights which were recently visible from Harbury. Thank you to Ed Hudson for sending this in.

Events in Harbury in November see the return of the Craft Fair, the final Village Cinema for the year and Harbury Theatre Group's play Knickers! A 'Brief' Comedy.

With thoughts turning towards Christmas, regular December events see Harbury Christmas Fair on Saturday 7th and the Senior Citizens' Christmas Party on the 14th.



The Ladbroke Matters team have had a busy time clearing the playground and getting ready for the arrival of a few items of new play equipment. If you shop in Tesco Southam please put your blue token in the Ladbroke Millennium Green play equipment slot to help with their fundraising.

In next month's edition of the magazine, we will be publishing Christmas greetings from those villagers who prefer to give donations to charity rather than send individual greetings cards. Please submit these to the magazine in good time and no later than deadline day Monday 18th November.

Do you enjoy taking photographs in and around the villages? The magazine welcomes photographs to be submitted for publication either as a cover photograph or within the magazine. These can be emailed in to [articles@hlnews.co.uk](mailto:articles@hlnews.co.uk)

Finally, we extend our condolences to the family of Eveline Louisa Tennant.



## HARBURY DIARY

*For local events*

### NOVEMBER

- Fri 1** Meeting Point, 12.30pm, The Crown Inn
- Sat 2** Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Harbury Toddler Group  
Harbury Bonfire and Fireworks, gates open 5.00pm, bonfire lit 6.00pm, firework display at 6.30pm, Village Hall Playing Fields
- Sun 3 TRINITY 23**  
Holy Communion, 9.00am, Church  
Little Saints, 10.30am, Church  
All Souls Service, 3.00pm, Church  
Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall

- Mon 4 Harbury Toddler Group, 10.00 - 11.30am, Scout Hut  
Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall  
Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall
- Tue 5 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 9.35am, Village Hall car park - Priors Marston (3.5 miles)  
Mothers' Union, Service 2.00pm, meeting starts 2.30pm - variety of services provided by Myton Hospice, Tom Hauley Room  
Spellbound Dance Classes, 5.00 - 5.30 & 5.30 - 6.15pm, Village Hall  
Hereburgh Morris Practice session, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall
- Thu 7 Table Tennis, 9.30 - 10.30am, Village Hall, Tel: 01926 612951  
Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room  
Folk Club, 8.00pm, Village Club
- Fri 8 Murder Mystery Evening - 'Murder on the Ocean Wave', doors open 7.00pm, starts 7.30pm, Village Library - Tickets only
- Sat 9 Litter Pick, 10.00 - 11.00am, meet Village Hall  
Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Flower Group  
Harbury Craft Fair, 10.00am - 4.00pm, Village Hall  
Repair Café, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Village Library
- Sun 10 TRINITY 24**  
Remembrance Service, 10.15am  
Messy Church, 3.00 - 5.00pm, Church  
Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall
- Mon 11 Harbury Toddler Group, 10.00 - 11.30am, Scout Hut  
Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall  
Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall
- Tue 12 Chair-based Activity Class, 10.00 - 11.00am, Village Hall  
Bumps & Bundles, 10.30am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room
- Wed 13 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.35am, Village Hall car park - Napton (4 miles one hill)  
Quiet Space, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room  
Knitwits and Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Village Library  
Last day for purchasing Village Cinema Tickets from Library (film Sat 16th)  
Spellbound Dance Classes, 5.00 - 5.30 & 5.30 - 6.15pm, Village Hall  
Warwickshire Fitness, Gong & Sound Bath, 7.30 - 8.30pm, Village Hall  
Hereburgh Morris Practice session, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall
- Thu 14 Table Tennis, 9.30 - 10.30am, Village Hall, Tel: 01926 612951  
Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room  
Harbury WI's Annual General Meeting, 7.30 for 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room
- Fri 15 Ben & Soph's Jazz Night, doors 6.30pm / show 7.00pm, tickets via [www.ticketsource.co.uk/bsjazz](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/bsjazz), Village Hall

- Sat 16 Councillors Corner, 10.00 - 11.00am, Village Hall  
Harbury Local Market, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall  
Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Ladbroke Church  
Village Cinema presents 'The Keeper', doors open 6.15, film begins 7.00pm,  
Village Hall (Tickets in advance only from Harbury Library)

### **Sun 17 TRINITY 25**

- Holy 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)
- Mon 18 Harbury Toddler Group, 10.00 - 11.30am, Scout Hut  
Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall  
Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall  
  
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- Tue 19 Chair-based Activity Class, 10.00 - 11.00am, Village Hall  
Bumps & Bundles, 10.30am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room  
Harbury Society, presentation by Colin Clay and Phil Taylor - 'Back Tracks' -  
Detecting the Past, doors open 7.30pm, Tom Hauley Room  
The Collective - 'Hospital Chaplaincy - do you need a health warning?', 7.30pm,  
Shakespeare Inn
- Wed 20 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.35am, Village Hall car park - Leek Wootton (4 miles)  
Connections (Dementia Friendly) Café, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room  
Spellbound Dance Classes, 5.00 - 5.30 & 5.30 - 6.15pm, Village Hall  
Hereburgh Morris Practice session, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall
- Thu 21 Table Tennis, 9.30 - 10.30am, Village Hall, Tel: 01926 612951  
Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room  
Carer's Group Meeting, 1.00 - 2.00pm, Biblio's, Village Library  
WI Craft Afternoon, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room  
Harbury Library Classic Book Group, 7.30pm, Village Library
- Sat 23 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Mothers' Union  
Harbury
- ### **Sun 24 SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT**
- Sung Holy Communion, 10.30am, Church  
Muddy Church, 10.30am, meeting in Tom Hauley Room  
Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall
- Mon 25 Harbury Toddler Group, 10.00 - 11.30am, Scout Hut  
Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall
- Tue 26 Chair-based Activity Class, 10.00 - 11.00am, Village Hall  
Bumps & Bundles, 10.30am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room

- Wed 27 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.35am, Village Hall car park - Wellesbourne - Walton Hall (4 miles flat)  
 Knitwits and Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Village Library  
 Spellbound Dance Classes, 5.00 - 5.30 & 5.30 - 6.15pm, Village Hall  
 Hereburgh Morris Practice session, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall
- Thu 28 Table Tennis, 9.30 - 10.30am, Village Hall, Tel: 01926 612951  
 Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room  
 Harbury Theatre Group presents, Knickers! A 'Brief' Comedy, 7.30pm, Village Hall  
 Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, Tom Hauley Room
- Fri 29 Harbury Theatre Group presents, Knickers! A 'Brief' Comedy, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Sat 30 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Multiple Sclerosis  
 Harbury Theatre Group presents, Knickers! A 'Brief' Comedy, 7.30pm, Village Hall

## DECEMBER

### Sun 1 ADVENT SUNDAY

Holy Communion, 9.00am, Church  
 Little Saints, 10.30am, Church

- Mon 2 Harbury Toddler Group, 10.00 - 11.30am, Scout Hut  
 Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall  
 Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall

- Tue 3 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 4 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.35am, Village Hall car park - Dunchurch - Draycote (5 miles)  
 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  
 Hereburgh Morris Practice session, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall

- Thu 5 Table Tennis, 9.30 - 10.30am, Village Hall, Tel: 01926 612951  
 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 Crime Stoppers  
 Charity  
 Litter Pick, 10.00 - 11.00am, meet Village Hall  
 Christmas Fayre, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Village Hall

### Sun 8 ADVENT 2

Sung Holy Communion with Children's Church, 10.30am, Church  
 A Messy and Muddy Christmas, 3.00 - 5.00pm, Church

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November has always been a time of festivals and celebrations marking the end of the harvest and the beginning of Winter. It's also a time for remembering those loved ones who have shaped us, and left an enduring legacy in our lives, as well as those who made the ultimate sacrifice to protect others and oppose evil. As the conflicts continue in Ukraine, the Middle East and further afield, we can't help but be appalled at the insanity of war and the tragic loss of human life and whole communities of people.

A further characteristic of November is the shorter days after the UK clocks go back an hour. We respond differently to this reduction in daylight and the longer nights. Some people experience what the NHS describes as SAD or Seasonal Affective Disorder. Although doctors may prescribe cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT), antidepressants or light therapy, just being part of community events and being with others also matters.

The reason for that is that we are created to be social beings, and we are not meant to live in isolation. Community is critical for us to thrive, especially for someone who is already experiencing the common symptoms of loneliness and isolation, particularly in the winter months and shorter days.

In the book of 1 Thessalonians we read, "For we are all children of the light and of the day; we don't belong to darkness and night". We become a conduit for the light, bringing love and kindness into our communities in the midst of darkness. Francis of Assisi said; "Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace. Where there is hatred let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy". We are called by God to be bearers of his light. In the words of author and poet, Edith Wharton, "there are two ways of spreading light – to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it". We can be both.



## FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

Andy & Liz

We have set ourselves the target of raising £29,000. The cost of urgent repairs and an upgraded audio-visual system totals £84,000. We have £20,000 in hand and potential grant funding would, we hope, raise a further £35,000. Our appeal has, initially, gone out to the wider church family. However, events are being planned to raise the funds too.

Our traditional Christmas Fair takes place in the Village Hall on Saturday 7th December from 2 to 4pm. Father Christmas has been booked. The fairy team have swung into action. The Morris Dancers will be doing their thing. If you have any item suitable for the raffle or a gift stall please contact Liz or Andy (see below). And please come along for a merry afternoon – and spend money!

On Monday 9th December the Warwickshire Singers have kindly offered their services to boost our appeal. A concert called "**Gloria! Festive Choral Music with the Warwickshire Singers**" will begin at 7.45pm in Harbury Church. Tickets are £15 (under 18's £5) and are available at [Ticketsource.co.uk/Warwickshire-singers](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/Warwickshire-singers)



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Turning our minds back to November, the annual Remembrance service will be held in Harbury Church at 10.15am on Sunday 10th November followed by the laying of wreaths and one minute silence at 11am at the war memorial. Please don't leave your car parked by the memorial that morning. Thank you.

If you have any questions, we can be emailed on [warden@allsaintsharbury.org](mailto:warden@allsaintsharbury.org) or phone Liz (01926 612421) or Andy (07753 497967)

If you wish to book the Tom Hauley Room, please email Moira on [thr@allsaintsharbury.org](mailto:thr@allsaintsharbury.org)

### **From the registers**

#### **Baptism**

Sunday 6th October – Elliot William Edge

#### **Funeral**

Friday 18th October – Eveline Louisa Tennant (97 years)



## **MOTHERS' UNION**

*Gillian Hare*

At our October meeting, we had the good fortune to listen to Mary Robbins, representing Kenilworth and district NSPPC. She described the origins of this wonderful organisation from its start in 1884 in Liverpool and London. Rev Benjamin Moore had as its mantra "What is the very best we can do for children?" and this grew into the national charity of the present day, with Sophie, Duchess of Edinburgh, as its patron.

More recently, it merged with Esther Ranzen's brainchild, Childline. We were then given sobering statistics about the numbers of children phoning this helpline every day. To make it worse, a severe shortfall in funding has meant the closure of centres where help can be given to children and young people in desperate need, as well as training for youth workers and school leaders. We were left to wonder how it is that a need for rescue for badly treated children in Victorian times can be even more relevant in these "enlightened" times?

We shall be hosting the Saturday coffee morning on 23rd November and looking for the usual help.

Our next meeting will be on 6th November. After a service and a brief AGM, we have a speaker about Myton Hospice. This is a place much valued by many in the village and we extend a very warm welcome to any visitors. No need to ask, just come. We meet in the Tom Hauley Room, behind church at 2pm.

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# LADBROKE NEWS & DIARY

## NOVEMBER

### Sun 3 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Family Service 10.30am, followed by refreshments  
Night of our Light, from 5.30pm, Ladbroke Churchyard with names of those we remember read out in church at 7.00pm

Tue 5 Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Wed 6 Heritage & Friendship Group, 10.30am-noon, The Old School

Thu 7 WI, 7.30pm, Village Hall

### Sun 10 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Village Remembrance Service, 3.00pm (no service this morning)

Tue 12 Table Tennis, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Wed 13 Parish Council Meeting, 7.45pm, Village Hall

Sat 16 Coffee Morning in aid of Ladbroke Church, 10.00 -11.30am, Tom Hauley Room Harbury

### Sun 17 TRINITY 25

Holy Communion (BCP), 9.00am

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Tue 19 Table Tennis, 7.30pm, Village Hall

### Sun 24 SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

Holy Communion, 9.00am

Tue 26 Table Tennis, 7.30pm, Village Hall

## DECEMBER

### Sun 1 ADVENT 1

Family Service, 10.30am followed by refreshments

Tues 3 Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Wed 4 WI, Christmas meal at Draycote

Thu 5 Ladbroke Matters AGM, 7.00pm, Village Hall



# LADBROKE CHURCH NEWS

*Peter Rigby*

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

Our Harvest Celebrations at the beginning of October were well attended, with over 50 attending the Family Service and still more coming along to the Harvest Brunch in the Village Hall. Special thanks to some of our local farmers (and others) who ensured that no one went home hungry and to all who made donations; we raised £250 in cash that has been used to buy food vouchers for Fosse Foodbank in addition to the gifts of food that have been passed on to the Foodbank and Galanos House.

On 3rd November, we shall again be holding a "Night of our Light" event in the churchyard, an opportunity to remember those we have loved and lost. The churchyard will be lit with tea lights from 5.30. It makes no difference how much or how little time has passed, or whether your loved ones are in Ladbroke Churchyard. This is not a service, but a time for quiet contemplation and prayer if you so wish. The list of names will be read out at 7.00pm.

Sunday 10th November is Remembrance Sunday and we shall be holding the village Remembrance Service at 3.00pm. Please note that there will be no 9.00am service that day.

On Saturday 16th November the coffee morning in the Tom Hauley Room at Harbury will be run by a team of enthusiastic ladies from Ladbroke to raise funds for Ladbroke Church. Please do come along and support them.

## Future services and events

Sunday 3rd November	10.30am	Family Service
	5.30 - 7.30pm	Night of our Light
Sunday 10th November	9.00am	No Service
	3.00pm	Act of Remembrance
Sunday 17th November	9.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 24th November	9.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 1st December	10.30am	Family Service

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## LADBROKE & DEPPERS BRIDGE WI

*Dianne Surgey*

Our October meeting had a very definite Christmas theme as our friend, Lorraine from Willoughby, our twin WI, guided us through making felt decorations. We could choose to make a little stocking with a pocket for treats or a small stuffed Christmas pudding. Lorraine had done all the preparation, cutting out the various shapes we needed and provided a wide range of items to use for decoration. Some of us had to be reminded of how to do blanket stitch, but like riding a



bicycle, all those long-forgotten skills from school came back after a little guidance. There was a lot of fun as we did our best to make attractive decorations, some more successful than others, but all very much enjoyed.

After refreshments we had the business meeting when Sue gave a summary of the WFWI Annual Meeting where we had a fascinating talk from the Lowland Rescue Trust. This is a relatively recent branch of our rescue services, started 10 years ago. A charity, like so many similar services, they work mainly in rivers and local areas. One of the volunteers demonstrated the very cumbersome kit that they have to wear in water. Our other speaker was Annabel Croft who delighted us with details from her life in tennis and, more recently, her experiences of Strictly. She was absolutely captivating and was happy to answer questions from the audience. We enjoyed our lunch in a local pub and had time for a little retail therapy exploring the various stalls.

We were reminded about the very exciting planned trip to Toronto next year when a group from our WI will explore parts of Canada and catch up with one of our former members. The WI coffee morning at the Tom Hauley room was successful in spite of lower attendance. Thank you to all who helped or attended to support us. The sales table was very well stocked with lots of cakes and interesting items, helping to boost our income once again. Most deposits have now been paid for our Christmas lunch at Draycote and folks are now making their menu choices. Our Food & Friendship lunch will be at The Crown in Stockton on Wednesday 16th October. Our next meeting will be on Thursday 7th November when Trevor Langley will entertain us with tales of Warwick. As ever, you are most welcome to join us.



## LADBROKE MATTERS

David Wright

### It's been a busy month

#### On 11th October we had our quiz night...

Thirteen teams of four wrestled with ten rounds of questions. As our resident music DJ (David) was on holiday, he left a CD introducing questions for the music round, which was set in motion by Kip Warr. One team was mystified as to who was asking the questions as they couldn't see Kip's lips moving!

The 'Irish Wrist Watches' (try saying that after a few pints of Guinness!) won by just one point (well done to them!) and the fish and chip supper provided by Sea Star in Southam seemed to be enjoyed by all. The money raised will go towards the replacement of children's play equipment on the Millennium Green.

Thanks to **Carol Lane** for providing this report.

#### On 12th October we had the Great Millennium Green Tidy up...

What a productive day we had! There were 17 of us at one stage, cutting back greenery and overhanging branches, dismantling a redundant table, sweeping paths, clearing away leaves and piling up all the debris onto Tim Norgate's borrowed tractor. It was lovely to see some new faces (and some younger



ones!) taking part in this activity. We also had a very convivial coffee break with some delicious cakes and biscuits.

The village is about to have a couple of new items of play equipment and a new play surface, so tidying up the Green has been particularly important. However, as the Millennium Green is not Council funded, we have to keep on top of the maintenance of this Green on a continual basis, so the help we had on Saturday was greatly appreciated. If you would like to get involved in future 'tidy ups' or in any other way, please contact the Ladbroke Matters team through the village hall website.



Thanks to **Helen Morten** for providing this report.

### **What do Points Make?**

Well, not points exactly but tokens. To help raise money for the new play equipment, we have sought some grant funding of up to £1500 from the Tesco Community fund. So when you are next shopping at Tesco in Southam, please don't forget to pick up some blue tokens and vote for the Ladbroke Millennium Green play equipment. Voting closes on 25th January next year and we need our pile of tokens to be the biggest to secure the full £1500. Thanks again to Helen Morten for arranging this.



### **Annual General Meeting**

Our Annual General Meeting for both Ladbroke Matters charities has been moved to **Thursday 5th December at 7pm** in the Village Hall and is open to everybody. You will be able to meet the trustees and the team, to hear about what we do, and our future plans. There will also be an opportunity to make comments or suggestions about the hall or the green.

### **Our next supper and film night**

We are planning the next supper and film night for January next year. More details soon.

### **Our Silver Jubilee**

Next year will be the 25th anniversary of the opening of the Millennium Green, so we hope to hold a village fete and boules tournament on the green in late May to mark this milestone (weather permitting!).

### **Hall Bookings**

Our hall has a small kitchen, and a stage area with sound and lighting. It can accommodate up to eighty people. So to book your special celebration, or if you wish to hold regular classes or meetings, contact us **through the village hall website or telephone** Debs on 07779 225105.

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### Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Draw for September 2024

£50	Helen Langford	£25	Jo Rose
£50	Emma Hampson	£10	Carol Locker
£25	Helen Morten	£10	Derek and Collette Batty
£25	Richard Smith	£10	Roger Plaskett

**Margaret Bosworth**



## LADBROKE PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

*Kip Warr*

It was a wet and stormy night when we held our October meeting so the competition pictures of 'Summer Spectacles' were a happy reminder that we had had a summer a couple of months earlier. The sun never stopped shining, it seems, and we had images as varied as cricket matches to coastlines and railways to a rock concert. The most dramatic photographs were taken at a Civil War re-enactment at Cropredy with pikes, muskets and canon.

On 5th November Steve will lead a workshop on photograph models and miniatures and we shall have another competition in December based on November's results. January is traditionally the time for an evening pub meal before we launch into the coming year's programme.

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)

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**Musketeer at Cropredy by Jackie West**

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## LADBROKE HERITAGE

Jackie West

Our Heritage and Friendship group shared their memories of old sayings last month. Quite a number were weather-related and some well-known country-lore such as “Red sky at night, shepherds’ delight; red sky in the morning, shepherds’ warning”. However, some sayings were local and not coming from this area myself I wasn’t too sure what “Someone’s left the gate to Warwick open” meant. The answer is at the end of this article.

We meet again on Wednesday 6th November to reminisce about nursery rhymes and childhood games. I wonder how different our experiences will have been and which ones will have stood the test of time and still be used today? To find out more about the group or to let us know you are coming please contact Carol on 814715.

In the last few weeks I’ve been back to school several times, not as a pupil, but with samples and activities to capture the imagination of seven year olds as they learn about Rocks and Fossils, one of the topics in the national science curriculum. They must have enjoyed it as I’ve already been booked to return at the same time next year!

*(Someone’s left the gate to Warwick open = there’s a cold wind blowing)*



## A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Margie Bosworth

On Friday 13th December at 7.30pm in Ladbroke Church, Spa Chorale presents “Can You Hear the Christmas Bells”.

A programme of Christmas music and readings with some audience participation. The evening will include a glass of mulled wine and mince pies. No tickets but donations will be gratefully received. Looking forward to seeing you there.



## HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL

John Holden - H&L News Correspondent

*Official minutes can be viewed on the Parish Council website [www.harbury-pc.gov.uk](http://www.harbury-pc.gov.uk) or obtained from the Parish Clerk, Tel: 01926 614646*

### Parish Council Meeting 28th September 2024

Public Participation – A number of the Hall Lane allotment holders were present. They thanked the Council for taking over the allotments and then highlighted the problems they have with weed encroachment from the vacant allotments. Whilst they had made attempts to curtail the weeds – particularly bindweed, they were not succeeding. They hoped the PC would undertake some clearance of these overgrown plots. The Chairman explained that the Council

did not tend to any vacant plots up at Pineham allotments. They only strimmed plots that had gone to weed in preparation for a new tenants taking that plot over.

The main priority for the Hall Lane Allotments was the repair of the wall which would be quite costly. This work would also include forming an entrance to the site. Until this was done it was not possible to take any machinery onto the allotment site. The Council were having difficulty in finding builders to quote for this work. One had quoted but ideally the Council required three competitive quotes. So this might not be sorted for few months yet.

### **Other Organisations**

The Chairman was pleased to report that the Library had reopened. The work to install new heating having been completed on time and on budget. However the new electric heating could not be commissioned until Western Power had installed a new supply to the building. The portrait of the King had been hung in the Village Hall.

Country Councillor Kettle advised now that the extension of the 40 mph limit in Butt Lane/ Bush Heath had been approved, he was chasing the relevant department to get the signs installed. He reported that the new sails for Chesterton Windmill were being made off site and installation should commence in January.

### **Planning**

The PC decided to make no representation to the application for conversion of a cart house and garages at Clock Cottage in Bush Heath Road. Also for tree work at Fairview House. The meeting agreed to strengthen the holding objection it had made to the application to build five dwellings off Vicarage Lane. The Chairman reported that the outline application for five self-build houses off Bull Ring Farm Road was likely to be approved. The Council recently lost an appeal for a self-build development and that has put them off refusing such planning applications. The Chairman said that the District Council's self-build policy was not fit for purpose as developers were stating all their developments were self-build!!

The developer who built the Henry's Houses was required to install street lighting along the new path that was laid up to the development. However, this has never been done. Cllr Kettle advised that two lights were specified and that if the developer did not install them, WCC would and invoice the developer. The PC felt one light would be sufficient while the residents there were happy with no street lights. Cllr Kettle explained that the two lights were based on national street lighting guidance and if they were not installed and some future accident were to happen, the Country could be liable for non-compliance. It was agreed that WCC should continue with the plan to install two lights.

### **Properties**

The chairman reported that the perimeter path round the playing fields had been cut back and was now much wider! There was concern over potential damage to the playing fields with vehicles running over the grass to build the bonfire. This was due to the recent heavy rainfall. Extra boarding to protect the grass or more manual hauling of bonfire material would be looked into. Councillors decided against giving permission for fireworks to be launched from the playing fields next May to celebrate a wedding.

A request to place bollards restricting vehicle access to the Pineham allotments was turned down. Councillors thought that this would not deter anyone wishing to steal equipment from allotment holders sheds, as had recently happened. Councillor Bradley volunteered to have special responsibility for allotments. There was a further agenda item on arranging tenancy agreements for the Hall Lane allotments. A methodology had to be decided upon

on how to base the rents for the plots. They were all different sizes whereas Pineham allotments are all standard sizes. The clerk was keen to get tenancy agreements in place and it was agreed to issue these with an initial peppercorn rent.

### Next Meeting

Thursday 24th October 2024 at 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, Christopher Bradley, Kate Gard, Alan Knowles, Ed Mulley, Alex Potter, Robert Stockdale, Keith Thompson.



## HARBURY SOCIETY

David Turner

Firstly, apologies to all those people who struggled to hear what the speaker had to say at the talk on Tuesday 15th October. From now on a microphone will be used so that problem should then, hopefully, be averted.

### The Millennium Way

A presentation by Barry Durman about the 100 mile trail through the Heart of England known as The Millennium Way was given at our September meeting.

Barry commenced his talk with the story behind the formation of The Millennium Way, by telling us it was the brainchild of engineer/businessman Chris Taylor. Following a mini stroke in 1998 he decided he should ease up a little and have Wednesdays off work for walking in the countryside. He invited a few friends to join him from the 41 Club – this is an organisation formed by ex-Round Tablers who, being obliged to leave that club at the age of 40, formed another club where you had to be 41 years of age to join. There are now 24,000 members worldwide and last year Barry was the international chairman and travelled the world to visit some of them.



The group have been walking every single Wednesday since 1998 (Christmas Day and Covid apart). It was felt that it would be good to create a long distance walk in the Midlands, as there is a marked lack of them in this part of the world. It was decided to make it a 100 mile trail and, as the new millennium was two years away, they decided to call it The Millennium Way and launch it in the year 2000. They settled on a 'V' shaped trail, centred on Meriden (the traditional centre of England), running from Pershore in Worcestershire to Middleton Cheney in Northamptonshire.

They approached the Ramblers Association about the project who informed them that, as their members were ageing, they wanted shorter walks rather than long distance ones so it was decided to create 44 circular walks, of varying lengths, all along the main route – Barry described it as being similar to a necklace.

Realising they would need a lot of assistance they contacted all the 41 clubs along the route and asked for seven or eight members from each club to help to plan all the walks.

The walks have instructions that are considered second to none and Barry defied anyone to get lost – providing they followed the instructions that is. Most of them start from a pub or café and they range from three to ten miles in length with one being labelled ‘easy access’. Moreover, if you completed every circular walk, you would have covered every inch of The Millennium Way and walked a total of 267 miles.



*The route of The Millennium Way with the 44 walks*

Having decided to create a walk they then found they had to deal with the officials of the five different counties that the path runs through, Worcestershire, Warwickshire, Solihull, Northamptonshire and Oxfordshire, in order to establish it as a recognised route. The walk took three years of planning using only existing footpaths – not a single path had to be created and it was completed just in time to meet the millennium deadline.

Additionally, all the walks required monitoring, so the local 41 clubs in the area were asked to provide seven or eight people so that each walk could have a designated warden to keep it free of brambles or obstructions and checking stiles, etc. Barry explained that he became involved with the project when he agreed to become a warden.

The team is comprised of 53 members; chairman (Barry), a walks manager, a photographer, five county wardens, 44 route wardens and a webmaster.

The route for each walk can be accessed on their website ([www.millenniumway.org.uk/circular-walks](http://www.millenniumway.org.uk/circular-walks)) simply by clicking on one of the points on the map. The length of each walk is listed on the website together with the number of stiles – some walks have no stiles while others resemble the Grand National, Henley-in-Arden for example, has 23 of them. There are also points of interest plus an electronic GPX file of the route to download for use with a navigation app on smartphones to check progress on an OS map while on the walk. The website is updated each week to include any changes that may have occurred.

Barry showed us a range of photographs of the walks, the first was Broughton Hackett, which at three miles is the shortest route. He listed points of interest such as the National Trust property of Packwood House. Across the road from the walk at Henley-in-Arden West, there is a new café called the Henley Kitchen Café which Barry highly recommends and just up the road is the old railway station which has been converted into a quirky, volunteer-run pub. All Saints Church at Middleton Cheney is known for its Pre-Raphaelite ceiling panels painted by William Morris and the stained glass windows by Edward Burne-Jones.

The Millennium Way crosses HS2 in four places and this has caused problems in the past when construction work is in progress, but of late the management have been more forthcoming with details of work likely to be disruptive.

They do get complaints about animals in the fields on the routes, but Barry says he knows of no one being injured by an animal on any of the walks and mainly cows are just curious. They

also get complaints about the mud when the weather has been inclement and, although it's beyond their control, they do post warnings on Twitter about mud or other issues that have been reported to them.

At the end of the presentation Barry encouraged us all to get walking after which he answered several questions from the floor and was duly thanked by Chair Ed Wilson (who informed Barry he has walked The Millennium Way himself) and the audience enthusiastically showed their appreciation.



*Barry Durman being thanked by Ed Wilson*

## **Dates for your Diary**

### **2024**

**Tuesday 19th November:** Presentation by Colin Clay & Phil Taylor - 'Back Tracks – Detecting the Past'.

### **2025**

**January** – Annual Social TBC.

**Tuesday 18th February** – 'Swifts' – a presentation by Amanda Randall.

**Saturday 8th March** – Coffee morning in the Tom Hauley Room.

**Tuesday 18th March** – 'Cicely Lucas' – a presentation by Christine Cluley, award-winning historian and researcher who has worked on Heritage Education projects at Warwickshire Record Office and Museum.

**Tuesday 15th April** – 'Archaeology in Harbury' – a presentation by Ed Wilson, archaeologist.

All talks are held in the Tom Hauley Room. Doors open 7.30pm with the presentation starting at 7.45pm. All welcome – no need to book. Free to Harbury Society members – visitors £2 (pay at the door).

If you would like further information about the Harbury Society or would like to become a member, please contact Sue Turner, Secretary, on 07917 055920, email [sue@turners.co.uk](mailto:sue@turners.co.uk) or visit the website [www.harburysociety.org](http://www.harburysociety.org)



**HARBURY WI**

*Mary Thompson*

On 28th September, three Harbury members attended the 107th AGM of the Warwickshire Federation of WIs at The Playhouse in Stratford.

We heard from the County Chairman, Sue Postlethwaite and National Chairman Jeryl Stone about a wide range of events put on by the Warwickshire Federation and a new WI Lottery to be launched by the National Federation.

The first speakers were representatives from the Warwickshire Search and Rescue Team; these are 40 trained volunteers who respond to requests from the police. They are based in Stoneleigh and depend entirely on fund raising for equipment and vehicles.

The second speaker was Annabel Croft who described her time as a professional tennis player and her experience on Strictly Come Dancing. Annabel reports on tennis for Sky Sports and Euro Sport – Roger Federer is her favourite player to watch and interview.

Rees McKay had represented Harbury with a flower arrangement in a tea cup which we were delighted to hear had won the Lane Cup for coming first in the competition. In July 2023 Warwickshire WIs were given £10 and challenged to raise as much money as possible in many different ways. We were very excited when it was announced that Harbury had won the Chairman's challenge raising £400 for the Warwickshire Federation and £400 for our own WI. Sue Postlethwaite congratulated Harbury on the book which recorded the many events which had raised the money. Many thanks to Harbury members and Harbury residents who supported our events.

A large attendance at our meeting on 10th October were rewarded with listening to an excellent speaker. Jo Golby has worked as a costume guide at Warwick Castle and Calke Abbey. She arrived with beautiful Laura Ashley clothes which she has collected over the years and she used them to illustrate her talk about Laura Ashley. Laura Mountney was born in Dowlais, Merthyr Tydfil in September 1925. Laura was very fond of her grandmother and her clothes were influenced by her Grandmother's long white nightdress which Jo was able to show us. At the beginning of WW2 she met Bernard Ashley who, although 6ft, was able to enlist in the Gurkhas. Laura enlisted in the Wrens and was involved in Operation Overlord. Laura worked as a secretary for the WI and set up a patchwork exhibition at the V&A museum. While on holiday in France, they happened to see Audrey Hepburn filming "Roman Holiday" where she was wearing a neck scarf with stripes and spots and decided that this was what young London women would be wearing.

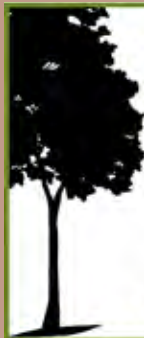
Thus the business started with them dyeing material and so it spread. Their first shop was in Machynlleth and then moved to Carno, Montgomeryshire where Laura, Bernard and their four children also lived; the children all became involved in the business. Bernard was a "wheeler and dealer" and got into all sorts of financial scrapes but nevertheless the business grew and they had property, including a cottage in the Cotswolds, a yacht and private planes. Laura was also very aware that she wasn't the only woman in his life. Laura died in 1985 when she fell down the stairs in her daughter's house and died in the Walsgrave hospital. She is buried in Carno and when Bernard died in 2009, he was buried alongside her. I can't include all the detail Jo gave us in her fascinating talk which we all enjoyed.

Our next meeting on 14th November will be the AGM when we shall review the past year and plan for the next. We hope to attract some new committee members. There will also be some social time.

The final cinema of 2024 will be on Saturday 16th November when we shall be showing "The Keeper" starring David Cross and Freya Mavor. The film follows the true story of Bert







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Trautmann, showing his journey from a German Prisoner of War Camp in Lancashire to becoming a goal keeper for Manchester City. This film has war, romance and football – something for everyone. Tickets should be purchased from the library by Wednesday 13th November – cash or card.



## HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

*Ali Hodge*

Knickers! A “Brief” Comedy by Sarah Quick 28th, 29th and 30th November, 7.30pm Village Hall.



We're sure you the audience will enjoy our next production. The play has good clean humour and the story of the play is universal. We are drawn into the struggles of four ladies who work together to avert economic disaster for their community of Elliston Falls, a one factory town. We sympathise with these ladies. To add variety there is also a chorus called the “Gossips” commenting on the ladies’ actions. Infuriating bureaucracy is made fun off and commentary by the local radio adds extra pizzazz. In the end there is a happy outcome with pride in the community being restored. There are laughs and songs to entertain us along the way. Tickets will be on sale from the library and on line.



## FOLK CLUB

*Peter Bones*

When choosing “Special Places” as the theme for the evening, it was before the campervan tour of the north which Liz and I were planning. We thought the trip would involve visiting numerous special places which would inspire us when selecting a couple of songs to perform. Sadly, after only one night way, we developed a fault in the campervan and had to curtail the trip. We had only got as far as Whitby!

After sharing this tale of woe with the audience, we opened the evening with songs about two of the places we had intended to visit, i.e. the Settle Carlisle Railway, and Ilkley Moor (the Les Barker version).

There was a good sized audience who joined in the choruses with enthusiasm and in fine voice. This set a lovely atmosphere which lasted all evening.

Altogether there were 11 performers, and in all the items presented, some reference to their particular "special places" was made. For a full list of who sang what, please visit the website at [tinyurl.com/harbury-folk-club](http://tinyurl.com/harbury-folk-club).

It was good to welcome Jem Patterson to the Folk Club as a solo performer. He was already known by many as a member of the Somerville Gentlemen's Band, but it was great to appreciate him on his own and experience his dextrous guitar playing and pleasing singing voice. It is hoped he will become a regular.

On several occasions during the evening, peoples' homes were mentioned as being their own most special place. I felt it was therefore very fitting that Peter McDonald, who did the final spot, finished with the beautiful Tom Paxton song "Home To Me is Anywhere You Are". It was a perfect way to bring to a close what had been a very good evening of music and entertainment.

The raffle raised £85.00 for Katherine's House Hospice near Banbury. Five years ago they provided wonderful care for our late daughter-in-law.

Next month, the hosts are to be Sue Crum with Steve and Maureen Darby. The theme is to be "War and Peace", and as usual, we will be meeting in the function room of the Village Club and Institute.



## HARBURY TWINNING ASSOCIATION

*Ron Temple*

It has been a quiet period for our Association over the past few weeks, but events are about to get going again. We have our AGM next month and in December we will have, of course, our Christmas Party. It has been a good year so far with a summer BBQ and the best, of course, being the visit of our friends from Samoia in May. A reminder below of the Civil War display we arranged for them, which was a great, if not a somewhat noisy, event.



Over the years people from Harbury and from Samois-sur-Seine have made strong and long lasting friendships, which is really great to see. Also, here in Harbury we have many events each year which includes getting together, for example, for a game of Pétanque and to celebrate Bastille Day. On such events we normally have a buffet or a dinner and a glass or two! Always good fun and, again, a chance for friendships to be made.



When we go to Samois we not only visit the village but also some superb towns and villages nearby. We are always looking for new members for our Association. If you are interested in joining us, please contact me on: [drtemple@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:drtemple@hotmail.co.uk)



## HARBURY HERITAGE CENTRE

Bill Timson

I have been fascinated and also concerned by the number of buildings in Harbury that no longer exist, victims of modernisation in the middle of the 20th century. We are lucky in the Heritage Collection to have a record of some of them either in our P2 series (old photographs) and / or personal recollections and drawings in our every growing document collection.

The display of *'The lost cottages of Harbury'* has been up in the Heritage Centre for a few weeks now – if you haven't seen it, I think you will find it interesting and you can start to get a picture of how the village scene changed dramatically in the 1950s and 60s.

Two more additions to the 'lost cottages' are the pair of thatched cottages at the top of Bush Heath Lane and Clifton Cottage in Mill Street adjacent to the 'Old Chapel House' which was once the Primitive Methodist Chapel. Neither of the two former properties now exist but from the old photographs we have, I have tried to recreate them using watercolour. My apologies to the late Henson Bamford, known as 'Joe', who was a talented artist and the last

real person to paint views of the village. We are lucky enough to have some of his paintings in our collection.

The aim of the paintings is to offer a colourful picture of the long-gone buildings, upload them onto our Facebook page and hopefully, generate discussion amongst those who can still remember them. I am always delighted when we receive 'posts' that in turn can be 'lifted off' and transcribed to add to our archives.

Shown below are the original photographs (left) held in our collection and how the view looks today.



*Bush Heath Lane*



*Mill Street*

We recently came across a letter from a Miss Margary Priestman, dated 1986, (HM-0582), telling us that Clifton Cottage was once called 'Manor Farm' and it was renamed because Margary's grandmother came from Clifton near Ashbourne in Derbyshire. 'The old farmhouse was replaced in brick on the outside but the inside remained old stone,' she added.

We have lots more about the lost cottages in our collection, so why not pay us a visit and find out more about the lovely village we live in?

### **Other News**

Sunday 22nd September started off very wet and the rain continued all morning. Fortunately, by 2pm it stopped and the families started to arrive and sign up to take part in our **5th Annual Treasure Hunt**.



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We had a record **24 teams** take part; the eventual winners of the fully packed Treasure Chest, was the Bowell Family who scored full marks. Joint runners up were Rosemary Harley and Gill Codd.

Everyone left with something though; the adults were presented with a lovely certificate, designed by David Turner, in the form of a scroll. The children found 'sweetie treasure' in our 'Lucky Dip' tub.

Thanks everybody, including the Heritage Group Committee who donated all of the prizes. We made over £120 for the running of the Heritage Centre. It was a fun afternoon!



### Open Days:

We are open on Sunday 17th November 2 – 4 pm and in December on Tuesday 3rd 7 – 9pm and Sunday 15th 2 – 4pm when we will be offering mince pies and mulled wine.



## HARBURY RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

*Steven Kittendorf*

We've had an outstanding month since our last update. In the 1st XV, we're currently sitting 2nd in the league, which is incredibly impressive given that we were only promoted to this division last season. Some standout moments include defeating rivals Claverdon at home, keeping a strong Coventrians team scoreless in an away match, and more recently, beating Broadstreet, who were top of the league at the time.



We are fielding the strongest 2nd XV squad side I've seen since I started coaching at the club and recently travelled to Banbury and delivered a solid 31-5 victory.

The great performances we've seen are down to the excellent numbers we continue to get at training sessions on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. These sessions give us the opportunity to review our performances and fine-tune our game plan.

It's been fantastic to see so many supporters from the village and surrounding areas at our games – your presence doesn't go unnoticed. Lastly, we're excited to announce some

important upcoming events, and we'd love to see you at the club for them.

On 14th December 2024, we'll be holding a Memorial Day to honour all those connected to the club who have passed. Then, on 18th January 2025, we're hosting our first-ever Ladies' Day, a special occasion to welcome women of all ages from the local area. Finally, our first Sponsors' Day will be a great opportunity for networking among those who have supported the club this season, most of whom are from the village and surrounding areas. We are always deeply grateful for your support.

**Josh Biggs – Head Coach**



### **Mini & Junior**

We kicked the season off this year with a successful sign-up day, we had the bouncy castles out, the BBQ fired up and our coaches running some games for the players. The aim was to welcome back existing players and introduce new players to what HRFC M and Js are all about. Since then, we've had our four weeks of training to get the players up to speed with law changes. We've also had fixtures against Rugby Lions and local rivals Southam. Both fixtures played in great spirit with Rugby Lions feeding back about what a great set of players we have not only technically, but related to RFU core values too, great to hear.

Our U14s, U15s and U16s have all been in Warwickshire Cup action. The U14s missed out away to Broadstreet and home to Shipston. The U15s won away at Rugby St. Andrews whilst the U16s (struggling with reduced numbers) came up short against Leamington and Silhillians.

Please come and support our U15s in their next cup fixture at home to Kenilworth on the 3rd November.

Finally, our Colts are top of the league (as of writing) having won three and drawn a 43-43 thriller against local rivals Old Leamingtonians. If you get a chance, get down and check out the future of HRFC.

**Chris Woodhams – M&J Chairman**



**1<sup>st</sup> HARBURY SCOUT GROUP & HARBURY EXPLORERS**

*Katharine Giblin*

### **Waiting Lists for Harbury Scouting**

Our younger sections Beavers (6-8 yrs) and Cubs (8-10½ yrs) are currently at maximum capacity this Autumn, but we do have spaces in Scouts (10½ -14 yrs) and Explorers (14-18 yrs). If there are any young people (males or females) who are interested, enquires should be emailed to [harburyscoutgroup@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:harburyscoutgroup@hotmail.co.uk).

### **Adult Volunteers**

We can't function as a scouting group without our wonderful team of adult volunteers

including our section teams, GASS (who do our fundraising and look after the Scout Hut), and our parent helpers. A big thank you to Katy Spencer Hammon who steps down from doing admin for Scouts and has made a huge contribution in a variety of roles over the years at Harbury.

If you are interested in finding out more about adult volunteering with Scouting, then please email Paul Quinney (Group Lead Volunteer) on [harburygsl@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:harburygsl@hotmail.co.uk). You don't need to have anyone in scouting to be involved.

### **A Year in Scouts**

It is sometimes good to know what happens in scouting, so here is a snippet of a few things Scouts did last year, by Scout Leader Andy Dean.

"Last May we went camping in the Lake District, where we did activities including a hike, gorge walking, raft building and high ropes.



On Thursday evenings we often build fires outside, which has been improved by the new flood lights which GASS kindly arranged. We have also had several 'make it' evenings including clocks powered by potatoes, a steady hand game and ball launchers. Using our pioneering skills we made a monkey bridge outside.

A highlight of our year was our 'Expedition Challenge' in February as seven Scouts hiked from Kenilworth Castle to Warwick Castle, staying at Hatton campsite overnight. The Scouts planned their route as well as what food they would eat and cooked for themselves. Completing this gave them their Expedition Challenge badge."



Scouting really gives our young people skills for life and is a great way to make new friends and learn new experiences.



## Autumn

Our Autumn curriculum is in full swing. The children have loved our cosy Autumn corner complete with some cuddly Autumn animals, materials in Autumn colours and leaves and conker foliage on the ground. We have provided some sorting vegetables and kitchen resources and the children have been making up and having picnics alongside the Autumn animals.



The children have loved incorporating the Autumn finds into their learning in various different ways. They have been exploring conkers and twigs in a tuff tray, painting and washing pumpkins, using conkers and pinecones to make 'soups' and pies in the mud kitchen and have been using tubes between two stands to roll the conkers to one another – this has proved particularly popular.



Some wonderful Autumn collages are starting to adorn our walls and are looking amazing! The children have also been using leaves and twigs to create paintings instead of brushes which has created some amazing effects.

We have incorporated some Autumn finds, such as sticks, conkers and pinecones into the playdough and the children have been using their imaginations to create some wonderful playdough designs as well as collages on paper.

Thanks to our new one-in-one all-weather suits we have been spending lots of time outside whatever the weather!

## Library

After repairs to their roof, we have been delighted to return to our Story Time in the Library. This is always a favourite with the children as they go through the 'magic' connecting door between the Pre-School and the Library where they hear a story read by a



volunteer from the Library and have an opportunity to choose their own book to look at for a short time.

Each time the children visit, they receive a stamp in their Library 'Passport' and are always so excited when they earn enough stamps to receive a special certificate.

We are very grateful to the Library and their lovely volunteers for welcoming us each week.

### **Pre-School AGM**

Last night, we held our Annual General Meeting to celebrate another year of Harbury Pre-School. We are extremely grateful to our Committee members and parents who continue to support us. They are already in the planning stages for our next fundraising event. We would also like to extend our thanks to everyone in the village who has supported us in any way over the last 12 months.

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



## **HARBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL**

*Lucy Bosley - Headteacher*

*To love, learn and grow together.*

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

### **Harvest**

We had a wonderful collective worship at All Saints Church. Year groups 1-6 took part and shared their reflections about Harvest. Thank you to Rev. Andy for teaching us about God's love for us all. Thank you to the Heritage Centre for providing some very interesting facts about Harvest long ago in Harbury. This was



performed in a news style by year 5 pupils, this added a great comedy level - especially when they asked for a day off to collect blackberries which was traditional in days gone by.

### **Boreatton Park- PGL week**

The year 6 pupils (and staff) enjoyed a fantastic week

at PGL Boreatton Park in Shropshire. They experienced so many adventurous and unusual activities. I was fortunate enough to attend for three days! We had one very wet day but this didn't dampen any spirits. I even had a go on the giant swing!

### **Courageous Advocacy**

As a Church of England Primary School, we teach our pupils about Jesus' love for everyone. One of our year 1 pupils, was so moved by an episode of Doctor Ouch, where he heard about the rare, extremely painful, genetic skin blistering condition, Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB) also known as 'Butterfly Skin' that he decided to raise money for the charity Debra. He held a jam and bake sale with some of his friends and support from his family. They raised over £400. Well done to you all.



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

*Michael Luntley*

Congratulations to all our young readers who entered the Writing Challenge. A small group of judges are currently reading through the submissions. And we're enjoying it. Well done all. The challenge was to write a story about what happens to the toys and books while the library was closed for building work. We plan to put the entries on display and to award prizes on 24th November at the first of an occasional series of 'family concerts'.

'What's a family concert?' you say. Not sure! But something like this: a relaxing Sunday afternoon session - not much beyond 60 minutes - of story reading for all ages, live music from a highly accomplished local duo on recorders and violin plus, of course, readings of the winning entries from the Writing Challenge. Pop the afternoon of Sunday 24th November in your diaries now.

The Harbury Threads Project is getting under way. This is a project to represent, in embroidery, the roots by which we have come to call this village 'home'. The artwork will detail the threads that inform the many facets to our community. It will, on completion, hang in the library. Many in our community will be proud of their deep roots within Warwickshire, others of roots that spin out across the UK and beyond.

Thanks to all those who have already volunteered to help with the design and making. This will take time. It will also take in a lot of anonymised data of our collective roots. Data collection will start soon. If you have a story you want to share about your family's roots then, with appropriate consent and permission procedures, there will opportunity for that and, with consent, stories collected might find their way into song, poetry, or simply a collection of tales to accompany the hanging of the artwork. The main focus, however, will be on the artwork - the map of Harbury's roots. More information available from the Library desk, including anonymised data sheets.

And, speaking of arts, our art gallery is going back up. We had thought we might wait 'til the old heating pipework was removed, but this is likely to take longer than we had thought. Contact Martin Randall or leave a note at the desk if you have artwork you'd like to offer for display.



## WHAT'S COMING UP...

### QUIZ NIGHT & PIZZA

Grab your team and test your grey matter against quiz master Bradley's brainteaser questions at the Bell Inn quiz nights! Enjoy some pre-game Pizza at 6.30pm and then battle it out for quiz prizes from 8pm.  
£12.50pp. Pre-booking is Required  
*Monday 4th November*

### WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP

Thursday 5th December - Wreath Making Workshop 6.30pm  
We provide everything you need to make your wreath with the expert know how as well. We'll also provide Prosecco and some nibbles for you to enjoy whilst you are creating your wonderful wreaths. These places fill up very quickly so please book well in advance.  
£50 per person - Please ask the team to book your slot!

### FESTIVE QUIZ

Start revising now. Bradley is back to quiz your brains this season! Festive Raps will be served at 6.30pm ready for the Quiz to start at 8pm.  
We hope to see you there!  
As always you will need to book.  
*Monday 9th December*

### DECEMBER PARTIES

Enjoy your perfect Christmas with us! Whether it be a work's Christmas party or a festive gathering with family and friends our set menu is perfect for every occasion offering a choice of a two or three course meal. Available for parties of 8 or more.  
Ask the team for more details!

### CHRISTMAS DAY

Join us on Christmas Day for a truly festive experience! Enjoy a three course meal including all of your festive favourites. Booking is essential!  
Please ask the team for more details!

### MASQUERADE NEW YEAR'S EVE MURDER MYSTERY DINNER!

See in the New Year with us! Come and play detective and enjoy this immersive evening including a three course meal, midnight nibbles & fizz!  
Gather your friends and family... There is a murder to be solved!  
Doors open at 8pm.  
Booking is essential, please ask the team for more details!

[www.bellinnatladbroke.co.uk](http://www.bellinnatladbroke.co.uk)

## Harbury C of E Primary School

We are seeking to appoint enthusiastic and creative **Teaching Assistants** to join our friendly, professional team in supporting our children in the classroom environment. We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff, parents and volunteers to share this commitment.

There are three positions available. There is a minimum of 13 hours per week and a maximum of 32.5 hours a week.

POST LEVEL: Band F scp 7 (£18,579.72 pa pro rated)

This is a term time only position.

Our Privacy Notice for applicants can be found on the Arden Forest C of E MAT website by following this link

<https://arden-forest-c-of-e-multi-academy-trust.secure-primariesite.net/vacancies/>

Please email Kate Wilson on [admin3032@welearn365.com](mailto:admin3032@welearn365.com) for more information and an application form.

Deadline for applications is Friday 22nd November 2024.

## Harbury C of E Primary School

**School Caretaker – 15 hours per week**  
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Grade D NJC SCP 4-5

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The successful applicant will have a positive outlook, be a reliable, practical and cheerful, well-motivated person who will be able to deal with the varied nature of the role. They will need to be able to use their initiative, and be proactive to the needs of the school, have a good understanding of Health & Safety/COSHH Regulations (training will be provided), and be able to take on small projects as required.

Other duties will include premises management, opening and locking up premises, maintenance, security of the buildings and site, storage of cleaning materials, ensuring inside and outside environment are well cleaned and maintained.

An individual with multiple handy person skills would be an advantage.

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## GARDEN JOTTINGS

*Christine Dakin from Bridge Nursery*

I understand that the pronunciation of some plant names can cause a bit of difficulty for many people. It's not helped by 'experts' changing the names which can cause confusion. But plants such as delphinium, rhododendron and chrysanthemum are often used with confidence because they are familiar. Here are a few examples of how to say some of the names without any embarrassment.

- Verbena bonariensis (bon-ar-ee-en-sis)
- Euonymus (you-on-ee-muss)
- Cotoneaster (cot-own-ee-ass-ter)
- Helianthemum (heel-ee-anth-ee-mum)

Meanwhile there is plenty to do if the weather allows it and for you to get some fresh air and vitamin D.

Plant garlic, sow broad beans, take hardwood cuttings, sow sweet peas but keep them away from mice, rake up leaves and add to the compost bin or fill plastic sacks (with added holes in) so they can rot down, lift dahlias and store in a frost free dry place, plant indoor bulbs such as Narcissus Paperwhite for an amazing scent, finish planting tulips, plant any bare-root trees and shrubs. And you thought it was time to 'put the garden to bed'?

**Bridge Nursery, Tomlow Road, Napton | [www.bridge-nursery.co.uk](http://www.bridge-nursery.co.uk)**



## NATURE NOTES

*Martin & Amanda Randall*

One of the wildlife highlights at this time of year, on a damp or frosty morning, is looking for spider webs when out walking or in the garden. The watery droplets on the silken webs show up their intricate structures, particularly if they sparkle in the early sunshine. Although many people have a dislike of spiders, they do form an important part of our natural world; catching and eating insects that bother us in our homes and gardens. A few species can bite if provoked but the vast majority of British spiders cannot break human skin with their fangs and a bite is usually very mild, though people's responses may vary. We hope that this article will encourage you to look more closely at these fascinating creatures; some are quite 'beautiful'.

There are different types of web, each characteristic of different groups of spiders. One web that is probably most familiar is the orb web – the



*Orb webs  
(Martin Randall)*

'cobwebs' frequent in Halloween decorations. A word that comes from the Middle English coppeweb, in which coppe is the Old English word for "spider." Orb webs are woven by the European Garden Spider, quite a common species found in gardens. Its alternative name of Cross Spider comes from the white cross-shaped pattern on a background that varies in colour from dark brown to sandy orange or pale yellow. It spins large webs up to 40 cm across, often in shrubs and tall herbaceous vegetation, or across windowframes. Spun across potential flight paths of flying insects, the sticky threads trap flies, wasps and even butterflies.

Another familiar group are the Money Spiders. With about 280 different species, they represent 40% of all our spider species in the UK. These small dark spiders often land on us on sunny days, when they use several strands of silk that are caught by the breeze to transport them to new locations. These 'ballooning' flights are generally short-lived but sometimes they can travel for hundreds of miles if they are caught in the Jetstream.

Money Spiders mature in autumn with adults among grass roots or higher in the vegetation where their activity is revealed by frost-covered webs. Their webs are a horizontal sheet of silk, resembling a hammock, sometimes supported by 'guy ropes' above and below. The spider hangs upside-down beneath the web, rather than on top, waiting for small insects to



*Cross Orbweaver*  
(Martin Randall)



*Hammock web*  
(Martin Randall)

accidentally land on the hammock. These are then seized from below, through the web, by the occupying spider. Money Spider hammocks are frequent on our garden plants. In the autumn, they can form a spectacular sight when mass ballooning events result in thousands of these webs festooning vegetation with sheets of gossamer spider silk. These can also cover the surface of fields where they are effective in reducing some pest species, to the extent that fewer applications of insecticides are needed.



The large, brown, hairy, long-legged spiders that run across your carpets or become trapped in the bath are Large House Spiders. Although their size and movement may startle us, they are benign and pose absolutely no threat to humans or pets. They live in dark corners of houses, sheds and garages as well as



outside in rock and tree crevices. Large House Spiders build webs that have a funnel-shaped tubular retreat in one corner and a large, horizontal sheet of prey-catching silk (not to be confused with true funnel web spiders, which are Australian). The web is made of multiple layers of silk and because it is not sticky it lasts a very long time without losing its effectiveness. The web can be taken over by a succession of different spiders after the original owner dies. We find that the best way to deal with House Spiders is to use a small glass and slip a card underneath in order to take the visitor outside to the garden (obviously taking time to look closely and admire the spider through the glass first!).

Perhaps you may have noticed some other eight-legged creatures - Harvestmen? Although many people are totally unaware of these arachnids, in the past, everyone working in crop fields and pastures (hence the name) would have been very familiar with them. Harvestmen



*Harvestman*  
(Martin Randall)

are easy to identify and distinguish from true spiders: they have eight very long, spindly legs and a small, globular body without the 'waist' that true spiders possess. Their two eyes are located on a raised 'turret' on the top of their bodies. Unlike spiders, harvestmen do not produce silk. A common name for harvestmen is 'Daddy longlegs' but beware, the same name is given to Craneflies, which are flying insects.

Harvestmen are important scavengers and predators, commonly feeding on garden and agricultural pests. They can live anywhere from seashore to mountain summit as long as they have access to a reasonably humid shelter during the day. Damp weather provides ideal conditions for fungi to grow, so autumn is when many species thrive. They come in an amazing range of colours and shapes. Thanks to Sue Turner for sharing her photos of various fungi that she recently spotted at the playing fields and Ufton Nature Reserve.



*Shaggy scalycap toadstool*  
(Sue Turner)



*Shaggy parasol mushroom*  
(Sue Turner)

The Woodland Trust has launched a Citizen Science programme called Nature's Calendar, to help them answer some questions about climate change, including: What effect has recent weather had on wildlife? Does climate change affect timings in nature? The Woodland Trust is asking people to help scientists discover answers to these questions by recording what's happening near you. You'll be contributing to a long biological record that dates back as far as 1736! You can download a handy document showing the ranges of dates to help you identify what species to look out for at different times of year.

[naturescalendar.woodlandtrust.org.uk](https://naturescalendar.woodlandtrust.org.uk)



# HARBURY GENERAL NEWS



## HARBURY DISTRICT COUNCILLOR UPDATE

*Susan Ostrander (Cllr Harbury Ward)*

As the weather starts to get colder some may be concerned about changes to the Winter Fuel Payment. On 29th July the Government announced that the **Winter Fuel Payment** - £200 for those aged 65-79, and £300 for those aged 80 or over - will be restricted to those people in receipt of Pension Credit.

It is estimated that up to 880,000 households are entitled to Pension Credit but not currently receiving it. Pension Credit is a means tested benefit which is paid to help with the cost of living, it can also bring entitlement to additional financial support, including housing benefit, Council tax support, and winter fuel payment. Pension Credit can be backdated by up to three months (subject to meeting qualifying criteria).

The deadline to claim to be entitled to this year's winter fuel payment is 21st December 2024.

Those that would like further advice or help to make a claim can:

- Call Citizens Advice on 0808 250 5715 or
- Visit one of the Citizen Advice Bureau drop-in sessions. For details of their opening hours visit [www.casouthwarwickshire.org.uk](http://www.casouthwarwickshire.org.uk)
- Call the Pension Credit Hotline: 0800 99 1234

You can check if you are eligible for Pension Credit using the Pension Credit calculator here: [www.gov.uk/pension-credit-calculator](http://www.gov.uk/pension-credit-calculator)

If you believe you are entitled to Pension Credit you can claim online: [www.gov.uk/pension-credit/how-to-claim](http://www.gov.uk/pension-credit/how-to-claim)



### Cost of Living Support

Stratford-on-Avon District Council is committed to helping everyone access the right information and services. These are difficult times for people and many worry about money, the cost of living and not being able to pay bills which can impact on people's wellbeing.

There is a range of support available including:

- Warm hubs
- Food support
- Financial advice
- Help with bills
- Health and Wellbeing

Further information, including a referral form to help target the right support, can be found here: [www.stratford.gov.uk/benefits-support/cost-of-living-support.cfm](http://www.stratford.gov.uk/benefits-support/cost-of-living-support.cfm)

## Customer Access Terminal Southam

For those of us here in the East of the District it is a long drive all the way to Stratford if we wish to speak to someone in the council offices there. It's an even longer journey on public transport! After much waiting, a new Customer Access Terminal (CAT) has been installed in Southam Library; a much shorter journey for those wanting to speak to someone at the Council.

These terminals allow you to talk, one-to-one, with a customer service advisor at our headquarters in Stratford-upon-Avon. Each terminal is equipped with scanners and webcams. The scanner allows you to easily show documents to the advisors and if necessary, capture the image for processing, the webcams allow you to interact face to face for a more personal service.

The council has been working to improve access for residents. While many people can use the internet and phone, sometimes face-to-face enquiries and discussions can help. Enquiries relating to council tax, benefits, and housing can be dealt with there. We have already had feedback that this is a welcome improvement for those residents living a long way from Stratford town.

The CAT in Southam is located at Southam Library & Information Centre, Tithe Place, High Street, Southam, CV47 0HB.

CAT Operational hours:

- Monday - 09:30 - 16:00
- Tuesday - 09:30 - 16:00
- Wednesday - CLOSED
- Thursday - 09:30 - 16:00
- Friday - 09:30 - 16:00

## Firework Season and Animals

Many of us love this time of year when the evenings draw in and the trees develop their beautiful autumnal colour. Many also love the season of fireworks and look forward to the displays for Guy Fawkes in Harbury and also Ladbroke. However, fireworks season is a real source of stress for many people because of the negative impacts that this has on their pets. Within a 6-mile radius of Harbury alone it is estimated that there are at least 4000 pet cats and dogs! Of course, there are also horses and livestock in our local area that can be adversely affected by loud fireworks. Furthermore, people can feel isolated and marginalised when they express these concerns and get drowned out by other voices in favour of the fireworks. In response to these competing interests, the RSPCA has launched a great guide for people that could help those on both sides of this debate.

The #KindSparks information guide can be found here:

[www.rspca.org.uk/getinvolved/campaign/fireworks/friendly](http://www.rspca.org.uk/getinvolved/campaign/fireworks/friendly)



**CRAFT HARBURY CRAFT FAIR – SATURDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2024 —**  
**FAIR** *Fiona Crossan*

We would like to remind you that this year's Craft Fair will be held on Saturday 9th November from 10.00am – 4.00pm at Harbury Village Hall and, as always, entry is free and all funds raised will be donated to Myton Hospice.

# The Harbury Village Cinema in Harbury Village Hall



## Saturday November 16th

Tickets available from

**Harbury Library**

Cash or card.

Please buy tickets by 13th November.

**Licensed Bar.**

Any inquiries to:

Chris Rutherford 01926 241168

Tickets are

£13.00 to include fish'n'chips

& 2 raffle tickets

or £7.50 to include 1 raffle ticket only

**No tickets will be sold on the door.**

**Doors open 6.15pm Film begins 7pm**

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Classes also available at the Sydni Centre, CV311PT, on a Tuesday & Friday 4-6pm, and Saturday 9-11am



We will have a wide selection of handmade crafts available - several new stalls again this year - so why not come along and either treat yourself or make a start on your Christmas shopping while supporting Myton Hospice at the same time.

Tea, coffee and cakes will be available throughout the day along with hot food at lunch time.

If you are able to donate a bottle for the bottle tombola or a prize for the raffle please get in touch.

All donations are greatly appreciated. Please contact Shirley on 01926 612798 or Fiona on [fcrossan@outlook.com](mailto:fcrossan@outlook.com) if you can help in any way.



## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 2024

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*Gill Holden & Nicola Thompson*

Further to our article in last month's magazine. Just a reminder that poppy merchandise is still available from the following village outlets:

- Bull Ring Garage
- The Fosse Garage
- Harbury Village Library
- The Shakespeare Inn
- The Crown Inn
- Harbury Village Club
- The Salon
- Harbury Co-op
- The Gamecock
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## LITTER PICK IN HARBURY

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*Ian Reynolds*

Join us this month for the litter pick on Saturday 9th November and next month on Saturday 7th December. Meet at the village hall car park, 10.00 - 11.00am, litter pickers, hoops and bags provided.



## HARBURY LOCAL MARKET

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*Steve Ekins*

This month's Harbury Local Market is our Christmas Market Saturday 16th November 10.00 – 12.30 in the Village Hall.

There will be lots of Christmas gifts available from our Art and Craft people, plus Food and Drink. Please come along and see Santa.

The Community group we are supporting is Harbury Pre School.

Councillors Corner will be there from 10.00 – 11.00am to answer any questions you may have.

Join us for a Tea or Coffee and a Bacon Roll.

Please note this is our last Market for the year, the next Market is 25th January 2025.

If you would like to contact us, you can email us [harburylocalmarket@gmail.com](mailto:harburylocalmarket@gmail.com) and also on Facebook @Harbury Local Market, please join our group for regular updates.

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## THE COLLECTIVE

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*Rev. Andy Batchelor*

Events in today's world trigger a multitude of questions on issues to which our modern society is wanting answers. All Saints Harbury engages in discussion on such issues from both a secular and Christian perspective by meeting on a regular basis in the Shakespeare pub. The next meeting of THE COLLECTIVE will take place on Tuesday 19th November 2024 at 7.30pm. Our next subject for discussion is 'Hospital Chaplaincy - do you need a health warning?'



## BUMPS & BUNDLES

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*Carol Jackson and the Bumps Team*

Bumps and Bundles got off to a slow start this September. But now we have got back into the swing we have welcomed some new members with their little bundles.

The group is a drop-in and an outreach from All Saints' Church. Although we ask the adults to sign in there is no need to "join" they just come along to the Tom Hauley Room (behind the church) any Tuesday morning between 10.30am and 12 noon. (Term time only.) There are plenty of toys for the children to play with and the helpers are there to make a cup of tea/coffee and supply them with biscuits and/or cake (often homemade). The adults that have been coming regularly say it is really good to just be able to sit and chat to other adults.

We have a good band of volunteers and so the rota is not too onerous. It can be hectic sometimes as the children grow and become more independent.

We generally have a small Christmas Party at the end of the autumn term.

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday mornings.



## WEDNESDAY WALKERS

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*Gillian Hare*

October has seen us enjoying some lovely walks in unseasonably warm weather and, so far, no rain on Wednesday mornings. We have been east, west and south, with north, to Frankton, to follow. Pam showed the lesser known side of Kenilworth with two old woodlands, The Common and Crackley Woods. These are reached by the long disused railway line to Berkswell, now upgraded to a Greenway with a good surface for wetter days.

Our Autumn season continues mostly fairly near at hand, do look at the details on the diary page and do come for a "taster".

Our pre-Christmas walk will be on 18th December and include the option of a meal at The Merrie Lion, Fenny Compton. We will have their menu soon to order our choice of food, so get it in your diaries.



## SENIOR CITIZENS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Mike McBride

Invitations will be delivered in November to those of you on our mailing list. We hope that you are looking forward to the Christmas Party and that you have the date set in your diaries. As a reminder, it will be on **Saturday 14th December in the Village Hall**. The **doors open from 5.30 for a 6.00pm start**. We are asking that replies to the invitations be returned to the library by **Saturday 23rd November**.

There is still a maximum number of people that we can seat in the village hall and places will be allocated as invitations are returned. As is our custom, we do not contact you to confirm that you have a place. Assume you have a place unless you hear otherwise.

As usual we will be having a raffle at the Christmas Party. If you would like to donate prizes, they will be most welcome and can be delivered to either 1 Park Lane or 32 South Parade.

If you want further information or are interested in joining or helping us, please contact Mike McBride on 612421 or Julie Clarke on 612066 or talk to a committee member.

Meanwhile, we look forward to seeing you at the party and hope that you will enjoy yourselves.



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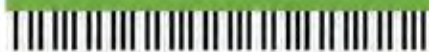
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