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EDITORIAL

A round up of local news

Congratulations to the Harbury Village Show organisers on another very successful event. There was a good standard of exhibits and a great turnout for viewing. Our picture shows an entry which won first prize, other photos taken at the show are in our middle pages.

GASS will be running the Bonfire and Fireworks on Saturday 2nd November. Tickets can be bought in advance or on the day. The usual house collection of garden rubbish and wooden items will be taking place. If you would like to use this collection service, please complete the cut off slip on page 39.

Both Harbury and Ladbroke churches will once again be participating in the 'Night of Our Light' event. This year it will be on Sunday 3rd November, you will be able to see the churchyards lit up with hundreds of candles. If you have not visited this event before, it is certainly worth seeing. Names of your loved ones can be added to the list to be read out.



The Ladbroke Matters Team are hosting a Quiz and Fish & Chip Supper on Friday 11th October. Further details are in the article. The deadline for donating your Christmas Shoe boxes filled with goodies is Monday 4th November.

The annual Remembrance Day will be held in November and the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal starts at the end of this month. Once again there will be a village collection organised in Harbury with poppy merchandise available in local outlets.

Finally, congratulations to Zoe Grey and Thomas Scott, Andrew Boswell and Michelle Lawley and Steven Wingrove and Gemma Viner on their recent weddings.

Our condolences go to the families of Carol Marsh, Sue Mercer, Eileen Reynolds, John Smith, Terry Timms and Bernard Worrod.

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HARBURY DIARY

For local events

OCTOBER

- Sat 5 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of RNLI
Litter Pick, 10.00 - 11.00am, meet Village Hall car park
- Sun 6 PENTECOST 20**
Said Communion, 9.00am, Church
Little Saints, 10.30am, Church
Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall
- Mon 7 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 8 Chair-based Activity Class, 10.00 - 11.00am, Village Hall
Bumps & Bundles, 10.30am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room
- Wed 9 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.35am, Village Hall car park - Hampton Lucy - Wasperton
(3.5 miles flat)
Quiet Space, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
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 10 Table Tennis, 9.30 - 10.30am, Village Hall, Tel: 01926 612951
Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
Harbury WI, - Jo Golby presents 'The Laura Ashley Story', 7.30 for 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room
- Sat 12 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of All Saints' Church, Harbury
Repair Café, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Village Library
- Sun 13 PENTECOST 21**
Sung Holy Communion with children's church, 10.30am, Church
Messy Church, 3.00 - 5.00pm, Church
Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall
- Mon 14 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 15 Chair-based Activity Class, 10.00 - 11.00am, Village Hall
Bumps & Bundles, 10.30am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room
Harbury Society, Talk: 'Roman Warwickshire' - a presentation by Dr. Paul Grigsby, doors open 7.30pm, Tom Hauley Room
The Collective - 'The Foodbank', 7.30pm, Shakespeare Inn
- Wed 16 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.35am, Village Hall car park - Kenilworth (4 miles)
Connections (Dementia Friendly) Café, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room

- Wed 16 Spellbound Dance Classes, 5.00 - 5.30 & 5.30 - 6.15pm, Village Hall
Last day for purchasing Village Cinema Tickets from Library (film Sat 19th)
Hereburgh Morris Practice session, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall
- Thu 17 Table Tennis, 9.30 - 10.30am, Village Hall, Tel: 01926 612951
Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
Carer's Group Meeting - including talk on Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA),
1.00 - 2.00pm, Biblio's, Village Library
Harbury Library Classic Book Group, 7.30pm, Village Library
- Sat 19 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Southam United
Bowling Club
Village Cinema presents 'The Fall Guy', doors open 6.15, film begins 7.00pm, Village
Hall (Tickets in advance only from Harbury Library)

Sun 20 PENTECOST 22

- 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 21 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 22 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
- Wed 23 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.35am, Village Hall car park - Ilmington (4 miles)
Knitwits and Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Village Library
Spellbound Dance Classes, 5.00 - 5.30 & 5.30 - 6.15pm, Village Hall
Heritage Centre's AGM, 7.30pm start, Heritage Centre (Park Lane entrance)
Hereburgh Morris Practice session, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall
- Thu 24 Table Tennis, 9.30 - 10.30am, Village Hall, Tel: 01926 612951
Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Sat 26 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 Myton Hospice

Sun 27 PENTECOST 23

- Sung Holy Communion, 10.30am, Church
Muddy Church, 10.30am, meeting in Tom Hauley Room
Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall

- Mon 28 Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall
Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall
- Tue 29 Chair-based Activity Class, 10.00 - 11.00am, Village Hall
Bumps & Bundles, 10.30am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room
- Wed 30 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.35am, Village Hall car park - Frankton (4 miles optional
pub meal)
Spellbound Dance Classes, 5.00 - 5.30 & 5.30 - 6.15pm, Village Hall
Hereburgh Morris Practice session, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall
- Thu 31 Table Tennis, 9.30 - 10.30am, Village Hall, Tel: 01926 612951
Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room

NOVEMBER

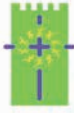
- Fri 1 Meeting Point, 12.30pm, The Crown Inn
- Sat 2 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Harbury Toddler
Group
Harbury Bonfire and Fireworks, gates open 5.00pm, bonfire lit 6.00pm, firework
display at 6.30pm, Village Hall Playing Fields

Sun 3 PENTECOST 24

- Said Holy Communion, 9.00am, Church
Night of Our Light, 5.30 - 7.30pm, All Saints' Church
- 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 - Stoneleigh (3.5 miles flat)
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
- Sat 9 Harbury Craft Fair, 10.00am - 4.00pm, Village Hall
Litter Pick, 10.00 - 11.00am, meet Village Hall

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FROM THE RECTOR

Rev. Andy Batchelor

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Well summer seems to have come to an end as the weather changes. Entering into autumn, there is that sense of change and a new start. That humid summer air turns fresh and crisp, a cue that we are starting something new. Every year, this season reminds me that life constantly brings changes. We may follow new opportunities to grow, to help others, and to see God differently in the world. It won't be long before the colours around us change as the greens of nature are replaced by red and orange and brown.

The autumn season reminds me that we too, in our faith and understanding of God, are on that cyclical journey of learning and growth. But change isn't always easy or as obvious as we would like. Autumn, despite its appeal for some, may be sad and challenging for others. Luckily, like the dynamic autumn air, we have each other to freshen our perspective on God's presence in our lives. We have each other to learn from, to walk with and support as we go through the joys and challenges that life's changes may bring.

Although we may not know what lies ahead, God is active in our lives through the people around us. We are guided and supported by Christ so that we may see each other more clearly and love one another more fully. Paul in Corinthians says just this, "So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!"

Autumn reminds us of the changes we undergo in life but always with the support of our fellow believers and with Jesus at our side.

Celtic Prayer at Autumn

We bless you, God of Seed and Harvest and we bless each other that the beauty of this world and the love that created it, might be expressed though our lives and be a blessing to others, now and always.



FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

Andy & Liz

September has brought about new seasons for many of us, which was the theme of Muddy church this month where nine young people braved the bad weather for various activities including cooking s'mores and dough twists on the fire.

Our children's and youthwork has kicked off again with different things happening each week.

1st Sunday of month (10.30) - Little Saints: Aimed at younger children with a story and craft activity followed by breakfast of bacon sandwiches and croissants.

2nd Sunday of the month (10.30) - Children's church: A short bible story with related activities and a game.

2nd Sunday of month (15.00) - Messy Church: Meet in Tom Hauley room for different craft activities, a short worship in church and then a meal for the children.

3rd Sunday of Month (10.30) - All Age service in church

4th Sunday of month (10.30) - Muddy church

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Outside in the churchyard with a fire, hot chocolate and marshmallows, craft and games - aimed to be suitable for children up to 11.

5th Sunday of month - (10.30) - Children's church

You'd be very welcome to join us at any of the above. Please feel free to contact us for more details.

Our harvest festival formed part of our All Age service in September. It was great to get together in church to celebrate the produce of the land and collect various tins of food and other items which were donated to the food bank which coincidentally was being collected in church at the time due to the library being closed.

Last month we mentioned the Riding Lights theatre company potentially coming for a performance in church in October. Sadly when we got the details of their set, it was too big for us to be able to host it this year, but we're hoping to be able do so next year.

If you have any questions, we can be emailed on warden@allsaintsharbury.org or phone Liz (01926 612421) or Andy (07753497967).

From the Registers

Weddings

13th September Andrew Boswell and Michelle Lawley
14th September Steven Wingrove and Gemma Viner

Funerals

28th August Eileen Reynolds (95 years)
15th September Carol Marsh (81 years)



MOTHERS' UNION

Gillian Hare

Our autumn season began with Chris leading a service in Church at which Rev Andy presided, October began with a talk about the NSPCC and Childline. We continue on 6th November with our AGM (brief!) and a speaker on the variety of services provided by Myton Hospice. I know this wonderful place is dear to many of us, and invite anyone who would be interested to join us then. We meet in the Tom Hauley Room at 2pm, starting with a said communion service.



LADBROKE NEWS & DIARY

OCTOBER

Sun 6 HARVEST FESTIVAL

Family Harvest Service 10.30am
Harvest Brunch from 12 noon, Village Hall

Tue 8 Table Tennis 7.30pm, Village Hall

Fri 11 Quiz with fish & chip supper, 7.00pm, Village Hall

Sun 13 TRINITY 21

Holy Communion, 9.00am

Tue 15 Table Tennis 7.30pm, Village Hall

Sun 20 TRINITY 22

Holy Communion (BCP), 9.00am

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Tue 22 Table Tennis 7.30pm, Village Hall

Wed 23 Annual Village Meeting, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Sun 27 TRINITY 23

Holy Communion, 9.00am

Tue 29 Table Tennis 7.30pm, Village Hall

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



LADBROKE CHURCH NEWS

Peter Rigby

www.ladbrokechurch.org.uk

Thank you to all those who have completed our church questionnaire. If you have completed a paper copy, these can be returned at the Harvest Brunch, via the box in the Church, or by handing to a church member. Alternatively, there is still time to complete the questionnaire online via the QR code shown.



Hopefully this edition of H&L News will arrive in time to remind you of our Harvest Celebrations on 6th October, comprising our Family Service at 10.30am followed, from about 11.45am, by a Harvest Brunch in the Village Hall.

Thanks to the generosity of some of our local farmers, there will be no charge for the brunch, but we will be accepting donations; fresh produce donated will be taken to Galanos House and non-perishables will go to the local food bank at Southam.

Any cash donations will be used to purchase vouchers for the food bank. Do join us for either

or both the service and brunch, it is a chance for us to celebrate the harvest safely gathered in and for the village to come together in fellowship to simply share a meal.

Looking ahead to November, we shall again be having a “Night of our Light”, this year on Sunday 3rd November. This is not a church service but a chance for us to remember and read out the names of those we have loved and lost. The churchyard will be lit with tea lights from 5.30pm. It makes no difference how much or how little time has passed, or whether your loved ones are in Ladbroke Churchyard. You will be able to put any names you wish to have read out on a list on the table in the Church from the beginning of October, please do add names if you wish your loved ones to be remembered. These will then be read out at 7.00pm on 3rd November. Do wrap up warm and join us for this time of quiet contemplation, to see the church lit so beautifully and, most importantly, to hear the list of names read out.

The following Sunday, 10th November we shall be holding the village Remembrance Service at 3.00pm, when every organisation in the village will lay a wreath at our war memorial. Please note that there will be no 9.00am service that day.

From the Registers

Wedding

24th August Zoe Grey and Thomas Scott

Funeral

19th September Bernard Worrod

Future Services and Events

Sunday 6th October	10.30am	Family Service followed by Harvest Brunch
Sunday 13th October	9.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 20th October	9.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 27th October	9.00am	Holy Communion
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

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LADBROKE PARISH COUNCIL

Jackie West - H&L News Correspondent

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

SDC

Cllr Ostrander reported that SDC issue a fortnightly email newsletter and she encouraged people to sign up for it at www.stratford.gov.uk/newsletters. For those who might be looking for grants in the future, the rural funding digest at www.rsonline.org.uk/category/rural-funding-digest has a long list of grant funding bodies and what they will support. A Local Plan for new housing in South Warwickshire is being developed by Stratford

and Warwick District Councils, setting out which areas should be developed or protected for the next 15 years; the overall number needed (set by government) is likely to increase. Residents are reminded to reply to the electoral register letters that have been sent out, especially those who have moved house because even if you have updated the council for council tax, this does not automatically update the electoral register.

Street Lighting

The electricity is now supplied via Yu Energy with monthly charges for July and August approx £36 each. The clerk is still waiting to hear about the refund when overcharged after the switch to LEDs, but warns it may not be much.

Planning

The council had made no representation for tree works at Elgin, the garage/garden room at Langford Cottage nor the change of use to domestic dwelling for The Garage. SDC had approved tree works at Bellview Cottage and Sycamores. They had also approved the stable block on the triangle of land to the north of Windmill Lane without any conditions attached regarding remediation of the land to make it suitable for horses. This was after another discussion at Planning Committee at which our Parish and District councillors raised issues. Many committee members would have liked to refuse it but they could find no material reason within planning law. The almost hour-long committee hearing on 31st July 2024 can be seen on YouTube at youtu.be/tKCs9UwfskA starting about four minutes in.

HS2

As raised at previous meetings there are concerns about the level of traffic through the village when the A423 or the road between Southam and Deppers are closed for works alongside the carriageway or when new stretches with the overbridges are joined in. There is diminishing confidence that closures will be at the planned time, or as short as possible, based on ongoing works, hearing that a bridge was designed and erected without balustrades which makes it unsafe to use until resolved. Cllr Kettle is also unimpressed that the new liaison officer is unable to get answers to his questions, such as a request for the documents justifying tree removal along the A423. He did speak with the Construction Commissioner about concerns but while the contractors used to wish to avoid public embarrassment, cost reduction now seems to be more important than minimising adverse impacts on local communities. Ragwort has been taking hold on land used by the HS2 contractors. Each plant can produce up to 150,000 seeds with a 70% germination rate and seeds remain dormant in the soil for up to 20 years!! Ragwort is a major issue for livestock as it causes liver disease in animals. Land owners can be prosecuted over ragwort but DEFRA have no money to take on HS2; the contractors say they are doing their best but the gradients are too steep and they have insufficient resource to clear it all manually. EKFB have done some removal recently but not BBV. If you have pictures of HS2-related issues, they can be added Cllr Kettle's growing library of issues, including ragwort.

Other

Following the adoption of the housing needs survey at the last meeting, the council had to consider if they wished to walk around the parish to identify land suitable for building on to meet that need. They decided NO. It was agreed to get a quote for maintenance of the water pump the council bought after the 2007 floods.

Police

At the recent liaison meeting, the police had summarised the type of crime (housing, vehicle, anti-social behaviour) occurring in local villages and what they were doing to support people

afterwards. The police do not review Facebook posts so it is important if you see anything odd to formally report it.

WCC

Clr Kettle advised that Ladbroke has 195 gullies in the road, with about one third cleared twice a year by subcontractors. If there are problems with blocked gullies causing flooding the Highways contact should be notified, though jetting out takes about a day and there is a backlog at present. Harbury is having the speed in Bush Heath Lane reduced via Traffic Regulation Orders (not traffic calming measures) that their parish is paying for; HS2 have paid for a decrease to 20mph in Southam.

Annual Village Meeting

Wednesday 23rd October, 7.30pm, Village Hall. People from all the various groups and organisations in Ladbroke will be giving updates. Do come along and find out about what has and will be happening.

Next Parish Council Meeting - Wednesday 13th November, 7.45pm.



LADBROKE & DEPPERS BRIDGE WI

Carol Lane

The September meeting was held on Thursday 5th in Ladbroke Village Hall. Cheryll Rawbone, the area co-ordinator for the charity 'the Friendship Project for Children', told us how the project works. It is based on the Big Brother - Big Sister movement in America and is a registered Warwickshire-wide charity supported by the Social Services of Warwickshire. Children between the ages of six and sixteen who are perceived to have a need are referred by school or social services. They are then matched with a volunteer for regular simple outings, which could take the form of walks, bike rides, visit to a cafe etc. The Volunteers are given training and are DBS checked before having a trial outing with a young person to see if they are a good 'fit'. They are allowed £14 per outing and the whole family of the sponsored child is taken into consideration. Cheryll gave us some examples from the 25 friendships in her area and group meetings are also organised for children and volunteers to get to know others.

Cheryll's background was in catering, making celebration cakes and as a tennis coach and she works with Trustees and a small operation team. Since its inception in 1986, the charity has supported 1,500 children. The costs of the charity include payment of part time salaries for the operation team, insurance, expenses and something special for the children's birthdays and Christmas so donations are welcomed. More information can be found at www.friendshipproject.co.uk or by calling 07516 527714.

Dianne writes on this month's Food and Friendship lunch: 'Five of us met at the newly refurbished Fox and Hen where the very reasonably priced menu offered a range of tasty options. We had the best table to enjoy the view and it was fascinating to watch the local buzzards out on the hunt for their lunch too. As ever we enjoyed the company and chat but did manage to leave before they closed for the afternoon!'

At the business meeting, the date and venue for our Christmas meal was discussed. Most people preferred to meet at lunchtime and Wednesday, 4th December seemed to be the day when most people could come, so menus and prices of restaurants will be compared. Sue

Dargan put forward an exciting proposal. She is prepared to organise and manage a WI trip for a six night Toronto and Niagara Discovery tour. Direct flights from Heathrow, four days car hire, 3 & 4* hotels, Toronto hop on/off bus tour, Niagara Falls pass and helicopter flight from £1,549. Please give this some thought and ask Sue if you would like more information. On a much more mundane level, the committee will look at whether a litter picking session in the villages of Ladbroke and Deppers Bridge is necessary.

The next meeting, on 3rd October, will be a craft evening and Lorraine Arnett from Willoughby WI is going to help us sew Christmas decorations so bring scissors and needles. This will be in Ladbroke Village Hall starting at 7.30pm and everyone is welcome.



LADBROKE MATTERS

David Wright

All about us

The village hall and Millennium Green are registered charities whose admin and finance are overseen by a group of trustees. The upkeep of the village hall and Millennium Green is the responsibility of all of us who live in Ladbroke so our larger Ladbroke Matters team takes care of maintenance and organises fundraising events.

The more you support us with your skills, time, and/or money, the more we can continue to maintain these facilities for the benefit of us all. Our website at www.ladbrokevillagehall.org.uk contains photos of the interior and exterior of our village hall and general information. We always welcome new team members - so if you would like to join us, get in touch via the form on the website contact page.

Calling all masterminds

Friday 11th October is the date of our next quiz night in the village hall **commencing at 7pm sharp**. This is always a popular event so put together your **team of four** and book early. The cost is £12.50 per person including a fish and chip supper. Tickets are available from Carol Lane (carolandgeofflane@gmail.com) or 01926 814715). Please tell her your team name when booking. All proceeds from the night will go towards the Millennium Green play area.

The Millennium Green Play area....

...is our big project. The equipment was installed in the year 2000 when the green was established and is now looking a little tired. We have allocated a sum of money to enable work to begin overhauling, replacing, and/or adding new items in the playground including a replacement picnic table. Contact us via the village hall website if you have any suggestions for the play area.

As more funds are still needed we're continuing to allocate proceeds from our events. It is therefore disappointing that our boules tournament had to be cancelled last month as we had insufficient players to make it viable.

Our Silver Jubilee

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

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Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting for both Ladbroke Matters charities will be on **Monday 2nd 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 any 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 will follow later.

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.

From 1st October our hourly booking rates will increase to £16 per hour, or £13 for Ladbroke residents. This is to cover the additional cost of heating the hall during the Winter months. The rates will revert back to £15 and £12 on 1st April next year.

Non-residents may be asked to pay a £50 deposit on booking.

Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Draw for August 2024

£50	Maggie Watts	£25	Graham Lewis
£50	Roger Plaskett	£10	Richard Smith
£25	Mike Todman	£10	Chris and Caryl
£25	Emma Hampson	£10	Tracy Juba

Margaret Bosworth



LADBROKE PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Kip Warr

We always look forward to Gray and Nicky Lewis's talks about their travels (or 'Lewis Tours' as they are now known). This was an open meeting and we were pleased to have an appreciative audience of thirty in the village hall. We were not disappointed when the Lewises transported us to Jordan with their excellent photographs and anecdotes.

Gray explained the long history of invasions by Persians, Greeks, Romans and Ottomans, the loss of the West Bank to Israel and the conflicts with Al Qa'ida, ISIS and Yemenis. The invaders left their marks: Greek architecture in the extraordinary carved facades of Petra, Roman amphitheatres and long underground aqueducts, and the Ottomans' desert railway of T.E.Lawrence fame. Gray and Nicky brought to life



many places with familiar names: Wadi Rum (camel rides in the desert between huge rocky outcrops), the Dead Sea (swimming, or rather, floating), Madaba (a 6th century mosaic depicting the Holy Land) and Aqaba (looking at Israel across the strait). Less familiar was Mt Nebo, the place where Moses saw the Promised Land and was told that he would never make it. We hope there will be another Lewis Tour for us to hear about before too long.



In October we shall have a competition and topic on 'Summer Spectacles', November will be a workshop on Models and Miniatures and we shall have another competition in December based on our earlier activities with slot cars, models and miniatures. Visitors, guests and new members are all welcome to our meetings which are usually in Ladbroke Village Hall on the first Tuesday of the month. For more information please contact ladbroke.photoclub@btinternet.com

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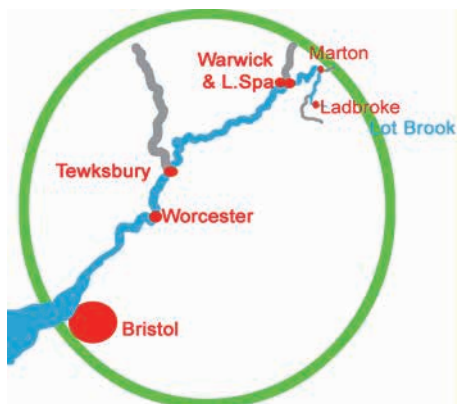
LADBROKE GENERAL NEWS



LADBROKE HERITAGE

Jackie West

Heritage Open Days brought in new visitors to Ladbroke church, many keen to see our stained glass or learn about some of our connections and they went away satisfied, some very satisfied by their bespoke tour. If you didn't make it, you might like to try this easy geographic challenge and put these waterways in the correct order. It's amazing to think that molecules of water in our stream can bathe the shores of America.



There are usually one or two people who arrive just before we close for the day. This year an elderly couple were more than 30 minutes late (having got lost in Harbury!) so the display was packed away and my key in the door. However as I'm always keen to share our lovely church with visitors, my husband was instructed to start cooking dinner so that I could show them around and their journey was not wasted. They loved it all - the history, the carvings, the stained glass and the huge ammonite that lives near the altar - and they plan to return to look round more thoroughly another time. If you would like to explore Ladbroke Church yourself or bring visitors, it is open 10am - 4pm daily; there is a leaflet pointing out the highlights or email ladbrokechurch89@btinternet.com to organise a guided tour at a mutually convenient time.

The September gathering of the Heritage and Friendship group reminisced about clothes, hats and hairstyles. Several garments were brought along including a 'New Look' red and black felt skirt, a 100 year old tennis dress and a Victorian dress worn by a mayoress. She must have had a tiny waist and the ladies all agreed that we were very lucky that corsets had gone out of fashion. There were tales of hot pants, school hats and how furs had been very desirable in the past, we even got to try on black fox "collar". Our October meeting will be over before the magazine is published but we will meet again on Wednesday 6th November. If you would like to know its theme, or have any questions please contact Carol on 814715.

T4U TEAMS4U – LOVE IN A BOX SHOEBOX APPEAL UPDATE ——— *Sue Wright*

Hopefully you will have seen my notice in September's issue explaining that I will once again be coordinating our local response to the Teams4U Shoebox appeal.

Information about how to complete a box can be found on Teams4u website (www.teams4u.com) which has a brilliant guide.

Anyone who needs an empty shoebox please contact me as I have now gathered some spares. I also have had some kind donations of knitted items from the Harbury knitting group so can supply these if needed to complete your boxes.

Top tip

If, rather than completing an entire shoebox you would like to just contribute some items for the boxes eg toothpaste, soap, pencils, notepads, socks, or small toys please drop these round to me any time before the deadline as I can combine things to make up additional boxes. This also applies to financial donations which I can use to cover transportation costs, or to cover any shortfall of items.

News update

Tesco Southam Community Champion has agreed to donate items to the appeal this year.

In order for me to deliver boxes to our local collection point I need them at the latest by Monday 4th November.

My address is Cherry Trees, School Lane, Ladbroke CV47 2BU

Tel: 07768 333675 or email suewright21@googlemail.com

Please contact me for any further help or if you need me to collect completed boxes.

As always thank you in advance - all your contributions are greatly appreciated.



BERNARD WORROD

Jackie West

Born in Derby, Bernard started working aged 11 to pay for his school uniform! His career was as an accountant in The City; during WW2 he was in the army for three years looking after the POWs and managing the wages of our servicemen and women.

Bernard loved his garden, and this was what attracted him and his wife, Diane, to come to live in Ladbroke sixteen years ago. He loved living in the village, often saying "Who would choose to live anywhere else?" He loved nature too and said that birdsong was "nature's music". He read the bible every day and could easily quote from any chapter, as we discovered at the church home group.

Another of his passions was travel, and he very much enjoyed looking at his large collection of photographs of the places he had been. He and Diane travelled extensively in Europe and also visited most other continents. They went on safari in the Kruger Park in Africa, saw the Terracotta army and sailed up the three rivers in China, visited Sri Lanka and both North and South America. One of their most memorable trips was on a boat small enough to go into many inlets, from Ushuaia in Southern Argentina, round Cape Horn and then up the west coast to Panama, seeing spectacular scenery and wildlife during their 35 day cruise.

Aged 98 Bernard was already starting to plan his 100th birthday celebration. Sadly this was not to be but we remember his many years as a member of the Ladbroke community.

Finally, Diane has asked me to pass on, via this obituary, her thanks to everyone for the cards and kind wishes she has received.



HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Alison Biddle - Clerk to the Council

Harbury Cemetery

Unsafe Memorials

In 2022 we carried out a safety inspection of all the memorials in Harbury Cemetery. A number were found to be unsafe and a list was published in Harbury & Ladbroke News at that time. As a follow up to the 2022 inspection, we have recently re-inspected any memorials which still require repair and a new list is published below. Please take care to avoid these memorials when visiting the cemetery and never lean on any memorials.

If you are the owner of any of the following memorials, please contact the parish council office on 01926 614646 as soon as possible. If you know the family concerned, we would be grateful if you would pass this notice on to them and ask them to contact us. If the owner remains uncontactable, the parish council may have to take the decision to lay some of these memorials down.

Name	Year of Death
Ian Alcock	1932
Elsie Tryphena Freeman	1958
Alfred Richard Garrett	1988
William Owen and Walter Owen	1956
Robert Stenhouse	1923



HARBURY SOCIETY

David Turner

On Tuesday 20th August a group of 20 from the Harbury Society met at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre for a behind the scenes tour. Having been separated into two groups we were treated to a fascinating tour of this iconic building.

The RSC came into being as a result of local brewer, Charles Flower, who felt that the birthplace of William Shakespeare should be commemorated with its own theatre for the performance of his plays. He was derided at the time by the London establishment who said he was a 'respectable nobody' suggesting that the provinces were no



Members of the Harbury Society listening to the tour guide

place for Shakespeare's plays. However, he stuck to his guns and, in 1879, he opened the Memorial Theatre on a two acre site by the River Avon with a performance of Much Ado About Nothing. At the opening ceremony, Charles Flower said something along the lines of 'they called us 'Respectable Nobodies' but we have waited three hundred years for the 'Somebodies' to do something but they have done nothing!

In 1926 fire broke out in the auditorium and by the next morning the theatre had been reduced to a blackened shell. A blind competition was held for the design of a new theatre. The winning entry, unanimously chosen, was revealed as Elisabeth Scott becoming the first female architect to win a major architectural competition in the UK. The new art deco themed theatre, which incorporated remnants of the 1879 structure, opened in 1932.

In 2007 plans to redevelop the theatre were approved and it closed for three and a half years.

After re-opening in 2011, the theatre now boasts a Rooftop Restaurant, a Riverside Cafe and Terrace and an observation tower. Many of the art deco features have been retained as well as one wall where original features, such as stairs, are still visible.

There are three theatres in the complex, The Royal Shakespeare Theatre, The Swan Theatre and The Outdoor Theatre

The Royal Shakespeare Theatre seats around 1000 people and, almost uniquely in UK theatres,



A surviving part of the original 1879 building

live music is still performed. The original stage floor has been retained but is now surrounded on three sides by the audience. This brings actors and audiences closer and reflects how theatre was experienced in Shakespeare's day. The stage has four trapdoors from which actors might spring and the stage can be accessed by two passageways (known as vomitoriums because people can be spewed out onto the stage from them). Overhead are 100 state of the art lights plus 120 winches, for lowering actors or sets to the stage.

Attached to the Royal Shakespeare Theatre is The Swan Theatre, opened in 1986 built in the remains of the 1879 theatre, with funds donated by Frederick Koch, an American philanthropist. It is used primarily for plays of Shakespeare's contemporaries. It seats 445 people and was recently refurbished as part of the renovations and it too retains live music.

We then passed the actors' dressing rooms and the running wardrobe. The costumes are constantly maintained and those that cannot be cleaned conventionally are sanitized in large ozone cabinets. We were intrigued by the words 'unclaimed underwear' on a container. It was explained that actors often had to wear specific underwear suitable for the costumes and apparently some of it is never reclaimed! We descended a staircase, part of the original building, framed by stained glass windows that date from 1881 depicting scenes from 'As You Like It'.

We left the main building and walked a short distance along the road to 'The Other Place', where new plays are often performed and it also provides opportunities for community and amateur productions. The current building opened in 2016 with a 200 seat theatre. It also houses a café and the wardrobe department where over 30,000 costumes are stored and are available for public hire – apparently, costumes previously worn by Dame Judy Dench are much in demand. We were shown one floor which is primarily devoted to Greek, Roman and Egyptian costumes and it was explained how some of the costumes, such as armour, is constructed from materials such as plastic or leather, to reduce the weight of the garment.

That concluded our tour of the RSC and Sue Turner thanked our guides on behalf of everyone for a very memorable visit and they were given a warm round of applause by all.



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Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 15th October

'Roman Warwickshire' – a presentation by Dr. Paul Grigsby.

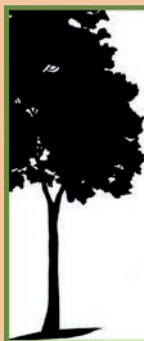
Tuesday 19th November

Presentation by Colin Clay and Phil Taylor – 'Back Tracks – Detecting the Past'.

No meeting in December

All are welcome to the talks, no need to book, which take place in the Tom Hauley Room and doors open at 7.30pm. Free to Harbury Society members, guests £2.

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 or visit the website www.harburysociety.org



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At our meeting on 12th September we welcomed Jane Isaac from Northamptonshire who described her journey to become a writer of Crime Novels. About 25 years ago, Jane and her husband decided to take a year out and travel the world. They returned with lots of photographs and artefacts but the thing that meant most to Jane were the diaries that she kept.

Jane attended a Creative Writing course and started writing non fiction for local magazines and newspapers. She then started to study fiction and started writing short stories and novels. It took Jane 18 months to finish her first novel. The writing industry is littered with rejections but eventually she found an American publisher for her first crime novel. She found an English publisher for her second book. Her novels are written through the eyes of a detective and lead person. Her husband is a retired police inspector so he is able to help with her research and is her greatest critic!



Jane's third book was based on a detective from Stratford Upon Avon so she spent a lot of time in the town and residents helped with her research – for example locals in Clifford Chambers suggested a good place to hide a body! Jane had some interesting experiences in researching her books, for instance being shut in a police cell, visiting Leicester Crown Court, liaising with Chinese communities and authorities, and even discovering how long a joint of pork lasts encased in concrete. Jane proved to be a very interesting speaker and assured us that everyone has a novel in them and can take up writing at any age. Most of her books are now in digital, eBooks and paperback; Jane said she never loses the excitement of seeing a finished book. She has been writing for 15 years and brought copies of her 13 novels with her, which members were pleased to purchase.

At the next meeting on 10th October we shall hear from Jo Golby talking about the Laura Ashley story. Visitors are very welcome - 7.30 for 7.45 in The Tom Hauley Room.

Our annual Harvest Supper was held on 20th September – much reduced numbers due to holidays and illness, nevertheless a very enjoyable evening. The meal was masterminded by Gill and Pam, with help from Cook and members making a variety of fruit crumbles. The evening concluded with a "Ramble About Life" from Denis East, who described himself as Pam Ayres on Guinness.

Denis was born and raised in Watford where he worked in his family plant hire business for 35 years. After their children had flown the nest Denis and his wife moved to Scotland where

they lived for 14 years. They are now back living in Chipping Warden where they are happy to be near children and six grandchildren and find the locals to be more friendly than in Scotland! Denis read a number of poems with titles such as Toilet Prayer, French Toilets, The Joys of Cramp, My First Drive age 16, What if God Became a Woman, My Cousin's Baby. Denis provided a very relaxed and amusing end to the evening.

At the second Cinema of the season on 19th October we shall be showing "The Fall Guy" starring Ryan Gosling and Emma Blunt. The film is the story of Colt Seavers who has retired as a stuntman. He springs back into action when the star of a big studio movie suddenly disappears. Carl soon finds himself snared in a sinister plot which pushes him to the edge of a fall more dangerous than any stunt.

Tickets price £13 include fish and chips and two raffle tickets or £7.50 to include one raffle ticket can be purchased from the library – cash or card. Tickets should be purchased by Wednesday 16th October so we can order fish and chips.



FOLK CLUB

Sue Hartland

'Celebrations' was the obvious choice for the theme at the September Folk Club as 40 years ago the very first Harbury Folk Club was born.

Ian and Sue began with the Beatles song 'P.S. I Love You' followed by 'Who Will Watch the Home Place?'. Don was next with a jazzy and bluesy version of 'Amazing Grace' and then 'When I meet my Bonnie Lassie near the Gloaming Star'. Rik followed, making a popular choice with 'My Grandfather's Clock. We all joined in with the chorus and he sang three verses; I only ever thought there were two. 'Messing about on the River' was his next choice and again the audience sang along.

Peter Mason changed the mood with the lovely song 'Who knows where the Time Goes?' and in contrast, followed with 'The Alcoholic's Anthem'. The Somerville Gentlemen's Band entertained us with 'Painting the Town' and 'Play it all Again' with a lovely instrumental 'Planxty Davis' at the end of it. Michael was next with a song about his Great Granny 'Esther' and then he made us smile with his second song called 'Losing my Hair'. Then Richard performed 'Your Old Mate' and followed up with a poem about the South Coast. Peter McDonald finished the first half with 'It's good to see You'. This was the song he opened with at the first folk club at The Old New Inn all those years ago. He followed this with 'The Appalachian Front Porch Game'.

Ian and Sue opened the second half with 'Never Again' a song about not repeating mistakes! Peter Mason followed up with 'Idle Time'. Rik gave us 'The Engineer' followed by Don performing 'Nettle Wine'. Michael gave us a Jim Crawford song entitled 'Gone Fishing' and then Richard entertained us with a Jeremy Taylor poem to the tune of 'We Plough the Fields and Scatter'. The Somerville Gentlemen's Band concluded the evening with a beautiful version of 'He'll Have To Go'.

The raffle raised £70 for Myton Hospice; thank you to everyone for your generosity.

Peter Bones has chosen 'Special Places' as the theme for the October Folk Club.

See you then!



HARBURY HERITAGE CENTRE

Bill Timson

A WI scrapbook dated 1965 held in our collection, paints a lovely picture of how village life was in the swinging sixties. I have already posted a couple of the photographs showing the village centre shops on our Facebook page and they have generated a lot of interesting comments.

In the scrapbook there is also information about some of the residents of the village and where they lived. A photograph of Frances Dashwood Farley and his wife taken outside their home, The Manor House in Park Lane, prompted me to find out more about the family.

The Farleys came to the Manor House in 1921 and although they did not do much farming (the house and land had for a long time been a working farm), they did do some hunting for a few years. Mrs. Farley was considered very artistic, modelling in clay, painting and drawing.



Frances Dashwood Farley, was awarded the Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) in the 1965 New Year Honours. He received the CBE in recognition of his services as the Chief Constable of Buckinghamshire Constabulary. His contributions to law enforcement and public safety were highly valued, leading to this prestigious honour. Frances Dashwood Farley had a distinguished career in law enforcement. Beyond receiving the CBE for his role as Chief Constable of Buckinghamshire Constabulary, he was known for several key achievements:

1. **Modernising the Police Force:** Farley played a significant role in modernizing the Buckinghamshire Constabulary, implementing new technologies and methods to improve efficiency and effectiveness.
2. **Community Policing Initiatives:** He was a strong advocate for community policing, fostering better relationships between the police force and the local community.
3. **Training and Development:** Farley emphasized the importance of training and professional development for police officers, ensuring that the force was well-prepared to handle various challenges.
4. **Leadership in Crisis:** He demonstrated exceptional leadership during times of crisis, managing major incidents with calm and strategic thinking.

His contributions left a lasting impact on the police force and the community he served.

From the 1965 honours list Alderman Francis Dashwood Farley, JP, Chairman, Warwickshire Police Authority.

On Butt Lane, we have another of Harbury's prestigious homes, Harbury House. The Sabin-Smith family lived there for the first half of the 20th century. Later the owners were **Sir David Watherston (1907 – 1977) and his wife Maud, (1910 – 2003).**

Having researched Sir David, I then found an article written by Diana Holt in the Harbury and Ladbroke News (August/September 1975). It reads as follows:



SIR DAVID AND LADY WATHERSTON *Lady Watherston met her husband when he was in the Colonial Service in Malaya, and they lived there after their marriage in 1933. They returned to England in 1938, and were in London throughout the war, after which Sir David was sent to Malaya to help with solving the problems created by the Japanese invasion of the country. From 1948 onwards he was dealing with both Communist terrorism and the leading of the country towards independence.*

The culmination of the terrorist activity was the murder of the High Commissioner in 1951, after which more stringent measures were taken against the terrorists by the new High Commissioner, Field Marshall Sir Gerald Templer. Over half a million squatters, mostly Chinese, who were scattered over the countryside on the fringes of the jungle, were moved into protected villages where they could live without the constant fear of terrorist intimidation.

An important factor was to gain the co-operation of the people in the Government plans. One of the many schemes was the setting up of the W.I. movement there, which brought the women of the country together, and in which Lady Watherston was closely involved. The W.I. movement was a great aid to dispelling much ignorance and superstition, and to teaching the women welfare and nutrition. In the lead up to independence, one of Sir David's particular concerns was in training the people of the country for senior positions in Government service, so that the change over from British rule would be as smooth as possible.

He received his Knighthood in 1956. Many well-known people stayed with Sir David and Lady Watherston on their visits to Malaya, among them Richard Nixon and Vic Feather. The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester also stayed with them when they attended the country's Independence ceremonies in 1957. Sir David and Lady Watherston returned to London in 1958, and decided, after the exhausting years abroad, when they had inevitably been unable to pursue a normal family life with their four children, to remain in England. Sir David went into the personnel side of industry in Birmingham and London, and in 1959 they moved into Harbury House.

Sir David has now retired, and his main interests lie in management training, universities, the work of the Diocesan Synod and the Council for St. John in Warwickshire. Lady Watherston was Chairman of the Victoria League of Commonwealth Friendship for 14 years, and she runs the house smoothly and efficiently - including the occasional luncheon party for 42 guests - and, to her delight, has recently become a grandmother! Life in Harbury must seem quiet, but Lady Watherston finds pleasure in looking back from time to time over their full, fascinating and often taxing life, during which she is sure that her Christian faith has been her greatest source of strength. Both she and her husband - and their life together - can perhaps best be summed up in her own words - I don't really think we would have been happy playing bridge all the time!!

The Harbury and Ladbroke News March 1977 had the following comment - Canon Fishley referred to the '*great loss suffered by the parish in the sudden death of Sir David Watherston*'.

Other News:

On the 18th August we welcomed the Warmington Heritage group. They enjoyed a guided tour of the village followed by tea and cakes in the Centre.



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Everyone is invited to come along to the Heritage Centre via the Park Lane Gate 7.30 start.

We are looking for people who would like to join us and help keep Harbury's past alive.

Contact me on 07813 739972 if you would like to know more.

Open Days for the public

Sunday 20th October 2 - 4pm and Tuesday 5th November 7 - 9pm.



HARBURY RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Steven Kittendorf

Since my last update, we've announced our leadership team for the 24/25 season: Rory Pond as 1st XV Captain, Chris Milburn as Vice Captain, Adam Owen as 2nd XV Captain, and Paul Evans as 2nd XV Vice Captain. Ricky Alford remains Club Captain, while Joe Hunt and Adam Mullen join as 2nd XV management. Head coach Josh Biggs continues, supported by Ben Linnett as Backs Coach and 1st XV Manager.



We started the season strong with a 27-25 bonus-point win against ex championship side Birmingham & Solihull Bees, overcoming a second-half comeback and playing with 14 men. Key performances from Ciarán O'Connor (MOTM), Joe Glover, and Finn Wilde helped secure the win, with Jase Wood scoring the decisive try in the final moments.

In our second game, we travelled to Coalville for our first away match at this level, losing 22-19 after a slow start and missed opportunities. Despite leading 15-19 in the second half, a late Coalville try and a yellow card sealed our defeat. This result shows we can compete at this level but need to stay focused for the full 80 minutes. There's still plenty of room for improvement, which is exciting as we look ahead to tougher fixtures.

We're also very grateful for the ongoing support from the local community and sponsors, having raised over £18,000 so far this season. Make sure to check out our new playing kit on Instagram or Facebook, and we hope to see you all down at Waterloo Fields soon! If you are interested in sponsoring a player, please email hafc.roomhire@gmail.com.

Josh Biggs - Head Coach

Mini & Junior

We had a great funday to kick off the season at the beginning of September with games run by our coaches, bouncy castles for those with excess energy and a BBQ to keep everyone going! The first few weeks of training have been all about getting back together and picking up the new skills and rules for the season ahead. Some of our junior teams have had fixtures already, our U15s had a 30-10 win over Old Leams, it seems their pre season park runs have done the trick on their fitness and they weren't



wincing too much when taking off their lifting blocks tape!
Our U16s headed over to Kings Norton and came away with a well fought 32-22 defeat.

The next couple of weeks see our junior sides take on the first matches in the Warwickshire cup competition. U16s are home to Leamington on the 22nd September, 1100 KO, our U14s travel away to Broadstreet on the 22nd September and our U15s take on Rugby St. Andrews on the 6th October. Your support would be welcomed and good luck to the lads!

If you have kids that are interested in getting involved, we run age groups from the age of four up to seventeen, 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. THE FIRST 4 SESSIONS ARE FREE!



Chris Woodhams - M&J Chairman



HARBURY TENNIS CLUB

Colin Mercer

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

With the nights drawing in and heavy rain while I'm writing this, summer seems a distant memory! In the Banbury summer league, the A-Team had a tough first season in the top division and finished bottom with two wins. That means a quick return to Division 2 but hopefully we'll bounce back next summer. The B team also had a difficult time in division 3 and are second from bottom but finished off the season with third win, a convincing 8-1 at home against bottom club Tysoe.

The winter league fixtures are out but none played yet. Both Harbury teams are in division 2 so a couple of competitive local derbies to look forward to, followed no doubt by some very social refreshments!

Due to coach availability, we are only able to run our coaching programme on Fridays this term. Ian Shorrocks is running the following sessions: 4-5pm Mini Reds (4-9 years), 5- 6pm Greens (10yrs +), 6-7pm Adult Beginners, 7-8pm Adult Cardio. In addition, Ed Spilman runs a Ladies Coaching session from 9.30-10.30am. For more details, please contact Lianne Candappa at: Lianne@coolspartz.co.uk or phone/text her on 07919 104093.



1st HARBURY SCOUT GROUP & HARBURY EXPLORERS

Katharine Giblin

News from Harbury Scouting

Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers have all started back after the summer holidays and it is great to see the Scout Hut buzzing again. There are lots of exciting activities being planned for our young people this term.

To register your son or daughter for scouting in Harbury, email harburyscoutgroup@hotmail.co.uk

A big thank you to Jo Banbury who has now finished doing finances for Scouts; we appreciate everything you have done for Scouting over the years. We also welcome Katie Stein who has recently joined the Beaver team to help with admin/finances.

If you are interested in finding out more about volunteering with Scouting, then please email Paul Quinney (Group Lead Volunteer) on harburygs1@hotmail.co.uk. We always welcome and appreciate new adult volunteers to join the scouting team either as an occasional helper or helping with weekly sessions or being part of our Trustee Board GASS.

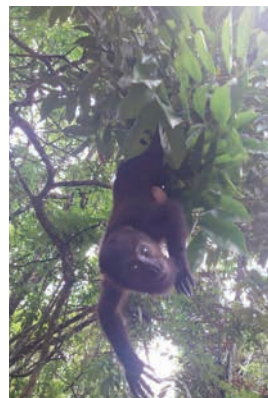
Harbury Explorers Trip to Belize

During the summer holidays Malia, Sam, Rory and Ben participated in an international scouting event in Belize, which is a country in Central America, south of Mexico with a coastline on the Caribbean Sea. They were part of a group of 80 young people from Warwickshire Scouting.

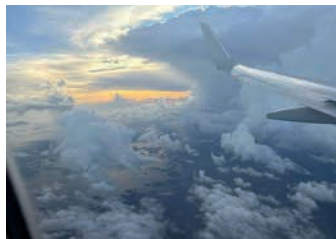


In our first week back at Explorers they told us about their adventures in Belize, including a slide show. Malia has produced a short report about her Belize experience.

"The trip to Belize was fantastic. It all started on the 2nd August 2024! But before the trip we had several meets and greets to get to know each other. Over the period of being in Belize we visited different places. We first stayed in Belize City, then some of us went to Monkey Bay which was in the jungle and others went to this place called Yellow Belly and we then swapped over. After Monkey Bay and Yellow Belly we all went to Caye Caulker which was just so beautiful! One of the main reasons why we went to Belize was to help the Belize Scouts clean the local area including picking up litter.



Overall, I do recommend signing up your children on international trips with scouts, schools or anything similar because you really do learn a lot about the country and how other people behave in their own country. And it gives the children going a huge opportunity to make decisions for themselves."



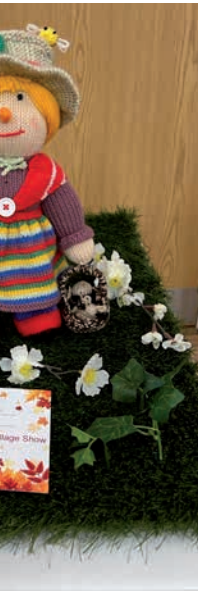
Harbury Village Show

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GUIDES AND SCOUTS SUPPORT (GASS)

David Browne

HARBURY BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS

Harbury Guides and Scouts Support will be hosting the annual Harbury Bonfire and Fireworks Night on Saturday 2nd November from 5.00pm at the Village Hall and Playing Fields.

After the success of last year's event, we hope you will be able to join us to enjoy the bonfire, a fireworks display and some food and drink from our excellent vendors to help raise funds for the scout hut, our equipment and all of the Village's uniformed Scouting and Guiding groups.

As normal, tickets will be available ahead of the event but can also be purchased on the night with the car park entrance being the main route in for pre-paid ticket holders and the entrance from South Parade being for those who need to purchase on the night. Our food and drink vendors will all be located in the Village Hall car park behind the hall.

Some key details of the event:

- Gates open at 5.00pm
- For safety reasons, members of the public are not permitted to enter from behind the bonfire and through the firework display area so the **gate to Ridgley way will be locked.**
- The bonfire will be lit at 6.00pm, fireworks display at 6.30pm. We're opening the gates earlier to allow longer for those who want food to be sure they have time to get it.
- Entrance will be £5.00 for adults, £3.00 for children (under 3's go free) at the South Parade gate.
- Tickets will be on sale at Harbury Village library from 2nd October until Friday 1st November and are on sale at eventbrite.com (search for Harbury Bonfire – www.ticketsource.co.uk/1st-harbury-scout-group).

Save up your bonfire materials and let GASS collect them from your door!

We will also be running our garden refuse/wood collection service, find all the details and application form overleaf. More forms are available from g.a.s.s.harbury@hotmail.com or if you contact us through our Facebook page (GASS Guides and Scouts Support). We have a limit on the number of collections we will be able to make so if you have any suitable wood/garden refuse please do get request forms back in early.



HARBURY TODDLER GROUP

Emily Montague, Emma Browne and Chrissie Field x

Toddlers is back after our summer break. We've got lots of fun themes coming up including superheroes, pirates, space, and of course Halloween. We've already had our harvest, jungle, and transport weeks which have been a huge success.

Parents, grandparents, carers of babies, toddlers and preschoolers all welcome. Join us for



GASS fundraiser garden refuse and scrap wood collection service



All donations of garden rubbish and other wooden items, such as fence posts, pallets, shed panels, benches will be gratefully received and collected **from your door** by our team of volunteer bonfire builders.

- Complete and cut out the slip below or message your details on the GASS Facebook page @GASSHarbury
- Take your slip and a **generous** donation to Harbury Village Library or to 10 Dickens Road before Friday 1st November.
- Leave your pile of bonfire material within easy reach of the roadside by 9am on the morning of Saturday 2nd November.
- **No** metal, soft furnishings, rubber, glass, plastic/melamine coated chipboard etc.
- **Apply early to avoid disappointment!**

Please do NOT deliver to the Village Hall car park or playing field yourselves as it may cause danger or obstruction and slow down our carefully planned operation.

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toys, sensory tuff trays, crafts, stories, snacks and singing.

We run every Monday during term time, from 10.00 - 11.30am in Harbury Scout Hut. The sessions cost £2 for the first child, and £1 per additional sibling. Refreshments included. Please follow us on Instagram @harbury_toddlers or on Facebook (search for Harbury Toddlers) for updates and sneak peeks.



Looking forward to seeing you and your little Toddlers at a session soon.



HARBURY PRE-SCHOOL

Staff and Committee



A New Term

We were delighted to welcome no less than 14 new starters to join our existing Pre-Schoolers this term. We now accept children from two years and six months up to four years of age and have adapted our resources and curriculum accordingly.

Our focus this month has been settling the children and learning our Pre-School routines as well as having lots of fun!

We have expanded our outdoor mud kitchen area and included many different kitchen accessories and items for the children to explore. We have also been encouraging water and bubble play which have been hugely popular.

Indoors, we have focussed on the home corner area with babies, clothes and the play kitchen. The children have also enjoyed construction activities, playdough, lots of stories and singing and painting.

SEND Award

Forty-three early years settings across Warwickshire, including Harbury Pre-School have been recognised for the high-quality of their support for children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

The award, known as the Warwickshire Inclusion Kitemarking Scheme (WInKS), celebrates early years settings that excel in offering inclusive early years education for children with SEND.

The acknowledgment took place at an awards ceremony held at Shire Hall in Warwick on Friday 7th June, where Pre-School staff were presented with their award.

Autumn

As the weather cools and the evenings darken, we will be exploring the topic of Autumn and Harvest with the children. We will be looking at the changes we see outside and talking





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WHAT'S COMING UP...

COMEDY NIGHT AND TAPAS

October 7th Ryan is back with a new group of comedians to tickle your funny bone!
Enjoy Tapas at 6.30pm and pre-drinks followed by a live comedy show at 8pm

HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR

From Saturday 26th until Thursday 31st October we will be running our annual Freespirit Spooktacular at some of our sites. Sending the kids on a spooktacular ghost hunt in the gardens to get goulish treats. Enter our monster drawing competition for spooky prizes. There will also be themed cocktails for children and adults alike!

QUIZ NIGHT & PIZZA

Grab your team and test your grey matter against quiz master Bradley's brainteaser questions at the Bell Inn quiz night! 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 Baps 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!

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Moving Pictures

about which animals hibernate. We will enjoy making some Autumn collages with natural objects we find outside such as leaves, berries, conkers and twigs.

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



HARBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

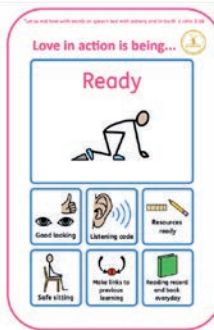
Welcome

A huge welcome to all the new pupils in our reception class and to new pupils who have joined other year groups. We have had a fantastic start to the new academic year. We have updated our Positive Behaviour Policy and reinforced to all the pupils our Love In Action Code. We have also been enjoying the fruits of our labour with delicious fruit and vegetables grown in our school grounds. Thank you to Belfour and Beatty for creating a new tunnel in the KS2 playground. They developed this space using a design from Earthworms. This is nearly ready to be used. Inside, we have improved our reading spaces and moved a few cupboards. The reading space in the juniors area is looking fantastic. Miss Crees has produced some wonderful art work for us!



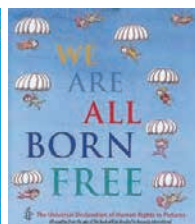
Earthworms Help

Wendy, our Earthworms lead, is looking for extra help with the school grounds. We are hoping to have an Earthworms committee as the jobs across school for growing plants and vegetables, harvesting the hazel, looking after the pond, composting and sustainability is too much for a few people. If you feel this is something you could help with please contact earthworms3032@welearn365.com.



International Day of Peace

International Day of Peace is an important part of the calendar for our school. It represents all of our school values. The focus this year has been on The UN Rights of The Child through these lovely books. Each class is busy preparing reflections for a display and a peace pole which we will display inside school.



We are looking forward to our Harvest Festival on 4th October at All Saints Church.



EARTHWORMS AND THE GREEN TEAM

Amanda Randall

The children at Harbury School need YOU!

"No one will protect what they don't care about; and no one will care about what they have never experienced." – Sir David Attenborough

Providing children with opportunities to care for nature, such as the creation of the bug hotel by the Wellesbourne Beaver pack (see Nature Notes), helps develop a sense of respecting nature. It also creates opportunities for children to work together as a team. Not only that, but a recent report commissioned by Natural England, showed that there are positive associations between exposure to nature and children's mental and physical health, as well as beneficial effects for attention levels, mood improvement and cognitive performance; the closer the proximity to nature, the more beneficial the relationship to health.

As the new term begins at Harbury School, the Earthworms group and Green Team have been looking ahead to their future prospects. Both teams are volunteer-run, extracurricular groups. In order to have a future at all, the groups need to develop a small network of new volunteers from our local community to support gardening and nature activities at the school.

Both Earthworms and the Green Teams are trying hard to recruit new parent helpers but would like to expand this recruitment drive into a wider network of occasional volunteers. To volunteer, you don't need to be directly connected with the school or be an expert, just have a passion for gardening or nature that you can share with enthusiastic children. You might even be able to link this enthusiasm to a larger community activity that you may be involved with. Perhaps you can come and talk to the children about composting, or help them identify plants around the school grounds; or just come and help the children do some light gardening at lunchtime, one day a week!

If you are interested in helping out, even on an occasional basis, or want to find out more about what's involved, please contact the team: earthworms3032@welearn365.com.

They would love to hear from you.



HARBURY LIBRARY & BIBLIO'S CAFE

Michael Luntley

Some very sad news - we have lost one of our longstanding volunteers and a dear friend Terry Timms. To Louise and the family we offer our sincere condolences. Terry was larger than life. Friday mornings in the library will not be same without him. He had an infectious good humour, always ready with a smile and a joke to lighten the day. A volunteer from the early days, he also did a lot of the arrangements for building repairs and maintenance over many years and was instrumental in the refitting of the library in 2018. He was also a regular member of the footpath clearing team. We'll miss you Terry.

The Summer Reading Challenge closing date fell just after our shutdown. Many of our young readers managed to collect their medals just before we shut. We are grateful to the Primary School for welcoming us to their Assembly on 6th September where we gave out the remaining medals. In all, 18 medals were awarded. 'Well Done' to all our young readers for taking part.

As I write, a band of superheroes are helping to return the shelves, books, tables and chairs into the library. A massive 'thank you' to all who helped both with the removal and then return of our furniture. The library will, for now, look much the same until the old pipework and radiators are removed when the new electric supply comes online. The Library Steering Committee will be reviewing options for how we might make best use of the extra space once the old pipes are removed. When we have a clear set of options, they will be put out for consultation.

Hoping to see you all back for a good read, a cake and a coffee or tea, and for all the clubs and classes that are part of the regular goings-on in your community library.



GARDEN JOTTINGS

Christine Dakin from Bridge Nursery

Gardening to encourage wildlife is something I'm often speaking about but the time has come when I've reached my limits. The appearance of a pair of roe deer has capped any issues with slugs, snails and rabbits. They are extremely destructive and are nibbling their way through the plants quite determinedly. Apparently there are just five different plants which aren't to their liking. Fencing the site isn't an option but I will try everything else I possibly can including waving my arms and swearing loudly at them whenever I see them. Any suggestions to deter them will be most welcome.

Meanwhile I have almost done my bulb order and will have fritillarias, camassia, alliums and anemones to pot up ready for spring/summer sales next year.

I hear the phrase 'putting the garden to bed' quite often. My approach is that this is a time to get a lot done right through the winter if the weather is okay. It can be such a good time to prune, plant new plants, move things, remove things and divide things. The soil will be warm, roots can get established and there is generally less clutter meaning you can see what needs to be done more easily. Happy autumn/winter gardening everyone!

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



NATURE NOTES

Martin & Amanda Randall

*Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun;
Conspiring with him how to load and bless
With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eves run;
To bend with apples the moss'd cottage-trees,
And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core.*

When John Keats wrote his ode 'To Autumn' in 1819 there were many traditional orchards in England. Part of the UK's cultural landscape, they reflected historical agricultural practices and local traditions. Orchards were planted with domestic apple trees and other fruit and nut trees from Roman times onwards, and became a well-established feature of most farms in apple-growing country. The apples and the cider produced formed part of farm-workers' wages. Trees in traditional orchards were planted at low densities, and under the wide canopy the vegetation was either grazed by livestock or cut for hay.

Nowadays, traditional orchard grasslands, free of chemicals, often include abundant wildflowers, and the trees themselves have veteran features, such as rot holes, split bark and hollow trunks – beneficial for lichens and fungi. This mosaic of habitats creates biodiversity hotspots, supporting over 1,800 species including many that are rare and endangered; and rich in pollinators like bees and butterflies, as well as cavity-nesting birds and bats. Furthermore, traditional orchards that maintain a range of old fruit tree varieties preserve genetic diversity; this is crucial for resilience for our home-grown fruit against diseases and climate change.

The rise of cheap supermarket imports and a drive toward intensification saw the demise of many traditional orchards from the 1950s onwards. The habitat is also becoming increasingly rare as traditional orchards are no longer economically viable, many are neglected or abandoned. Pressure from land development has seen some orchards fragmented to isolated trees. And, of course, there was once a large orchard in the middle of Harbury; the Manor Orchard estate. The total area of all orchards in England has declined by 63% since 1950 and of the remainder, only a third are traditional. Modern orchards are planted with rows of low-growing, closely planted trees suitable for mechanised cultivation, with short grassland that is not as biologically diverse. This means that only 13.5% of the former habitat range exists. Encouragingly, this trend is reversing. Efforts to conserve traditional orchards include legal protections, restoration projects, and promoting the cultural and economic value of these unique ecosystems, with a rising appreciation for local apple varieties.

With those factors in mind it was good to visit the newly established community orchard in Wellesbourne recently. This community project was funded by their parish council as a contribution to the Coronation celebrations and also to act as a resource in mitigating the local carbon footprint. Planting was completed in September 2023.



Wellesbourne orchard site plan



Wellesbourne Community Orchard
(Martin Randall)

"When I began to find walking increasingly painful about four years ago I asked for advice and was directed to Health First at Southam. This was really good advice and after two appointments the problem had been solved and it continues to be solved." C.L.



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The orchard is an extension to the Dene Meadow local nature reserve, adjacent to the village health centre. The new orchard is a heritage planting for the people in the parish of Wellesbourne and Walton and for future generations. Over fifty fruit trees, including apples, pears, plums, damsons, medlars and greengages have been planted as well as a mulberry tree. It's expected that these trees will provide free fruit for residents in the coming years.

Within the orchard we found a large bug hotel that had been constructed by the local Beaver group. It was made from several old wooden pallets with the spaces filled with bricks, tiles, bundles of bamboo canes, twigs and bark. The hotel should provide a good home for the various insects that will pollinate the flowers of the fruit trees. The Dene Meadow nature reserve had several pathways created by mowing through the longer vegetation. Although our visit was late in the summer, there was clear evidence of a wide variety of wild flowers growing there; we were pleased to see a large area of Wild Carrot plants. A common sight all across the UK, the Wild Carrot it is one of the 'umbel' plants. The flowers look reddish in bud but soon open into clusters of white flowers (umbels), from June to September. These clusters eventually turn into intricate, bird's-nest-like seed heads, which are beautiful to look at close up. The seeds are covered in spiny ridges that attach to passing animals to help with dispersal.

The numbers of insects in traditional orchards and meadows is so much higher than in modern, industrial agricultural landscapes, where numbers have suffered a massive decline in recent years. The reduction in the number of butterflies, as revealed by this year's Big Butterfly Count (see QR code for further information), is further worrying evidence of the loss of our insects. This decline in insect numbers has had a serious impact on the numbers of swallows, swifts and house martins able to breed in the UK. However, we have positive news about our local swallows, some of whom seem to have had a successful summer. The association between humans and swallows began when they adapted to living alongside farmers, nesting in their barns, and feeding on insects attracted by their livestock. Where barns and livestock are still close by, swallows can raise two or even three broods of young in one summer, as they have done in a local barn we visited. We were privileged to see a group of around thirty swallows dipping and swooping over the surrounding fields with adults feeding their newly fledged young.



Wellesbourne Orchard Bug Hotel
(Martin Randall)



Wild Carrot seed head
(Martin Randall)



Fledgling swallows
(Celia Stockdale)

In the last few weeks three Harbury villagers have passed away, who in their own way did a lot for our community. Below are tributes we have received for each of them.

SUE MERCER

Mary Thompson



Many residents of Harbury were sad to hear that Sue Mercer passed away on 23rd August.

Sue was born in Leicester on 5th September 1947, the youngest of three children.

Sue trained as a teacher in Reading, where she met Dave Brown whom she subsequently married. Sue and Dave spent two years of their early married life in India where Dave worked as an agricultural consultant. They settled in Harbury in 1974 and subsequently had three daughters – Julia, Katy and Laura. They continued to travel as part of Dave's job, including a spell in Cyprus.

Dave and Sue became very involved with Harbury Tennis Club in the early 80s. The club still play for The Dave Brown trophy. During the Service of Celebration for Sue's life, Julia and Katy remembered the happy family times that they had. Sadly, Dave lost his battle with leukaemia in October 1989 and Sue was left teaching full time as well as bringing up her three daughters.

In 1994, Sue met Colin Mercer and persuaded him to try tennis; Colin quickly became involved with the club and become chairman – a position which he still holds. Sue continued to teach for a while and one of her pupils at Lillington Middle School was the English goalkeeper, Ben Foster.

Sue and Colin married in December 1997. They thoroughly enjoyed life – travelling and making regular visits to the theatre. Tennis played a massive part in Sue's life, she regularly played in league matches and was on the committee for much of the 30 years she was a member. She helped set up and coordinate the successful Junior section of the club before the club moved to employing coaches. Sue supported Colin and the committee, as the club facilities were transformed as part of the Millennium project. Sue also loved watching tennis, making regular visits to Wimbledon, as well as watching Davis Cup matches in Birmingham and Wimbledon. She stopped playing when her knees said "enough", and she greatly missed the sport that she loved.

Sadly, Sue developed Alzheimer's in 2021 and was cared for by Colin at home until the last few weeks of her life. As well as her three daughters, Sue leaves seven grandchildren and many friends, as shown by the attendance at the Service of Celebration for her life on 18th September.

JOHN SMITH

Ed Wilson

In Honour of John Smith who did so much for our village. Below are extracts from an article prepared by the Heritage Centre, insights from the Harbury Society and his family's memories at his recent funeral.

Pat and John Smith moved into Harbury in 1971 and quickly and enthusiastically got involved in village affairs.

In 1972, Pat and John suggested that the village would benefit from the provision of tennis courts and with the approval of the Parish Council; the Playing Fields Committee took this idea forward and started to raise funds specifically for this.

The financial demands of the playing fields development meant that a greater fund-raising effort was required and the Committee decided to organise a Village Carnival in June 1972 specifically to raise funds for the Tennis Courts.

In 1975 and John Smith took over as Chairman of the committee. He continued for three years until 1977, the Queen's Silver Jubilee Year and it was celebrated with a fortnight of events throughout the village coordinated by the Committee.

The Playing Fields Committee also ran the village Bonfire and Firework display. John Smith, with some other volunteers, then designed and set up the fireworks display and let them off at the event.

The Tennis Courts were completed in due course and the Parish Council took over responsibility for them. They were opened to the public without restriction provided they made a booking at the newsagents (then on the corner of Mill Lane).

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

John was also a stalwart of the Harbury Society. He organised local walks and, in many cases, he identified the most interesting visits and speakers. He also presented talks about his times working internationally and about his various engineering interests. This is an all too brief summary of the activities his enthusiasm and energy supported.

John was passionate about work, in fact something of a workaholic. But on reaching 65 he decided it was time to retire. He had always been very active outside of work and was a keen and dedicated member of various social and voluntary organisations such as Round Table, 41 Club, Probus, various professional engineering bodies and, in Harbury, was an active member and supporter of the Harbury Society and the Village carnival committee, amongst many other things. As a result, there were no end of new projects to keep him busy and telling stories about as he aged. And he was quite the storyteller!!!

However, his greatest passion of all was his family.

Our thoughts are with them at this time.



John Smith talking to a fancy dress winner 1977

TERRY TIMMS

John Holden



Terry was born in Cubbington and never lived outside of his home County. He attended Leamington College for boys and from there went to work for Warwickshire County Council. Initially working in the Architectural Drawing Office, from there he moved into the Education Department. Here he had responsibilities for the maintenance of all the schools in the County. He got to know all of the Head Teachers, knew his way to each County school and liaised with a lot of building trades.

It was around 20 years ago that he and Louise moved into the village having spent the previous winter renting a house on the Thwaites estate. He no doubt wanted to check out the Harbury pubs before committing himself to a property in the village! Terry often spoke of how much he enjoyed the winter there, having the freedom of the estate to walk his flat coated retriever. Once settled Terry quickly got involved in village life. He and Louise took on one of the Pineham allotments keeping chickens there as well, always ex-battery rescue hens. He was also on the Village Show Committee helping out at the Annual Show.

When the County Council withdrew funding from Harbury Library, Terry quickly got involved to help establish the Community Library. As well as being a regular weekly volunteer with Sally Heigl on the front desk he was also responsible for the day to day maintenance of the building, never afraid to turn his hand to any repair needed.

It was as co-ordinator of the Parish Footpaths group that I got to know Terry best. He liaised with the Country Council over the maintenance of our equipment. Terry always knew his way round the County Council bureaucracy. He arranged our working parties, driving us to our area of work. These outings usually required a planning meeting in one of the village pubs and sometimes, following a hot morning out strimming, a return visit to quench our thirst!! The good state of our village footpaths was all down to his co-ordination and will be a challenging task to match.

Terry loved the outdoors, his garden and allotment, the countryside, walks, and was a supporter of Warwickshire Wildlife Trust. Terry and Louise were keen caravaners having earlier this year taken their van to south Lincolnshire and Norfolk. He loved the village pubs, not having a particular favourite, preferring to support them all. He will be missed by many in the village but in particular by Louise, his five children, eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren.



HARBURY DISTRICT COUNCILLOR UPDATE


Susan Ostrander (Cllr Harbury Ward)

Here is your monthly round up of activity related to Stratford District Council.

Stratford District Council Climate Emergency – Progress 5 years on

A Climate Assembly held at the District Council offices on 5th September highlighted some achievements of SDC since 2019, when a climate emergency was declared:

CLIMATE ACTION KEY ACHIEVEMENTS



2021

26

EV charge points installed in our car parks

2022

E-cargo bike & trike scheme launched.

Available for free hire to local businesses

Aug 2022

New 123+ Waste Collection Service introduced

Enabling food waste collected in the District to be used to generate low carbon heat.

Nov 2023

Podback

Kerbside coffee pod collection and recycling service launched

Oct 2023

Sherbourne Recycling Centre (MRF) opened in Coventry.

SDC is one of 8 local authorities involved in the project

Sep 2023

Stratford-upon-Avon Nature Reserve set up with Stratford Town Trust to be managed in perpetuity

Jan 2024

Funded the planting of over 7,000 trees through the first round of the Free Trees for Farmers scheme.

June 2024

£44,000 grant funding to support community based green initiatives across the District

CCTV Used in Identifying Drink and Drug Driving Incidents

Stratford-on-Avon District Council's CCTV team has assisted Warwickshire Police in stopping over ninety-one suspected drink and drug drivers, leading to arrest and prosecution from April 2023 to May 2024.

The CCTV team works closely with Warwickshire Police and local retail and licensed premises to share information about crime and anti-social behaviour including suspected drink and drug driving. CCTV operators have been able to gather evidence and guide police officers to vehicles of suspected impaired drivers. This has led to roadside tests being administered and where persons have been found to be over the drink/drug limits they have been arrested and subsequently convicted.

Inspector Simon Paul, from Warwickshire Police, said: "Every week, officers arrest approximately 15 suspected drink and drug drivers. We know the biggest deterrent to drink and drug driving is being caught and punished and if convicted, these drivers face a minimum one year ban, a fine and costs and a criminal record that could affect their job prospects and

ability to travel to certain countries. Drivers convicted of causing death by careless driving when under the influence of drink or drugs could face life imprisonment.

“Officers will continue to target dangerous and irresponsible drivers using the roads and encourage people to report suspected drink or drug drivers to police by calling 101 or in an emergency 999.”

Please remember drink-driving is illegal and puts lives at risk. Instead of driving, drinkers on a night out are asked to plan ahead and agree a designated driver with friends before they go out, book a taxi, arrange to stay nearby, or go out within walking distance of home.

There are a range of local services for adults and young people affected by alcohol and/or drugs. Change Grow Live (CGL) can support anyone aged 18+ with any concerns about their drug and/or alcohol use and have hubs in Leamington Spa, Nuneaton, Rugby and Stratford-upon-Avon. CGL offer personalised 1-1 care and group support.

NeighbourGood Scheme - Applications Open

Calling All Community Champions!

Do you know of a community project that could benefit from funding and volunteer support? Severn Trent’s NeighbourGOOD Scheme is here to help!

#NeighbourGOOD #CommunityFirst #SevernTrent



LITTER PICK IN HARBURY

Ian Reynolds

Join us this month for the litter pick on Saturday 5th October and next month on Saturday 9th November. Meet at the village hall car park, 10.00 - 11.00am, litter pickers, hoops and bags provided.



HARBURY CARNIVAL 2024

Carnival Committee

We are pleased to say that various groups and charities will be receiving some of the money raised from this year’s carnival.

Harbury Library are receiving a donation towards some comfy chairs for their newly refurbished space.

GASS are also refurbishing the scout hut and we have had the pleasure of helping them out with some of our cash.

Harbury Swifts wanted money towards buying swift callers for use next year when the swifts return and we were happy to provide a donation.

Also receiving donations this year are Harbury Senior Citizens, the football club, the toddler group, the church,



eWheels, Preschool, Galanos and Harbury Hedgehogs.

Two charities with great supporters in Harbury, Myton Hospice and the Air Ambulance, will each receive a donation too.

And this year we are delighted to be sponsoring Finley Wilde a member of the Harbury Rugby Club's first team.

So that is it for this year, see you next year for the carnival on Saturday 7th June 2025.



HARBURY VILLAGE SHOW

Show Committee

Village Show - 7th September 2024



Start of the Judging!

The people of Harbury and surrounding villages excelled themselves this year with regard to displaying their diverse talents and skills. In the show there was a total of 103 entrants, who between them showed 486 examples of their creative, culinary and cultivating capabilities. It was really pleasing that 30 of the entrants were in the age group twelve and under. The showcase of their talents was very impressive.

Our Judges were kept very busy and hard pressed to decide who the winners were, out of the 100 separate categories that it was possible to enter. A listing of trophy winners is shown below.

We are always pleased to welcome new members to our committee. Our aim is to offer a traditional showcase for people of the village and surrounding area, so if you would like to join the team and help us decide what categories we can plan for next year's show, please email Gordon Robbins on g.d.robbins@outlook.com. One subject already decided is in the Photography section and is entitled 'My Village', so you have a few months to think about your entry!! A date for your diaries is 6th September 2025, which will hopefully be next year's show date.

A huge thank you to all who entered and a special thank you to the Village Show Committee who put a lot of effort into ensuring that the show is financially viable and not least good fun

to take part in! Also, thanks to the Parish Council for their grant which helps us to put the show on and keep it running every year.

A list of this year's prize winners

Farley Cup <i>For the most points in the vegetable Section</i>	Patrick Clarke
Grey Cup <i>Novice Class</i>	Yvonne O'Neill
All Saints Cup <i>For most points in fruit section</i>	Margaret McDonald
Reg Harris Cup <i>Best in exhibit in fruit section</i>	Sam Butler
Courier Cup <i>For most points in flower section</i>	Patrick Clarke
Rosamond Schofield Salver <i>Best exhibit in flower section</i>	Yvonne O'Neill
Finch Challenge Cup <i>Most points 4 kinds of Veg</i>	Patrick Clarke
Brunton Challenge Cup <i>Flower Arranging</i>	Margaret McDonald
Dorothy Groves Cup <i>For most points in food section.</i>	Margaret McDonald
Top Trug/Basket Display	Yvonne O'Neill
Top Vase	Margaret McDonald
Horticultural Society Trophy <i>Craft including art</i>	Amy Pedvin-Lewis
Rigden Cup <i>Photography</i>	Maureen Handle
Barnes Cup <i>Best performance of exhibitor not winning another cup</i>	Julie Bradford
WI Trophy <i>Member with Most points</i>	Maureen Handle
Harold Wilkins Cup <i>Most points in show</i>	Patrick Clarke

Young People Classes	
The John Smith Cup <i>Judges Choice</i>	Alex Edge
The Buck Trophy <i>For young people aged 8 to 12 years</i>	Charlie Stein
The Jean Dunn Cup <i>For young people aged 7 years and under</i>	Wilf Stein
The Fred Lines Cup <i>For young people aged 8 to 12 years</i>	Charlie Stein
The Janice Siddle Trophy <i>Best exhibit not winning another cup</i>	Hollie Sparkes

Allotment Holder's Prizes – Awarded by the Parish Council	
Best kept large allotment plot	Helen and Kevin McMahon
Highly Commended large allotment plots	Liz and Gordon Robbins Lesley and Steve Garrison
Best kept small allotment plot	Malcolm Bloxham
Highly Commended small allotment plots	Alison Lewis Judith Cardwell



HARBURY REPAIR CAFÉ?

Liz Ball

The next Repair Cafe will be on 12th October in the library.

Bring along your textiles, electrical, bikes and more for repair by our volunteer team.

We are always looking for more repairers and a coordinators for this. Can you help?



THE COLLECTIVE

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 15th October 2024 at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome. Our next subject for discussion is 'The Foodbank'.



CARER GROUP

Judy Timson

As a carer there are many responsibilities placed on your shoulders. One of these is the management of a loved one's finances on their behalf. It is often the case that in these circumstances this responsibility is not always understood, more specifically if the person you care for no longer has the mental capacity to deal with their financial affairs.

This is where having a Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA) in place is important as it provides legal authority for the attorney(s) to manage the finances of the person they care for. It is often the case that a spouse and one other may become the attorney.

If you are a carer considering an application to become an attorney, or you are already an attorney then it is important you are aware of the legal responsibility placed on you, as there are specific rules you must abide by. It can be a confusing and daunting experience for a carer in this situation, as financial assets in the name of the person being cared for are considered only 'theirs', and where there are joint assets held, half would belong to the person being cared for. As such an attorney needs to be aware of this when making financial decisions on behalf of the person they care for.

To gain insight and information into this important role, Rachel Blackburn, a senior solicitor at Mander Hadley solicitors, has kindly agreed to attend our next Carer Group meeting in Biblios Cafe, Harbury on Thursday 17th October at 1pm to give a talk, and take questions on LPA's, Court Appointed Deputyships, Wills, Trust Wills and protection of assets in relation to care fees.

Therefore, if you are a carer for a loved one and considering any of the above, or you already have in place the above, and want to know more about your role as an attorney or deputy and the importance of prior planning then come along.



The official dates for this year's Poppy appeal are between **Thursday 24th October** and Remembrance **Sunday 10th November** and we will be running the appeal in Harbury, Ufton, Chesterton and the surrounding areas as usual.

There will be ample opportunity to buy your poppy or pin from shops, pubs and businesses in the villages and School to support the essential work of the Royal British Legion. Payment is, as always, by donation. If you don't happen to have any cash, payments can also be made via the QR code on the poppy box. If you are not able to get to one of the shops or pubs in the village or if you are looking for something a bit different to show your support for the Legion, a wide range of products are also available online.

Visit www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/ways-to-give/shop/poppy-shop for more information. In addition, this year we also plan to have a table at the village market on **Saturday 26th October** at Harbury Village Hall. Please do come along to pay us a visit there and show your support for the Poppy Appeal.

The Royal British Legion is the country's largest Armed Forces charity with 235,000 members, 110,000 volunteers and a network of partners giving support to former military personal and their families. RBL, either directly or indirectly, through its partner charities, runs programmes of rehabilitation and adaptation to civilian life, provides dementia care homes and gives advice on housing and legal issues. It provides support for carers, help for independent living for ex-serving personnel and much more.

We are confident that Harbury, Ufton and Chesterton will be able to support the Legion as generously as in the past and we will be working hard to make this year's appeal a success.



SENIOR CITIZENS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Mike McBride

We will be at the October Harbury Market in the Village Hall on **Saturday 26th October** to run the raffle and provide bacon butties etc. as a fundraising activity. Please come along to support us.

The major event of our year is the Christmas Party. This will be held in the Village Hall on **Saturday 14th December** at 5.30pm and we hope to see you there.

Invitations will be delivered to those on our distribution list in November. We are aware that many people have moved to the village who may be eligible to join our distribution list, subject to GDPR regulations. To be eligible you must live in Harbury or Deppers Bridge and be in receipt of a UK State Pension.

If you want to go on the distribution list, please contact Mike McBride on 01926 612421 or Julie Clarke on 01926 612066.

For further information, watch this space for updates.



HARBURY LOCAL MARKET

Steve Ekins

This month's Harbury Local Market is Saturday 26th October 10.00 - 12.30 in the Village Hall. The Community group, being supported by the Market, will be the Harbury Senior Citizens. 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.

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

Thanks to our Sponsors.



NIGHT OF OUR LIGHT

Dayle Adams

Night of Our Light is a night of reflection and celebration of loved ones in spirit. This is an annual spiritual event held on Sunday 3rd November from 5.30pm until 7.30pm.

This year on Sunday 3rd November, hundreds of candles will fill the churchyards of Harbury, Ladbroke and Napton Churches, and the grounds of the Mid-England Barrow.

The names of your loved ones will be read out at approximately 7pm at all locations. You can add their name(s) to the list when you are at the event.

Refreshments will be available at some locations.

To get involved, for more information, or to donate clean jars, please email us on admin@planningaheadoftime.com.



Ladbroke Church lit up with candles

CRAFT FAIR HARBURY CRAFT FAIR – SATURDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2024— 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.

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 if you can help in any way.



WEDNESDAY WALKERS

Gillian Hare

I write this after 16 hours of rain - and counting, so I think the season of mud is back with us. September has been a lovely month for walking, a real Indian summer. We have revisited old favourites and some interesting new ones. Sheila led us from Yarningale Common (near Claverdon) on a very interesting route, including three round houses. Very nice. This month includes an easy, flat walk from the pretty village of Hampton Lucy and a pub meal at Frankton. All details on the diary page, or ring Gillian on 614809. If you are new, and want to discover a bit more of our local countryside, just turn up in the village hall car park at 9.35am, with a drink for half time; you will be most welcome.



HARBURY SWIFT VILLAGE - UPDATE

Amanda Randall

Contact Harbury Swifts: swifts.harbury@gmail.com

First of all, a big thank you to the Harbury Carnival Committee for the generous donation towards buying some swift call boxes. This is a brilliant start to raising funds to buy up to six of these boxes which are designed to attract swifts to Harbury Parish Council's swift nest boxes. (See below for more information).

By now, Harbury's swifts will be enjoying the plentiful insects of Central and Southern Africa. Back in November 1976, it was a Warwickshire-ringed bird that was the very first swift to have been found in Africa, thus proving that 'our' swifts spend the winter there. At that time, however, no-one knew whether, during the winter, individual birds were faithful to one particular area in Africa or whether they moved about, visiting different African countries.

Between 2010 and 2016, the British Trust for Ornithology attached tiny geolocators to adult swifts breeding in the UK to investigate where swifts go on migration. This helped to identify not only which areas are important for swifts on their journeys to and from Africa, but also where in Africa they choose to go, after they arrive. We now know that the wintering range of individual swifts is huge, with birds moving great distances between areas of temporarily superabundant insect food, according to the seasonal patterns of insect productivity across the vast African continent.

As I wrote last month, swift call boxes can be effective in attracting newly mature swifts to breed in nest boxes. These swift callers mimic the sounds of a swift colony and it's recommended that they are switched on for a few hours each day, in the early morning and late evening when swifts are most active. By using a timer, the calls can be scheduled to play at times thought best to attract swifts. So in addition to trying to raise sufficient funds for up to six call boxes, I would also like to raise enough money to cover the cost of some inexpensive programmable, plug-in timers. A search on Amazon indicates that a pack of three timers costs around £15.

If you feel able to make a donation, however small, please contact me via the email address above or by phone (01926 613871).

A swift weighs about the same as a crème egg so, as an alternative, you might like to crochet some swift egg cosies, pop a crème egg into each one and help raise funds by selling these to friends!! (Contact me for a swift egg cosy pattern).

Thank you.



MURDER ON THE OCEAN WAVE

Peter Walshe - on behalf of e-Wheels

Harbury Village Library will once again host a Murder Mystery for the benefit of e-Wheels on Friday 8th November at 7.30pm (doors open 7pm). FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY.

This popular interactive entertainment is the latest work by John Stringer, who has created an evening of twists and turns in which you, the audience, are invited to work out whodunnit.

To help your imagination and creativity the ticket includes a free glass of wine (or a soft drink) and at only £7.50 will be available at Harbury Village Library (cash or card) from Monday 14th October. Numbers are limited, so make sure you book early.

Meet Captain Jasper Birdseye, Commodore Jake Brand, Lady Griselda Magnum, Delilah Smug, Sir Basil Jensen and Salty Seadog. One of them, surely, deserves to be caught.



FRIENDSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

Ann Lucas

Fosseway Chamber Orchestra

Do you play a musical instrument? Would you love to play with others and improve your mental and physical well-being at the same time?

We meet every Tuesday morning 9.45 to 12.00 in Stretton on Fosse Village Hall GL56 9QX, playing a wide variety of music. Players are mostly grade 4-7 but we welcome anyone who can play four reliable notes.

Did you learn to play a musical instrument at school or have you started later in life and would like to play with others in a friendly, unpressurised environment? We are always keen to welcome new players. String players especially welcome.

We are part of Shipston u3a and think we may be the only u3a branch with an orchestra.

For more information please contact our conductor Christine on 07967 423550.



Regular Community Hub Groups

All of the regular Community Hub events are free (apart from the Nosh and Natter and the AFVBC).

Armed Forces Veteran's Breakfast Club

Last Wednesday and Saturday of every month, 10am - 12noon. Come along, purchase your own Hub Breakfast, and join in with the banter.

Chatty Café Table - Every Tuesday, 10 - 11.30am

Our cafe is warm and welcoming every day, but we are privileged to have wonderful volunteers who will be hosting our chatty table on Tuesday mornings.

You can find our 'Chatty' table over on our comfy chairs by the window. Our Chatty Table volunteers will be wearing yellow. Why not drop-in, have a cup of tea with us, stay five minutes or an hour. We have a real community feel here and everyone is welcome.

Musical Memories - Last Friday of every month, 2.30 - 4pm

A dementia-friendly music café with support, music, and refreshments. Open to everyone, come along on the day.

Sporting Memories - 2nd Wednesday of each month, from 10.30am

Reminisce about all things 'sport' and some gentle exercise with guest speakers. Open to everyone, come along on the day.

National Silver Sunday - celebrating older people.

Sunday 6th October at the Grange Hall.

Join us, bring a friend, and have a dance. Everyone is welcome to come along. Please telephone 01926 812185 Ext 5365 to book your place. Bi-monthly at The Community Hub. Next date Sunday 8th December.

Nosh and Natter

Cost £10 - Two Course homemade hot lunch and dessert. Everyone is welcome to come along from Southam and surrounding villages, booking is essential. First and third Wednesday of every month. Please telephone 01926 812185 Ext 5365 to place book your place.

Regular Groups

Stitch by Stitch - Open to everyone Every Thursday 2 - 4pm and 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month 7 - 9pm

Laura Moore Podiatrist Every Monday. Call to book 07920141214.

Admiral Nurse Free Dementia Advice for the Armed Forces community. Monthly one hour appointments available - call 01926 812185. Call 01926 812185 Ext 5365 to book.

Southam Spiritualists Mediumship Evening, last Sunday of the month 7 - 9pm.

Meditation & Development Circle 1st, and 3rd Tuesday of the month, 7 - 9pm. Open to everyone (£5 entry fee).

Southam Youth Community Theatre Group

Every Friday, 6.30pm - 7.30pm. Suitable for ages 7-16 years. Cost: £15 per month (first session is free to see if you like it).

Interactive session where children can learn new skills, improvisation, script writing and a place to feel comfortable and express yourself.

Contact Emma 07388 345752 or Andrea 07766 234146 Email: SYCTG2024@outlook.com

For a full list of events, follow us on Facebook @RBLCommunityHub



READERS' LETTERS

Dear Editors

Through Harbury News I would like to thank everyone who came to Sue's funeral on 18th September and gave her a lovely goodbye. Also, many thanks for all the cards and messages of sympathy and support - they've been a great comfort to me and to Sue's daughters Julia and Katy.

Colin Mercer

Dear Editors

Following the funeral of Shirley Reid, we have raised the amazing sum of £800 in donations through our Justgiving page set up in memory of Shirley Reid for Alzheimer's Research UK and other contributions. In addition a donation of £115 was made to Galanos House Residential Home. A sincere thanks to all.

Kind regards

Jacqui (daughter) and Bryan (husband)



LOCAL FOODBANK donations of non-perishable items as listed below which supplies the surrounding area, including Harbury, can be left at:

Harbury Village Library Foyer
(Wight School when open)

e-Wheels driver
Wight School car-park on Mondays
between 11.30am - 12.30pm

Harbury Co-op
Tall basket by door

- Potatoes - tins and packets of instant mash
- Tins of meat
- Jars of pasta sauce
- Tins of spaghetti in sauce
- Tins of fruit
- Sponge puddings
- Custard
- Small bags of sugar
- UHT milk
- Toiletries such as: shampoo, shower gel, soap, toilet rolls and cleaning products.

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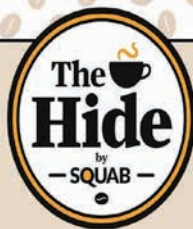
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