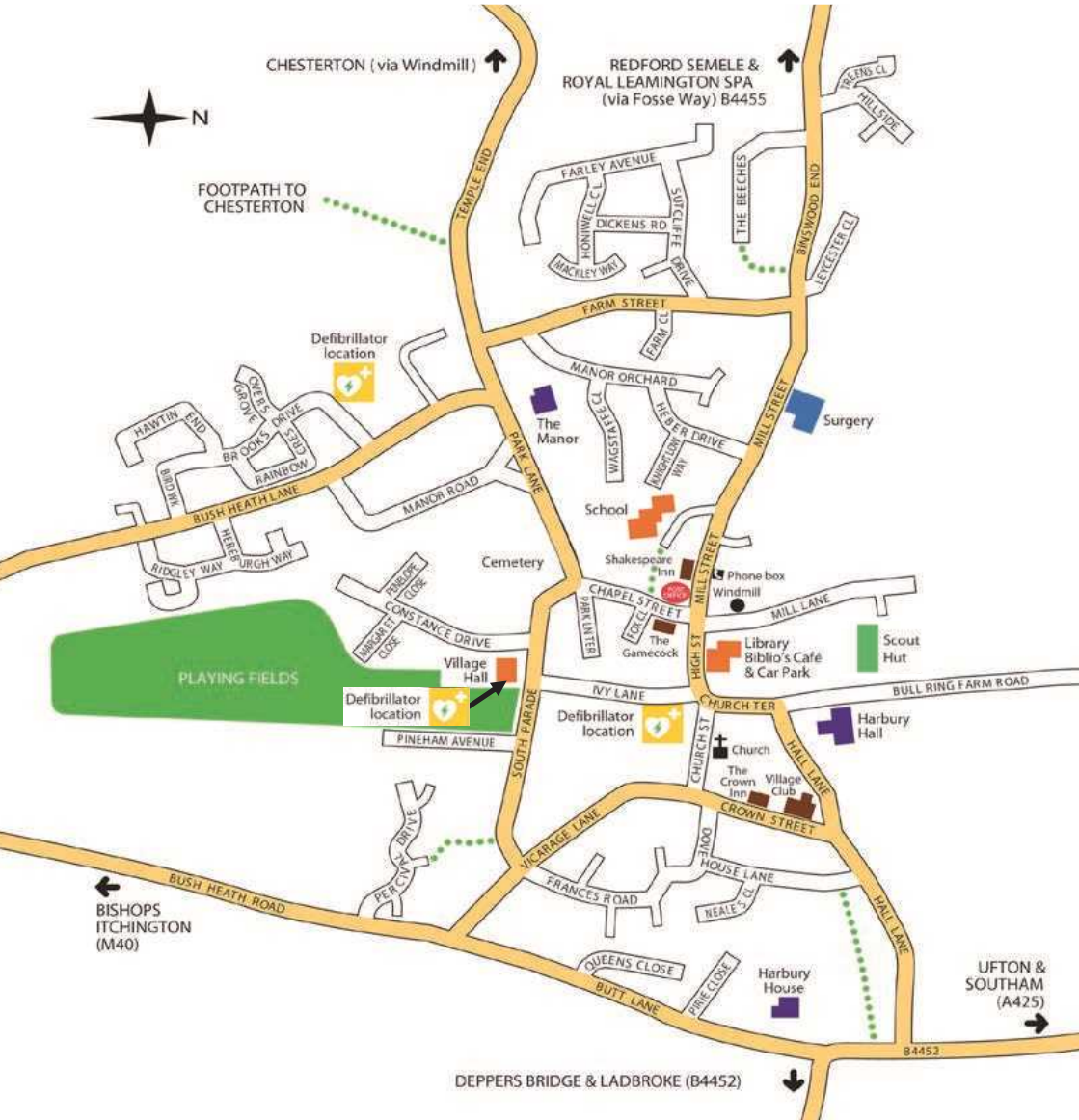


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EDITORIAL

A round up of local news

Some of you will be pleased to see the Harbury Map on the front cover this month; if you are wondering where the Ladbroke map is you will find it on page 10.

With the end of the winter a number of weeks off yet, the library now has its new heating system up and running and congratulations must go to Ed Wilson and the team who have masterminded this project. Harbury library is classed as a "Warm Space" and welcomes visitors to come in and read a newspaper, choose a book or jigsaw to take home or join in with the Board Games afternoon plus much more. You can visit Biblio's Café for coffee and cake during its opening hours too.

The Ladbroke Matters team will be celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Millennium Green in May, by holding a fete. If you would like to attend do make a note of the date – see article.

Following the bereavements reported in our editorial last month, we seem to be going through a spate of losing villagers who have made an impact on our communities.

At the beginning of the year we were sorry to hear of the death of Ken Stephenson. Ken was a former Chairman of Harbury Parish Council and was in office when Harbury was twinned with Samoio-sur-Seine in 1998 taking part in the twinning ceremonies - Ken is pictured far left.



Sadly, Ladbroke resident Linda Doyle has also passed away. Linda was a very busy lady and was involved with many organisations in particular the Southam Heritage Collection housed in Tithe Lodge – she had a great passion for local history. There is a tribute to Linda on page 20.

Our condolences go to the families of Linda Doyle, John Lowman, Ken Stephenson and Caryl Thompson.



HARBURY DIARY

For local events

FEBRUARY 2025

Sat 1 Litter Pick, 10.00 - 11.00am, meet Village Hall
Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Harbury Senior Citizens

Sun 2 4TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Said Holy Communion, 9.00am, Church
Little Saints, 10.30am, Church
Youth Group, 4.00pm Tom Hauley Room
New evening worship service, 7.00pm, Church
Zumba, 9.00 - 10.00am, Village Hall

- Mon 3 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 4 Bumps & Bundles, 10.30am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room
Harbury Heritage Centre open, 7.00 - 9.00pm, Harbury School (Park Lane entrance)
- Wed 5 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.35am, behind Village Hall - Grandborough
(3 miles flat)
Mothers' Union New Year Party, 2.30pm, Tom Hauley Room
Spellbound Dance Classes, 5.00 - 5.30 & 5.30 - 6.15pm, Village Hall
Hereburgh Morris Practice session, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall
- Thu 6 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 7 Meeting Point, 12.30pm, The Crown Inn
- Sat 8 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Hereburgh Morris
Repair Café, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Village Library
- Sun 9 5TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**
Sung Holy Communion with Children's Church, 10.30am, Church
Messy Church, 3.00 - 5.00pm, starts in Tom Hauley Room
Zumba, 9.00 - 10.00am, Village Hall
- Mon 10 Harbury Toddler Group, 10.00 - 11.30am, Scout Hut
Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall
- Tue 11 Bumps & Bundles, 10.30am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room
- Wed 12 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.35am, behind Village Hall - Brandon - Coombe Abbey
(4.5 miles flat)
Quiet Space, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
Knitwits and Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Village Library
Last day for purchasing Village Cinema Tickets from Library (film Sat 15th)
Spellbound Dance Classes, 5.00 - 5.30 & 5.30 - 6.15pm, Village Hall
Hereburgh Morris Practice session, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall
- Thu 13 Table Tennis, 9.30 - 10.30am, Village Hall, Tel: 01926 612951
Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
Harbury WI, Members Night, 7.30 for 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room
- Sat 15 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of
Mothers Union Southam
Village Cinema presents 'The Critic,' doors open 6.15, film begins 7.00pm, Village
Hall (Tickets in advance only from Harbury Library)
- Sun 16 3RD BEFORE LENT**
Said Holy Communion, 8.00am, Church
All Age Service, 10.30am, Church
Zumba, 9.00 - 10.00am, Village Hall
Harbury Heritage Centre open - 2.00 - 4.00pm, Harbury School (Park Lane entrance)

- Mon 17 Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall
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 Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall
- Tue 18 Bumps & Bundles, 10.30am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room
 Harbury Theatre Group, 7.00 for 7.30pm, Village Club
 Harbury Society talk, 'Swifts' by Amanda Randall, doors open 7.30 presentation
 starting 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room
- Wed 19 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.35am, behind Village Hall - Lighthorne (optional
 lunch at Pavilion (4 miles, 1 hill)
 Connections (Dementia Friendly) Café, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
 Spellbound Dance Classes, 5.00 - 5.30 & 5.30 - 6.15pm, Village Hall
 Hereburgh Morris Practice session, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall
- Thu 20 Table Tennis, 9.30 - 10.30am, Village Hall, Tel: 01926 612951
 Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
 Classic Book Group, 7.30pm, Village Library
- Fri 21 Ben & Soph's Jazz Night, doors 6.30pm / show 7.00pm, tickets via
www.ticketsource.co.uk/bsjazz, Village Hall
- Sat 22 Councillors' Corner, 10.00am - 11.00am, Village Hall
 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Southam Bowls Club
 Harbury Local Market, 10.00am - 12.30pm, Village Hall
- Sun 23 2ND BEFORE LENT**
 Sung Holy Communion, 10.30am, Church
 Muddy Church, 10.30am, starts in Tom Hauley Room
 Zumba, 9.00 - 10.00am, Village Hall
- Mon 24 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 25 Bumps & Bundles, 10.30am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room
 The Collective - 'Charity begins at home - so why should we give?'
 7.30pm, Shakespeare Inn
- Wed 26 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.35am, behind Village Hall - Broadwell - Leamington
 Hastings (4 miles, flat)
 Knitwits and Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Village Library
 Spellbound Dance Classes, 5.00 - 5.30 & 5.30 - 6.15pm, Village Hall
 Hereburgh Morris Practice session, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall
- Thu 27 Table Tennis, 9.30 - 10.30am, Village Hall, Tel: 01926 612951
 Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
 Harbury Parish Council, 7.30pm, Village Hall

MARCH

- Sat 1 Litter Pick, 10.00 - 11.00am, meet Village Hall
 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Harbury WI

Sun 2 SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

Said Holy Communion, 9.00am, Church
Little Saints, 10.30am, Church
New evening worship service, 7.00pm, Church
Zumba, 9.00 - 10.00am, Village Hall

Mon 3 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 4 Bumps & Bundles, 10.30am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room
Harbury Heritage Centre open, 7.00 - 9.00pm, Harbury School (Park Lane entrance)

Wed 5 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.35am, behind Village Hall - Lapworth (4 miles, flat)
Mothers' Union, service 2.00pm, meeting starts 2.30pm, Tom Hauley Room
Spellbound Dance Classes, 5.00 - 5.30 & 5.30 - 6.15pm, Village Hall
Hereburgh Morris Practice session, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall

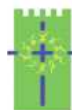
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Folk Club, 8.00pm, Village Club

Fri 7 Meeting Point, 12.30pm, The Crown Inn

Sat 8 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Harbury Society
Repair Café, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Village Library

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**All Saints
HARBURY**

FROM THE RECTOR

Rev. Andy Batchelor

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One of my all-time favourite films is 'Groundhog Day' starring Bill Murray. It is set in the American town of Punxsutawney, at the beginning of February, where an annual festival takes place as the behaviour of local groundhog Punxsutawney Phil is said to predict the remainder of the winter's weather.

The main protagonist, weatherman Phil Connors becomes trapped in a time loop, living the same day over and over until he learns to overcome his natural cynicism and selfishness, take opportunities to help others, and discover the value of love. The film reminds us of the futility of attempting to predict the future. Phil's weather forecast proves completely wrong, and Punxsutawney Phil has been demonstrated to only manage a less than 40% success rate in predicting the end of winter.

There are many famous seers such as Nostradamus whose writings are said to predict future events, but scientific analysis has shown that no Nostradamus quatrain has predicted a specific event before it occurred, and his writings are often skewed to fit recent events. As we look back over the events of recent years we see how unpredictable life always is. Who could have

foreseen the COVID pandemic, or the war in Ukraine, both of which seemed to come out of nowhere.

The book of Isaiah is written to people who were looking to astrological signs in order to help them explain the world's happenings. It states "You are tired out from listening to so much advice. Let the ones who see omens in the sky, who gaze at the stars, who make monthly predictions – let them rescue you from the disaster that is about to overtake you!" Though Jesus states time and time again to watch out for false prophets, we see them emerge time and time again, a bit like Phil Connor's experience in the movie. The whole sequence of events never seems to move on.

So the question is where do we put our faith? In dubious predictions or the promises of a faithful God? So for anyone pondering their fate or considering their next move, the verses of Proverbs 23 hold true, "for surely there is a future, and your hope will not be cut off."



FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

Liz & Andy

Did you know that every parish church is self-funding? Did you know that every congregation has to pay a "Parish Share" to their diocese to fund the salaries of ministers, their housing and their training? And, of course, on top of this we have to look after our medieval buildings.

That all takes a bit of doing. Last year Harbury Church spent £80,735 on all its day-to-day activities. That includes our parish share of £50,903.

Thanks to our faithful, but ageing congregation, we raised £51,186 in regular giving by standing order. We claimed gift aid on that of £12,588. Along with other collections, Tom Hauley room donations, wedding and funeral fees the total amount raised in the year was £81,108.

$£81,108 - £80,735 = £373$

Phew, a surplus.

And after a full year with our new heating system, we can report not only is it warm but that we use a lot less gas than we did. In 2018 we used 106,229 kWh and in 2024 we only used 56,552 kWh. And some of us actually take our coats off now!

However, we can't fund much in the way of improved audio-visual equipment, stonework and roof repairs without seeking help from a wider group of Harbury people. We are blessed to have a group of skilled and enthusiastic people on board who are keen to raise the funds to accomplish this work and keep our lovely church building alive in the heart of the village. Our target is to raise £200,000. Watch this space.

If you have any questions, we can be emailed on warden@allsaintsharbury.org or phone us - Liz McBride 01926 612421 or Andy Dean 07753 497967.

To book the Tom Hauley Room email Moira on thr@allsaintsharbury.org

From the Registers

Funeral:

Friday 17th January

Vikki Holroyd (73 years)



CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE AT ALL SAINTS, HARBURY—

Ann Lucas

What's happening at Harbury Church for children?

There is an activity every Sunday morning at 10.30am.

First Sunday

Little Saints: A story and bacon rolls in the Tom Hauley Room

Second Sunday

Children's church: A story, games, craft and prayer during the service. We go into the church at the end of the service for a few minutes.

Third Sunday

All age service: a service in church for all ages and stages. An informal service with songs, old and new and a chance to explore a Bible story, including an activity for children.

Fourth Sunday

Muddy Church: Outside activities, hot chocolate, a story and a firepit. What's not to like? Wear wellies if the weather looks wet.

Fifth Sunday (if there is one)

Children's church: As above

On top of all of this, we have Messy Church at 3pm on the Second Sunday. Crafts, songs, a story and then we have a meal together.

Bumps and Bundles meet in the Tom Hauley Room every Tuesday from 10.30-12.00. A get together and a warm welcome for expectant mums and those with little ones up to the age of two.

Young people who are of secondary school age

First Sunday Youth

A chance to meet with other young people and explore what it means to follow Jesus as well as have fun and eat snacks together. Once a term we go on a trip together. We meet at 4pm in the Tom Hauley Room (unless we are going on a trip) on the first Sunday afternoon each month.



REMEMBERING THOSE WHOM WE HAVE LOVED AND LOST —

Fliss Harris

A new Any Year Diary has been introduced to record the deaths of family and friends, replacing the one misplaced during the recent building works. The diary will soon be available in the church for you to re-enter names as appropriate.

In addition, a notebook will be provided for short tributes to loved ones remembered in the Memorial Garden. These entries will be added to the Book of Remembrance, donated in memory of Gladys and Fred Hutchins by their children.

Precise details about the required information will be available when the books appear in February. For queries, please contact Fliss Harris 07591 982822.



MOTHERS' UNION

Gillian Hare

Four of us went to Attleborough, on the edge of Nuneaton, on an icily cold day for an inspiring service. After rousing singing and thought provoking prayer, we witnessed the recommissioning of Karen Morris as Diocesan President and admission of the new trustees including our own Chris Rutherford. We should be very proud of her. After the service we were warmed up with a very tasty buffet lunch; a warm welcome indeed.

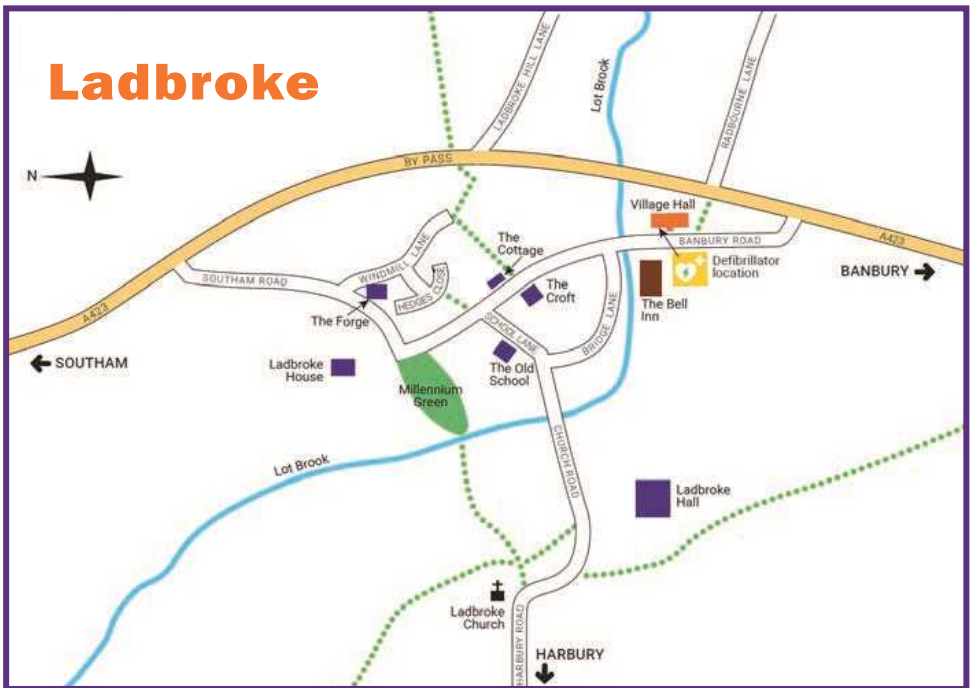
When you read this, I hope you will have all enjoyed a similarly warm welcome at our bread and broth lunch. The donations to that will enable our branch to continue to meet in fellowship each month, maintaining caring friendships as we worship together as well as supporting the wider work of the Mothers' Union here and abroad.

We send our best wishes to our members who have moved into residential care and hope they are settling in.

Our next meeting, on 5th February, will be our rescheduled New Year party at 2.30pm. Do invite a friend for a light-hearted afternoon of fun and food. And, if you can, bring a small bran tub gift.



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FEBRUARY

Sun 2 EPIPHANY 4

Family Service, 10.30am followed by refreshments

Tue 4 Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Wed 5 Heritage & Friendship Group, 10.30am - noon, The Old School

Thu 6 WI, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Sun 9 FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

Holy Communion, 9.00am

Tues 11 Table Tennis, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Sun 16 THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

Holy Communion (BCP), 9.00am

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Tue 18 Table Tennis, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Sun 23 SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

Holy Communion, 9.00am

Tues 25 Table Tennis, 7.30pm, Village Hall

MARCH

Sun 2 SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

Family Service, 10.30am followed by refreshments

Tues 4 Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Wed 5 Heritage & Friendship Group, 10.30am - noon, The Old School
Ash Wednesday Service, 7.30pm

Thurs 6 WI, 7.30pm, Village Hall



LADBROKE CHURCH NEWS

Peter Rigby

www.ladbrokechurch.org.uk

In recent weeks, both Linda Doyle and Caryl Thompson have been lost to our community. Although neither were regular churchgoers, both fully supported and made valuable contributions to the Ladbroke Heritage project and we shall miss them. Our condolences to their families.

No special events are planned for February, but a reminder that the Church is open daily from 10.00 – 4.00pm for quiet reflection and prayer. Looking ahead to March, there will be an Ash Wednesday service on 5th March and our Annual Church Meeting will be held after the morning service on Sunday 23rd March.

Forthcoming Services:

Sunday 2nd February	10.30am	Family Communion
Sunday 9th February	9.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 16th February	9.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 23rd February	9.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 2nd March	10.30am	Family Communion
Wednesday 5th March	7.30pm	Ash Wednesday Service

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LADBROKE PARISH COUNCIL

Jackie West - H&L News Correspondent

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

All of our councillors were present at the meeting on 8th January.

WCC

It is proposed by the Government to re-organise local government into unitary authorities where the current two tier system of county and district/borough councils still exists. There would be a single Warwickshire Unitary Authority (WUA), merging WCC with the five district/borough councils: Stratford, Warwick, Rugby, Nuneaton & Bedworth and North Warwickshire. WCC think it is best to accept this will happen and help shape it so intend to reply to the Government's consultation supporting it, proposing the May 2025 council elections are deferred and that the new WUA to become a full, rather than associate member, of the West Midlands Combined Authority. Four of the five district/borough councils, including SDC, have written an open letter to the chair of WCC saying this is a response made in haste without any discussion with them! Some at SDC wonder if a WUA might be better combined with adjacent counties with similar rural/urban mix, rather than the West Midlands.

WCC try to manage road closures but Severn Trent have "power to investigate" issues, so some closures are not well planned eg Folly Lane in Bishops Itchington recently. We should expect more interruptions because much of the water system is old with cast iron pipes.

Although it does not directly impact the parish council, Cllr Kettle is also busy with discussions relating to the local government pension scheme. New rules say 5% of the funds should be invested in local needs schemes but the current fund managers look worldwide as their objective is to maximise returns. It is unclear what "local needs" means in this context but such schemes (eg social housing, hospitals, schools etc) could increase risk and/or the cost to council tax payer as they are not designed for high profits.

SDC

The South Warwickshire Local Plan Consultation will be open until 7th March. The plan covers where additional housing will be located from 2027-2050 and numerous policies. To accommodate the required number of new homes it proposes significant growth of towns, some villages and also a number of large new settlements (AKA new towns), indicating potential locations, some near to Ladbroke. Cllr Ostrander wrote about this in the January edition of H&LNews on pages 48-50. Our councillors will review the proposals and send in a response. If you wish to respond to the consultation as an individual, or see the interactive maps, there is a link on the SDC website southwarwickshire.oc2.uk/document/148 -

I've had a look and you have to make comments in the relevant section, which is daunting as it covers so much. I found the proposed new settlements are Section 4, Table 6, also that there is a consultation event at Southam Library on Tuesday 17th February 10am - 4pm if you want to ask any questions.

SDC are also consulting the public about dog fouling but this will finish in January. The new Chief Constable for Warwickshire is Alex Franklin-Smith.

Planning

There had been no new applications or planning decisions. As communicated on Ladbroke e-news, an Enforcement Warning Notice had been issued on 17th December regarding the triangle of land to the north of Windmill Lane, requiring submission of a planning application for what they really plan to do within 60 days. *Post meeting note: outline planning application for 5 self-build/custom-built houses has gone live, Ref 24/03249/OUT.* Note: Dogs from known locations, such as that field, are not classified as "Stray Dogs" when they go on to other properties but "Loose Dogs". The police will pick them up, take to the SDC dog pound and the owner can collect on payment of a fine, which escalates for repeat offences.

Budget

The Parish Council budget for next year was agreed and no increase in the precept is proposed. *This time last year I reported that to meet anticipated electricity costs for the street lights, the parish council increased the precept by about half that required and would use reserves in 2024-5 for the remainder. Fortunately their actions to minimise the costs have been successful, electricity bills for the lights are back to acceptable levels and I think they did not need to use any of the reserves.*

This year a one-off Community Infrastructure Levy, CIL, payment of approx £1000 was received and it was agreed to grant a similar amount to the Millennium Green Trust towards the recent work done on the green.

Next meeting: Wednesday 12th March, 7.45pm.



LADBROKE & DEPPERS BRIDGE WI

Carol Lane

Instead of the Village Hall for our January meeting, Heather had organised for us to go curling at Southam United Bowls Club. Three volunteers from the club showed us how to project the stones down the hall towards the scoring areas using a stick with a 'pusher' on the end. No, we didn't have to do that elegant stooping down with the trailing leg and no-one had to brush in front of the stones. The volunteers also helped to retrieve the ones which had over or under-shot the mark – there were many like that – particularly mine!



We all had four turns, with the watchers variously cheering and commiserating. The scores were totalled with Dianne scoring the most overall. The picture shows us in the Hall at the end of the evening and we thanked Heather for arranging such an enjoyable meeting. The curling is available between October and March and anyone wishing to book an evening like this for their group can contact Dave Adnitt on 01926 813176.

There was no business which needed to be discussed and we meet again in the Village Hall on 6th February at 7.30 when Alan Godfrey will talk on 'Postman's Knock' (The History of the Royal Mail). Visitors are especially welcomed.



LADBROKE MATTERS

David Wright

Our Website

Our website www.ladbrokevillagehall.org.uk contains photos of the interior and exterior of our village hall and general information. Please use the contact form on the website if you wish to contact us for any reason.

Friday Night at the Movies

Once again, our Friday supper and film night held on 17th January was fully booked with just under 60 tickets sold. Our resident 'chefs' supplied hearty and delicious fare which was very much appreciated by all. Our thanks go to all who organised the event, and who helped on the day.

The film this time was 'Thelma' - a story of an elderly widow scammed out of \$10,000 and how she caught up with the scammers. The film was the choice of Caryl Thompson who unfortunately was diagnosed with cancer soon after our July film night and who passed away on New Year's Day. Caryl was one of our talented 'chefs' as well as secretary to the Ladbroke Matters trustees. She is sadly missed by all who knew her. The film was shown as a tribute to her.



Caryl, far left, was one of our many talented chefs.

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The Millennium Green

A new picnic bench sponsored by the Alibone Trust is now in place and ready for the better weather. However, the 'trim trail' (wooden climbing structure) is rotten and partially collapsed; we will be considering how to rectify this.

This year will be the 25th anniversary of the opening of the Millennium Green, and to celebrate this occasion and our new play area, we are planning to hold a village fete with live music, food, and other activities on the green on **Sunday 25th May**. We hope to see you all there, so please make a diary note.

If you have any comments or suggestions about the play area or green itself please contact us via the website.

Hall Bookings

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

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

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

Just a Reminder

The Village Hall and Millennium Green are separate registered charities whose admin and finance are overseen by a group of trustees. However, because the upkeep of the village hall and Millennium Green is the responsibility of all of us who live in Ladbroke, our larger Ladbroke Matters team takes care of maintenance and organises fundraising events. In addition, we have a dedicated team of volunteer villagers who bake and supply delicious food for our film nights (as you may have sampled last month!).

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. We are looking for new team members, so if you would like to join us get in touch via our website.

Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Draw for December 2024

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Happy and Healthy 2025 to all.

Margaret Bosworth



LADBROKE PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Kip Warr

January is the time for our customary annual dinner at the Bell. The food was excellent and we had a very sociable evening. I will spare you photographs of us eating.

On 4th February we shall have a workshop on photographing water droplets which will demand precise focusing and a quick trigger finger. The 4th March meeting will be our AGM, during which we shall gather ideas for our forthcoming programme, and have a competition

on shots taken at night. 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



LADBROKE GENERAL NEWS



LADBROKE HERITAGE

Jackie West

Ladbroke Heritage started as the community engagement arm of our Lottery Funded project to repair our church and share our heritage. Its impact continues with a more robust church building, greater knowledge and appreciation of our heritage and ongoing activities. It is with sadness that this month we report the deaths of two key members of our team, two ladies who helped define and drive the sharing aspects forward during the Lottery funded phases (2018-2023).

Caryl Thompson was a member of the activity team right from the start and led **Who's in the Churchyard?** She planned it all out and then organised volunteers to help her photograph each gravestone with a legible inscription in Ladbroke Churchyard before uploading everyone's images and transcribing all the details on to the Billion Graves website. It was no mean feat with over 300 records but well worthwhile as they are now all available to anyone, located anywhere in the world, with computer access, whether they are researching their family tree or just curious. A number of the former have written to us, thrilled with what they have found out. A lasting legacy for our church and village - thank you Caryl.



Linda Doyle helped with heritage aspects at church before the Lottery funded project was even a twinkle in my eye. Back in September 2015 we had the first of our annual Heritage Open Days. Linda suggested fundraising events and supported the heritage project from its inception, sharing her passion for local history and bubbling over with ideas and infectious enthusiasm. Her historical knowledge, artefacts, important contacts and willingness to share all these helped in so many ways: from the archaeology day, scything event and guided tours to expanding audiences and training village guides. A cluster of ammonites she gave us on permanent loan continues to be the star of our school sessions on Rocks and Fossils but it was at the Heritage and Friendship Group Linda's historical treasure trove came into its own. She brought along documents, pictures, stories, costumes and even a stuffed goat's head! Linda, we admired your knowledge and sense of fun, you will be greatly missed.



A more comprehensive tribute to Linda is written opposite. Next month we hope to include obituaries for Caryl and also another village resident, John Lowman, who passed away recently.



OBITUARY

Bernard Cadogan

Linda Doyle (1953 – 2024)

Linda was born in Rugby but lived most of her life just outside Ladbroke at Chapel Ascote. She was married twice with her second husband sadly being killed in a car crash not long after. Linda lived with her children and grandchildren in a multi-family household at Chapel Ascote where the original small semi-detached house had been significantly increased in size via a large modern extension. However, Linda very much lived her own life in her own part of the house but was always on hand to help with any of the family's needs.



Linda worked in farming and agriculture related roles for most of her life and very much enjoyed the outdoors and the company of animals even when that involved milking cows at the crack of dawn. She was also Ladbroke Parish Clerk for some time and had a leading role in the British Goat Society for many years. Linda's family owned several dogs and horses, and Linda would exercise and feed all these animals on a regular basis. She also very much enjoyed house sitting across the country for pet owners who were on holiday and needed someone to look after their pets.

Linda had a great passion for history, both Family History and local history. She would do research for people who were looking into their own family history, and she was a member of and/or regular meeting attendee at quite a few local History Societies including Long Itchington, Kineton, Marton and Harbury but it was Southam where Linda focussed most of her efforts. She was a member of the Southam Local History Society and a founder member from nearly 19 years ago of the Southam Heritage Collection which took over the running of the Cardall Collection just prior to Rene Cardall's death. The Southam Heritage Collection has two rooms in Tithe Place in Southam and Linda was responsible for all the activities in the Exhibition Room, including devising, setting up and running three exhibitions each year as well as being responsible for the writing and production of quite a few books relating to local history. In addition, she gave talks, walks and other activities for any group of people who might be interested. Furthermore, Linda was involved in many other Southam activities including Southam First, Southam Civic Ideas Forum and she wrote one-page articles on local history for the District Advertiser over many years.

Linda will be very much missed by her children and grandchildren, and many local groups, and especially by her colleagues at the Heritage Collection where she leaves a massive hole. Linda died just after Christmas following a very short and unexpected illness.



CHESTERTON NEWS

SUZY REEVE (Treasurer St. Giles church, Chesterton)

As some readers will know, the church of St. Giles at Chesterton has now joined with Harbury, Ladbroke and Ufton, following the disbanding of the Mid Fosse Parishes. We are eager to welcome new parishioners to our church, but also hope not to lose touch with members of Lighthorne, Moreton Morrell and Newbold Pacey churches.

Many local residents will mainly know St. Giles for its wonderful candle-lit carol service, but a regular communion service is held on the third Sunday of every month at 10.30am. The church is also open in daylight hours for quiet contemplation.



HARBURY SOCIETY

David Turner

Harbury Society Website - www.harburysociety.org

Over the past twelve months the Harbury Society has been working hard to create a website where we can keep our members updated.

To achieve this, we've been very fortunate to have had the assistance of Harbury web designer, John Bright, who heads the company Optimum Web Marketing.

This resource means our members can access information such as future events or see a write-up of our previous talks and presentations.

History of the Society

For people new to Harbury there is an 'About Us' page explaining how the Society came about and what its aims are.



Heritage Medal

This medal is awarded on an adhoc basis to support the Harbury Society's core objective which is to promote the general improvement of village life; particularly in relation to its environmental and conservation heritage.

The medal page shows photos of the presentations and further information about the recipients and the reason for receiving them.



Planning

One of the reasons for our existence is to monitor what building developments are being proposed and how it will impact the village. Where necessary, we will raise an objection to those plans we feel will have a detrimental effect on village life.

Walking Routes and Publications

For visitors to Harbury, or those new to the village, there are a number of walking routes which can be downloaded and printed out. These range from an easy 1.5 miles right up to ten miles for a more strenuous challenge. The publications are also listed along with information about how to purchase them.

Joining the Society and Contacting Us

For anyone wanting to join the Harbury Society, an enrolment form can be downloaded and filled in. For those wishing to contact us there are some forms which, when sent, will reach the relevant people.

There is nothing more off-putting than a website that is out of date, so we do try to ensure that the information is constantly updated. It's hoped that all existing and potential members find it a useful facility.

Dates for your 2025 Diary

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

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

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

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

May – TBC – Details to follow.

Saturday 7th June – Annual Harbury Carnival.

Tuesday 15th July – Bat Walk in Harbury. Details nearer the time.

Tuesday 19th August – Harbury Tour and Tea.

Tuesday 16th September – Presentation by Martyn Brunt from Sustrans, the charity which makes it easier for everyone to walk and cycle, and about how they create and maintain greenways.

Tuesday 21st October – 'The Railway comes to Harbury'. A presentation by Bill Timson, Chair of Harbury Heritage Group.

November – TBC – Details to follow.

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

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



Our first meeting of the New Year started on a sad note when we held a moment of silence to remember Jean Beaumont who was an active member of Harbury WI for so many years.

Members were presented with a Welcome Bag each to start the New Year – these bags will be given to new members as a welcome gift.

Our speaker for the evening was Sarah Brooke Taylor, who is a member of a WW2 re-enactment group and Sarah arrived in the uniform of a dispatch rider.

The Auxiliary Territorial Service was formed in 1917 - 40,000 women enrolled as volunteers taking on the roles of telephonists, drivers, waitresses etc..

The ATS was established in 1938. Volunteers were encouraged from women age 18 to 43 (age 50 if they had volunteered before). They had six weeks basic training and 17,000 women had

enrolled by 1939. As before, they only had “gentle” roles – cooks, clerks, drivers etc. In 1941 the volunteers were given full military status but still no combat roles. In December 1941 female conscription was introduced for 20 to 30 year olds and their range of duties was expanded to 116 roles including military police, engineers and dispatch riders. The women only received two thirds of the pay of male soldiers. In 1944, women were allowed to wear trousers. Uniforms only came in three sizes. They were issued with three pairs of shoes but only one pair of shoe laces!

9,000 ATS were deployed to North West Europe in 1944/5. 418 ATS women were employed at Bletchley Park by 1945. Dispatch riders travelled between Bletchley Park and London – seen as the safest means of communication. Women from across the globe joined the ATS – 5,000 went out to Palestine in March 1942. 6,200 ATS women were on the continent by 1945.



Sarah pictured with Lin

Princess Elizabeth joined the ATS in 1945 and trained as a lorry driver. Other famous women who joined the ATS included Mary Churchill, Honor Blackman and Barbara Cartland. 335 women were killed in enemy action. The ATS was disbanded in 1949 and the remaining troops were transferred to the Women’s Royal Army Corps.

This was a fascinating talk – the women did a great deal more than we realised.

Our meeting on 13th February is Members Night. There will be a small quiz and Lin is inviting members to give a talk about something in their lives “weird or wacky” – maximum three minutes long. This should be an interesting evening.

Ann is organising the next WI lunch at the Bowling Green in Southam on Thursday 27th February - contact Ann if you haven’t put your name on the list.

The next Village Hall cinema is on Saturday 15th February when the film is “The Critic” starring Ian McKellen, Gemma Arterton and Lesley Manville - a powerful London theatre critic becomes entangled in a web of deceit and murder. Tickets should be purchased from the library by Wednesday 12th February; numbers are limited so don’t leave it too late to buy your tickets.



HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

Anna Harper

On behalf of Harbury Theatre group. I wish you all a Happy New Year and hope to see you in the audience of one of our own beloved plays. We take a hold of every show, like we are professional actors. As an actor myself, let me walk you through the making of a play.

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An email is sent round asking the members if they would like to audition and what role they would be interested in.

At this stage there is no need to learn lines, the Director is looking for the best person to play the part. It's normally just a read through session.

Then there are the rehearsals and the fun begins. There is something magical that happens when working together to make a script into something people will hopefully enjoy. Every actor puts their own spin on how to portray the character. They bring their own idea to the play. No play is the same, the actors become their parts. We take approximately three months to rehearse the play.

In that time, we are directed to make the best of the role. The Producer is in charge of communicating what props and costumes we need, designing posters, programmes and making sure everyone knows what role they are playing e.g. planning the layout of the room, the bar and ticket sales etc.

Meanwhile we actors are learning our lines and moves until our performance becomes almost perfect!

We do three dress rehearsals before the live shows. These are just as important as the final show. This is the opportunity to practice putting on and off our costumes in between scenes. It gives us hope that it is a good show, and we can watch it all coming together.

Suddenly it's opening night, we are all nervous, wondering how the show will go. Will the audience like it? There is excitement as we get ready for the opening night as it is the first time we will be performing to Harbury and even though this might be our tenth show, we still get a little nervous. Then the lights go up and the show begins...

In our next article we will describe what magic happens behind the scenes...

If you find yourself interested to learn more or want to get involved in our May production, please contact us at harburytheatregroup@gmail.com.

We also have a bursary of £100 for any young person who is involved in youth theatre. Please email us for further details.



FOLK CLUB

Peter McDonald

It was a chilly evening for the first Folk Club of 2025, on 2nd January, but plenty of singers braved the frost and ice (not to mention the Church Terrace flood) to entertain us, following the theme of 'Fun and Games'.

I started the first half with a Jez Lowe song, 'Big Meeting Day', which delightfully describes how a group of people enjoyed themselves at the annual Miners' Gala in Durham. Rik followed me with 'Big Tree' and then the entirely plausible 'A Polar Bear Sang in Berkeley Square', written by Alan Bolt. Sue and Maureen were right on-theme with the 'Wassail Song' and 'Serving Girl's Holiday', as was Richard with 'Punch and Judy Man', but perhaps we should have waited until after the 'watershed' before listening to his 'The Actress and the Bishop'! Kim Hobday made a welcome return to the Club with Richard Thompson's 'Wall of Death' and 'Billy Small', the tale of a gambler.

The Folk Club Choir started the second half with three carols to close off their Christmas

season which saw them taking part in three local carol services. They sang 'Shades of White' (by Ian Hartland), 'Hark! Hark What News' (a traditional West Gallery carol) and 'Sweet Chiming Bells' (a fun, folky setting of 'While Shepherds Watched'). After that, Margaret and Sue accompanied me as I got the audience to help me sing (and whistle) 'Five Years' Time', a silly song by Noah and the Whale. We had another rare appearance by Ruth Fortey who used her beautiful voice to good effect on 'The Arrangement', followed by a powerful version of the carol, 'We Three Kings'.

Pete and Liz started with the delightful 1930s song, 'Little Man, You've Had a Busy Day', and then Liz stood well clear while Pete delivered his seasonal monologue – 'Christmas Day in the Dog Inn'. Calling in at Harbury during a break from his world tour, Keith was feeling reflective as he performed 'Postcard from Peru' (from where he had just returned) followed by 'I love you to the bones'.

To finish the evening, I was pleased to introduce Allan Richardson to the Club for, I believe, the very first time. Allan is a very accomplished singer and songwriter from Kent but manages to visit the Warwick area from time to time. He gave us two of his own songs – 'Games in London' (about the 2012 Olympics) and 'Something We Know' – then finished appropriately with a New Year song, 'Snowfall' by John Tams.

The charity raffle raised a magnificent £67 for Cancer Research UK. The next Folk Club will be at 8pm on 6th February, in the Village Club as usual, when the hosts will be Steve and Maureen and their theme will be 'Relationships'.



HARBURY HERITAGE CENTRE

Bill Timson

To start with a **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who turned out on a very cold morning last month to support our fund raising coffee morning in the Tom Hauley Room. We very much appreciated it.

We, like many other groups and organisations, use social media to advertise events such as the coffee morning and our open days. Another positive use of social media is feedback received when posting 'old' photographs of Harbury and its people. Jean Mann, a regular visitor and good friend of the Heritage Centre, recently donated some magazines one of which was dated 1972 and contained an article entitled 'Good Humoured Harbury'. There were some lovely street scenes in the article one of which (Chapel Street) is shown opposite. A post of this on our Facebook page 'Harbury Heritage Centre', brought a plethora of responses including some information from Jeremy Hunt whose parents, Peter and Pat, ran 'Hunt's Stores' (shown on the right hand side). Jeremy commented that his parents owned the shop from 1968 to 1997ish, when, he explains, 'It closed because people tended to shop more in Tesco rather than locally, and my mum was of retirement age at that time'. Jeremy continued to inform us that, *'Mum and dad used to allow some people in the village a "tab" if they couldn't afford groceries, and I remember mum telling me that those people kept paying off their tabs for quite some time after they had shut.*

There were some famous shoppers... Billie Whitelaw (actress), Annie Nightingale (radio presenter) amongst others.

There was a ghost of a crippled child which appeared once in a while.



In terms of what was sold, it was a general grocery store, so anything you could eat and drink and then extra bits and bobs such as needles and thread. I used to help get the bread off the "Fine Lady Bakeries" lorry at around 5.30am to 6am every morning, which I enjoyed.

At the top end of the shop, there was fruit and veg and a selection of meat such as fresh ham off the bone (I still have the knives we used). Middle of the shop, cereals and cakes, plus canned goods. Front end of the shop was sweets and chocolates, bread and alcoholic drinks'.

Tony Ceney, a mine of useful local information, commented that 'the Lines Family' ran it before the Hunts'. To date (12th January), 26 comments have been received. All of the comments have been downloaded, added to the photograph and archived. (Document HM – 0603 in our collection). I did a similar thing for the photograph of Vicarage Lane, looking towards the Church. (25 comments received so far.) Thanks everyone, this information is so important in terms of 'painting a picture' of the village.

Part of the work the volunteers have been involved with recently is sorting through and organizing 'Mike Bloxham's photographs'. The more recent ones are in 6 x 4 inch colour format and we intend to fill and label albums with these. Those used in the Harbury and Ladbroke News between 1999 and 2005 will have labels attached to them giving more information of people, dates and places. Thanks to Sue Turner and Nicola Thompson who have been typing up Mike's notes that accompany the photos.

The black and white photos in Mike's collection come in a range of sizes, as he would have processed these at home. We intend to contain these in labelled box files but could really do with help identifying 'people, dates and places'. **Please get in touch if you can help.**

In the collection was a folder with wedding photographs. All black and white, but again with no names. We suspect that some may not be Harbury people, as Mike would have been hired to record local weddings. A display of some of these photos is currently in the Centre and if you feel you can help identify the 'happy couples' (it may be YOU!), please come and have a look.



Harbury and Ladbroke News – 50 years ago.

I am continuing my look at Harbury through the 'eyes' of the village magazine; these snippets are taken from the February / March edition 1975:

- The magazine was described as 'self-supporting' thanks to the advertisers and subscribers.
- The Parish Council committee were discussing ways of raising money for the Village Hall extension.
- The Recreation Ground committee was working with the Village Hall committee on a joint carnival and fete. Both groups fund together raising to improve the village amenities and facilities.
- Roy and Mary Fennell were running the Crown Inn; Mavis and Doug Powell ran the Dog Inn selling 'Ansell's, Skol Lagers and Double Diamond'.
- Local artist Joe Bamford and potter Peter Shawcross were advertising an exhibition of their work on 8th March.
- The Village Club was about to undergo 'conversions' but 'activities' would continue even if the bingo players found themselves sitting around the snooker table for a short time!
- The 'Harbury Friends' increased their subscription from 15p to 50p in order to raise additional funds to attract speakers to their meetings.
- Harbury Theatre Group were rehearsing their latest production 'Murder in Company'.
- There were even some jokes dotted around the pages including, '*did you know that middle age is where your narrow waist and broad mind begin to change places*'.

Right: an advert from the magazine.



Finally

Opening times to the public in February are: Tuesday 4th 7-9pm and Sunday 16th 2-4pm.



HARBURY FUTURE ENERGY

David Bristow (07511 679312)

The Met Office says the global average temperature in 2024 was 1.6 degrees above the pre-industrial average, and the world's attempt to keep the rise below 1.5 degrees is now almost certain to fail.*

Far from being despondent, and because every fraction of a degree matters, HFE volunteers are becoming waste heat (and waste money) detectives. Our latest initiative involves a professional thermal imaging camera. These cameras are expensive, and so we are delighted that we have received a grant from Community Energy Warwickshire through the Heart of England Community Foundation.

Our new thermal camera takes images using infrared radiation, and superimposes them on ordinary photographs. The resulting images show hot and cold surfaces in different colours. This means a picture of the outside of a building on a cold night can show where heat is escaping. For example, this picture shows a house with double glazed windows and cavity wall insulation - but with a loose window handle allowing heat to escape from an upper window.



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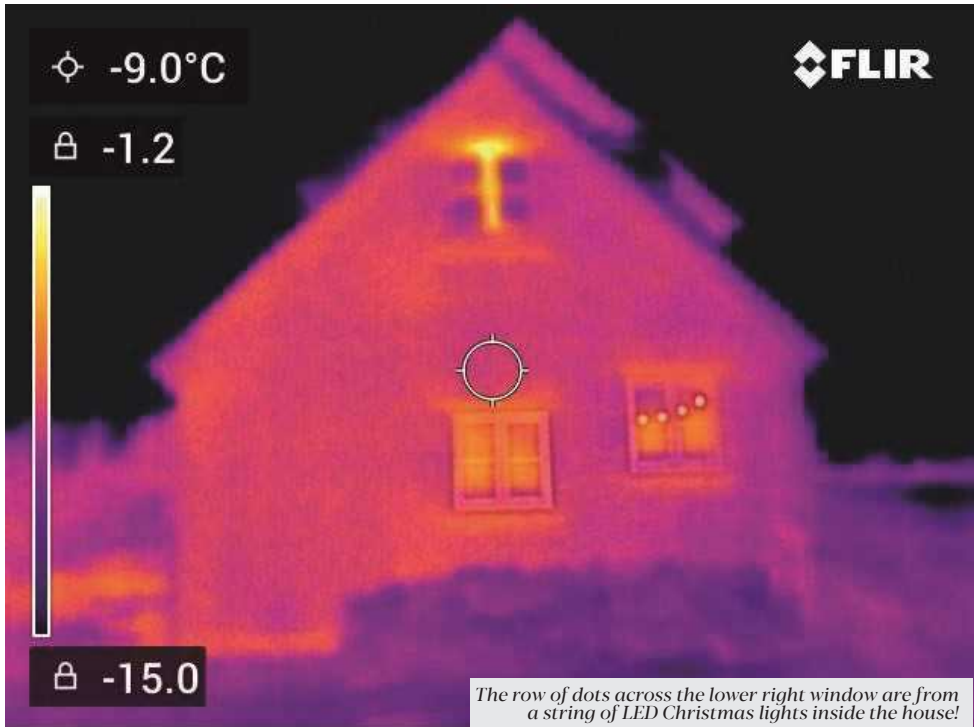
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To be effective, images have to be taken when there is a big temperature difference between inside and outside, which effectively means during the winter. The conditions for taking pictures from the outside are even more restrictive. For example images are no use if surfaces are wet, and if it has been sunny during the day we have to wait at least two hours after dark for the heat to dissipate.

Our intention is to offer heat surveys so that Harbury residents can see where heat - and money - is escaping from their own houses. However, before we can do that, our group of volunteers needs to become familiar with using the camera and, more importantly interpreting the images that it produces. When we are ready we will let everyone know, but unfortunately this is likely to be for next winter. However in the meantime if you are interested in volunteering as guinea pigs for our first attempts, go to harburyenergy.co.uk and follow the link to contact us.

Our images should show up draughts, such as from ill-fitting windows and doors, but we hope it will also be possible to use them to spot less obvious losses of heat such as gaps in insulation. Watch this space!

** 2024 was the hottest year on record globally, at 1.6 degrees above the pre-industrial average. However, the United Nations official 1.5 degree target has not yet been breached, as it is taken to refer to a 20 year average. There is still natural variability, and the global temperature will have a tendency to fall slightly over the next few years through the El Niño cycle. Unfortunately, because of the warming caused by carbon already locked in to the atmosphere, and the fact that carbon emissions are continuing to rise, it is now just a matter of time before the threshold is reached.*



HARBURY RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Steven Kittendorf

A well-deserved rest over the festive break was extended as both Coventrians and Manor Park pulled out of both games on the 4th January. Frozen pitches resulted in both the first and second team matches being postponed and then Broadstreet, being unable to raise a team, pulled out the following week.

Fortunately, all was not lost as the 2s travelled over to Coventry Welsh for their League fixture on 18th January. A full report follows here.



Harbury gave away seven penalties in the first 10 minutes before settling into the game to score an unconverted try in the corner. Quickly followed up with a second unconverted try (there's a theme building here....) as prop Buckley stepped in at 10 and passed the ball for Smith to score.

Back in his rightful position, Hunt ghosted a defender to find Woodhams running a beautiful line to dissect the Welsh defence and go under the sticks for an easy conversion.

Captain Owen butchered a chance to add another try as he dropped the ball over the line before Buckley delivered the bread and drove over out wide on the cusp of half time.

From a turnover scrum, young Boag kicked the ball through to score and then convert his try from in front of the posts.

Harbury added another score, as Cummings powered over from close range, but then had to limp off with a broken foot!

Steele added an unconverted try in the corner as he bundled over the top of their fullback.

From the kick off Twinberrow tried to run the length of the pitch but was tackled five metres short of the line. The ball was recycled and young Boag was on hand to cut back inside and score himself, only to miss out with the conversion.

The Welsh were flagging when Alford caught the ball from kick off and ran through the entire Welsh side to score under the posts for an easy conversion.

What followed was one of, if not the moment of the game. Woodhams broke clear down the right-hand side and was able to score at a place of his choosing. To the angst of young Boag, Woodhams went from the right-hand corner across to the left-hand corner to dot down for another unconverted try. Woodhams said that young Boag needed the practice!

Ben Jones scored his first try for the club as he ran in from 40 metres to score 'unnecessarily' in the corner for an unconverted try. (Ben celebrated back at the club with a yard of Guinness!)

Steele finished the rout with his 2nd and Harbury's 12th, scything through to score under the sticks. Bostock, desperate to get on the score sheet, opted to drop-goal the conversion. He hit the bar from bang in front, and the referee having seen enough called the game there, to save anymore kicking embarrassment.

Full time 0-68. A very professional performance.



HARBURY TENNIS CLUB

Colin Mercer

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

We managed to play our traditional New Year's "Muffler" tournament at the second attempt after snow and ice caused the first date to be postponed. The weather was still touch and go but an early morning court inspection gave the all-clear to play. Unfortunately, Tournament Organiser Peter Walshe couldn't make the re-arranged date, but Ian Reynolds stood in and did a fine job using Peter's order of play preparations. Players were split into two groups and played three matches each with the top four from the groups going through to the semi-finals. Sue Johnson and Ed Lockley took on Nick Dale and Ian in the first, with Karen Bristow and Jeunine Crabtree playing Sandy Sobisol and Colin Mercer in the second. Both matches were closely contested with Sue and Ed, Sandy and Colin qualifying for the final. This was a nip and tuck affair with Sue and Ed being worthy winners of the Dave Brown shield.



We also took the opportunity to present the winner of the 2024 Men's Singles with the shield. Nigel Eaton organised the competition in three rounds over the summer, and 39 matches were played in total. It was very competitive throughout and the overall winner was only settled after the last group match was played. James Edge and Nigel were level on points but by a margin of a better game difference of two games, Nigel was awarded the title.



Because of the weather only one league match has been played with four postponements so fixture congestion in March likely! The Floodlit "B" team of Helen Cooper, Lucy Ewen, Nigel Eaton and Ian Reynolds welcomed Deddington "B" to Harbury. It was hard fought but the visitors went home with a 6-2 win to leave Harbury still bottom of Division 2.

The first week of coaching was wiped out by the weather but hopefully by the time you read this the weather has improved and the programme has started! Pickleball with coach Ian Shorrocks is on Friday afternoons, along with his other sessions 4.00-5.00pm Mini Reds (4-9 years), 5.00-6.00pm Greens (10yrs +), 6.00-7.00pm Adult Beginners, 7.00-8.00pm Adult Cardio. Ed Spilman's Ladies' Coaching session is on Fridays, 9.30-10.30am and he can also offer coaching on Monday afternoons. For more details of any of the above, please contact Lianne Candappa at: Lianne@coolsportz.co.uk or phone/text her on 07919 104093.



A New Term

It was lovely to welcome all the children back fresh from their Christmas break. We have enjoyed hearing all about their Christmas holidays and what they have been up to. We are also delighted to welcome no less than eight new starters to the Pre-School and it has been lovely to see them start to form friendships and enjoy the resources as the weeks have progressed.



Ice and Water

The cold weather has provided a wealth of learning opportunities for the children. As temperatures have been sub-zero, we have not been short of ice. The children have been fascinated by it and have been exploring its texture and temperature and looking at how and why it melts and turns into water. We have been investigating how we can speed the process along by rubbing it in our hands or using brushes.



We have added some sea creatures to a tuff tray full of water outside and revisited it the next day to find the creatures stuck in various depths within the ice. The children have been enjoying breaking up the ice to free the sea creatures and have been finding out that they can't put the ice in their pockets to take home!

Tiddler

The televised Julia Donaldson book this Christmas was Tiddler so we have a Tiddler-themed role play to represent the ocean, sea creatures and the school in the story. We have thoroughly enjoyed reading the story to the children and the children were excited to tell us what happened to Tiddler from their memories of the programme.

We have been painting lots of blues and greens on to large pieces of paper to create a big 'sea'. It has provided a lovely backdrop for our Tiddler role play.

Looking Forward

2025 is the Year of the Snake and we are looking forward to celebrating Chinese New Year with the children and retelling the story of the Great Race!

If you would like further information, or to register a child for Harbury Pre-School, please contact us for a chat or to arrange a visit via e-mail enquiries@harburypre-school.org.uk text 07907 598461 or look at the web site www.harburypre-school.org.uk 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

Year 1 - A walk back in time

As part of their learning topic, 'My Island, Your Island,' Year 1 embarked on a fantastic walk around Harbury. The children showed tremendous enthusiasm and curiosity, asking insightful questions throughout the journey. Their positive attitude made the experience truly memorable. A special thank you to the Harbury Heritage Centre for their invaluable support in making this outing a success!

Year 6 - Imperial War Museum

As part of their learning about World War II, Year 6 had the incredible opportunity to visit the Imperial War Museum in London - and what a fantastic trip it was!

The children explored a range of fascinating exhibits, including authentic wartime artefacts, personal stories from those who lived through the conflict and interactive displays that brought history to life. They were especially intrigued by the life-sized planes and the detailed re-creations of wartime Britain, such as an Anderson shelter and ration books.



The trip provided a powerful insight into the impact of World War II, helping to deepen their understanding of this pivotal period in history. A huge well done to Year 6 for representing our school so brilliantly during the visit!

Lyfta Lunchtime Club

Lyfta is an amazing, immersive website. It allows children to visit countries in the world from their classroom. They can experience 360 videos, sounds and sights in different countries. We use Lyfta in our Collective Worship but we have launched a Lyfta Lunchtime club.



KS2 had a fantastic time at Lyfta Lunchtime Club, learning about how Hanukkah is celebrated by a Jewish family in Los Angeles. They also enjoyed some delicious cinnamon doughnuts as part of the experience!

Next week, the club will explore the vibrant fashion industry in Nigeria. Students will be bringing their favourite items of clothing to share, such as football shirts, cosy jumpers, or even pyjamas, as they continue their journey of cultural discovery.

We are excited to see how Lyfta takes off!

Happy Mind

January is always Growth Mindset Month here at Harbury CE Primary, a time when we focus on developing new skills and positive habits. In previous years, we've explored activities like journaling and learning to read Braille.



This year, we've introduced myHappymind, a program that helps children understand "neuroplasticity" and the incredible way their brains work. They're learning about the different parts of the brain and their roles:

Hippocampus: the scrapbook of memories.

Amygdala: the alert system.

Prefrontal Cortex: the decision-making center.

The children are also discovering how these parts of the brain work together and how breathing deeply and slowly can help them stay calm and focused. It's a wonderful way to help them build resilience and self-awareness.



HARBURY SCHOOL PTA

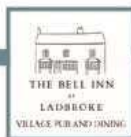
Alice Mellings

Thank you to all the children and parents who supported our PTA School disco; there was lots of dancing, glow sticks and fun all round!

Our **Tesco Stronger Start** vote is now closed; we look forward to hearing our results. Thank you to everyone who voted for us, this will go a long way towards supporting our wonderful school.

So far this year with the funds we have raised, we have paid for the **transport** for school trips to the Juniors Christmas Panto and Infants Christmas Theatre trip, dramatically reducing costs that parents then have left to pay. We have also purchased important **school subscriptions for use on key learning Apps** as well as gifting all infants a **book** during a very important visit from Father Christmas. Our target is to provide additional iPads for school to use throughout the curriculum and further the children's IT skills and learning.

Next Event: **Mini Street Chef Workshop Saturday 1st March, 2pm**. Teaching young children essential cooking life skills!



WHAT'S COMING UP...

OUR 3RD BIRTHDAY HERE AT THE BELL!

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VALENTINE'S CELEBRATIONS

Friday 14th February & Saturday 15th February

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QUIZ & CURRY NIGHT

Monday 24th February

Brad is back to host our famous quiz, come and join us for a night of fun and hopefully answering a few questions along the way. We will be serving Curry at half time - as always you will need to book!

£12.50 per ticket

MOTHER'S DAY

Sunday 30th March

Make this Mother's Day unforgettable with a delightful set lunch here at The Bell!
Book your table now and treat Mum to the celebration she deserves.

EASTER WEEKEND

Enjoy fun for all the family from 18th - 20th April with our 'Easter Extravaganza Hunt' out in the garden, with some Easter themed specials and some speciality cocktails for you to enjoy!

THE BELL'S FARMERS MARKET

Saturday 12th April

We're excited to announce that the Farmers' Market will be returning in April!
Join us for fresh produce, local goods, and community fun for the kids too!

SPRING QUIZ AND CURRY

Monday 28th April

Get ready! Brad is returning to put your brains to the test with another thrilling quiz!
Booking is essential. £12.50 per ticket.

MILLENNIAL GREEN PARTY

Sunday 25th May

Celebrate the opening of the refurbished Millennial Green here in Ladbroke Village, the Freespirit Foodtruck will be there with delicious food and drinks!
Keep an eye out for more details.

WEEKLY DEALS

PIE NIGHT, Every Tuesday tuck into a Chef's pie and a complimentary select drink.

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HARBURY LIBRARY & BIBLIO'S CAFE

Michael Luntley

Well! It took a little longer than we anticipated, but the new heating system is installed and keeping us cosy in the Library. Massive thanks to all those involved and especially to Ed Wilson - project-lead from grant application through to implementation and to Jimmy Davis who master-minded the installation work, lead the team that delivered it and for whom no set-back or obstacle ever seemed to disturb his calm focus and determination to get things done. It did get done. Well done!

With the removal of the old pipework and radiators we are blessed



with a little extra space, an addition that makes a profound difference. We had a sell-out audience of 60 for our first Live & Local production. We have had that number in before for events, but not with the sense of breathing space and openness that we now have. That matters. It changes how the library's space feels. It changes how we plan to make use of it.



By the 'library's space' we mean the whole building occupied by our library collection and our wonderful cafe - Biblio's. We are not two units at opposite ends of the building. We are one organisation - your community village library that has books and games and coffee and cake, that hosts evening language classes, book groups, home-school meetings, NHS Well-being sessions, 'pleasant pastimes', a range of recycling and re-purposing schemes, choir rehearsals, music concerts, occasional performances from Live & Local and... and... and whatever things come to mind (ours or yours) to enhance the cultural provision in our village.

We are one space. There are bookcases on the back wall of the building. There are tables amongst the book collection where you can sit and enjoy your coffee and cake and there is a little more space around the tables at the rear of the library. There is also an enlarged children's area at the middle of the library. They are our future. A future in which we aim to create a unified welcoming space. The changes are, in physical terms, small. The ambition is big. Come in, try it out for size.

Our next Live & Local production is on 21st February - sparked by the discovery of a series of letters from his father in Nigeria to his mother in Wales, 'The Gods Are All Here' - is a moving, funny and warm-hearted one man performance from Phil Okwedy of 'Adverse Camber'.

So, call in soon, for a coffee, a book, a meeting, a show, a concert or with an idea for what we might do next.



GARDEN JOTTINGS

Christine Dakin from Bridge Nursery

I'm guessing not many of you will feel motivated to get out into your gardens this month. But at least you can spend some time planning for the year ahead in the comfort of your home. Take a good look at the garden while there isn't much happening to see what could be changed. Are there plants which are past their best? Could the borders be made larger to add more plants? Perhaps some plants need moving or reducing in size? Maybe you have always wanted a water feature? Even a small pond can be an added attraction for wildlife. How

about growing fruit and vegetables and herbs if you don't already do that? Plants growing in containers might be in need of re-potting. Fences could do with having some wood preservative.

My hopes are that more people will become more enthusiastic with their outdoor space but the reality is that fewer people are gardening. The closing of some large garden centres and the photos on Facebook where landscapers have done a professional job of installing paving and turf (sometimes artificial grass) but leaving no room for plants suggests that a lot of the population have other priorities. I just hope this isn't a growing (ha, a pun!) trend.

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



NATURE NOTES

Martin & Amanda Randall

The heavy frost in early January afforded us the opportunity to walk over the fields to Chesterton, without having to wade through thick mud, where we were rewarded with some fine views of winter wildlife.

The lakes opposite the church were frozen in parts and groups of noisily quacking mallards wandered over the ice like tentative skaters. That did mean we could see their bright orange legs and feet that are usually hidden either below the water surface or in deeper vegetation. The drakes are in full breeding plumage at this time of year with a glossy bottle-green head and neck, then a purple-tinged brown breast; the two parts being separated by a smart white collar. The females are a more drab brown colour, camouflaged to better hide on the nest. Mallards are a common duck species in the UK with about 60,000 breeding pairs, that rises over fivefold in the wintering population to some 675,000 individuals.



Mallards on ice
(Martin Randall)

However, on this occasion we were actually looking for a much less common duck species, one that only visits these small local lakes in the winter for a few weeks - though reliably so because we manage to see them most years. Goosanders are one of the 'sawbill' ducks, so named because they have long narrow beaks with a serrated edge especially adapted for catching and holding the small fish on which they feed. They are one of the few duck species to catch fish for food. Goosanders are larger than Mallards and more streamlined to aid their swimming underwater to catch their prey. In addition to fish, they also eat worms, molluscs,



crustaceans, insect larvae and sometimes amphibians. The handsome males are mainly white with a black back, dark iridescent-green head and a long blood-red bill that is slightly hooked downwards at the tip. At the height of the breeding season the white plumage of the male is sometimes suffused with an attractive pinkish glow, likely to be an effect of orange or yellow pigments in their diet. Female Goosanders are grey with a white throat; the head is a reddish-brown and has a shaggy crest of longer feathers at the back, giving them the common name of 'redheads'. When not in their breeding plumage, the males resemble the females.

There are about 5000 breeding pairs of Goosanders in the UK; mainly in Scotland, where they were first discovered to have colonised in Perthshire from Europe in 1871. The breeding population has been increasing and spread from Scotland into northern England in the 1940s. They are still mainly confined to the north and west of England, as far south as Derbyshire and Wales, with a few in Devon, but are much more widespread in the winter. In summer Goosanders are mostly confined to rivers and normally make their nests in a tree cavity, which is why they prefer inland habitats, often close to mature forests.

This year we saw five Goosanders at Chesterton swimming along the shoreline, dipping their heads and peering underwater to search for prey and then diving with a slight leap. Nearby we also spotted a Little Egret - there is usually one here or hereabouts at this time of year. Little Egrets are small members of the Heron family. They have snowy white plumage and black legs. A distinguishing feature is their yellow feet, visible as they fly, which make them look as though they are wearing 'Marigold' rubber gloves! Until the 1980s the Little Egret was a very scarce migrant to Britain but, since then, its status has completely changed. Following a rapid build-up of wintering birds, the first breeding pair ever in the UK was found on Brownsea Island in Dorset in 1996. Now there are about 1100 pairs.

Since 1996, Little Egrets have successfully colonised much of southern Britain and Ireland. It is not known for certain why their breeding population has increased in the UK following

colonisation. It is possible that climate change has aided this species by increasing the chance that birds survive over winter and a lack of competition so they can exploit previously unoccupied habitats. Now they are regularly spotted, though mainly in the south of England and Wales. Most of their breeding sites have been established within existing Grey Heron colonies, the two species nesting alongside one another. At Chesterton, we have often noticed a Little Egret and a Grey Heron standing next to each other, in the corner of the lake opposite the church.



Goosanders in winter plumage
(Martin Randall)

The cold weather has also brought more birds to our gardens in recent weeks. Geoff Thorpe tells us that he recently saw a Moorhen feeding in his garden, that's unusual for a water bird. He has previously seen them in the garden during heavy frosts; presumably they travel further away from ponds and lakes in search of something to eat when the water is frozen. Several people have told us that they have seen parties of Long-tailed Tits passing through their gardens. At this time of year they are often seen in groups of up to twenty individuals or with other small garden birds in mixed species flocks. We have seen them on our bird feeders most days in late December and early January. Also visiting our garden has been a couple of Blackcap Warblers. Medium-sized greyish warblers, the male has a distinctive black cap whilst the female's cap is chestnut brown. Once solely summer visitors to the UK, Blackcaps can now be seen all year-round. But the summer and winter populations are distinct. The winter migrants from central and north-east Europe



Little Egret
(Pexels on Pixabay)

appear from September onwards, mostly replacing the summer breeding population which head to southern Europe to overwinter. As we write this, in mid-January, we are wondering if those latter two species will visit us for the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch at the end of the month, though we doubt we will record Moorhens!



HARBURY GENERAL NEWS



HARBURY DISTRICT COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Susan Ostrander (Cllr Harbury Ward)

There are a number of items to update residents on this month so you may want to get a cup/glass of something to drink and then get settled in for a longer read.....

South Warwickshire Local Plan - Consultation Now Open

In December I reported on the developing joint Local Plan with Warwick District Council. In December 2024 councillors from both Stratford and Warwick approved the recommendation for a Preferred Options consultation on the South Warwickshire Local Plan.

The Consultation on this is now open and will run until 7th March. The link to the Preferred Options Consultation Portal can be found by searching online for: South Warwickshire Local Plan - Preferred Options 2025. There is also further information (including an interactive map) that can be found by searching this online: South Warwickshire Local Plan or visit:

www.southwarwickshire.org.uk/swlp/preferred-options.cfm

The Preferred Options Consultation includes more sites than are required for the District and therefore *not* all sites will be included going forward. The Plan will run until 2050 and development at the chosen sites will be *phased*. I will be responding as District Councillor specifically with regard to the sites in our area and I urge residents to do the same so that all residents' views are clear.

There will be public consultation events which will be available for residents to attend:

Date and day	In person/Online	Location/ Time
Saturday 25th January	In Person	Royal Priors Shopping Centre, Leamington Spa – 10am - 4pm
Friday 31st January	Online	2pm-4pm MS Teams
Saturday 1st February	In Person	Talisman Square, Kenilworth – 10am - 4pm
Thursday 6th February	In Person	Newbold Leisure Centre, Leamington Spa 1pm - 7pm
Saturday 8th February	In Person	Warwick Library, Warwick – 10am - 4pm
Wednesday 12th February	Online	10am - 12pm – MS Teams
Saturday 15th February	In Person	Maybird Shopping Park, Stratford-upon-Avon – 10am - 4pm
Tuesday 18th February	In Person	Southam Library, Southam – 10am - 4pm
Monday 24th February	Online	6pm-7.30pm – MS Teams

If you require further information, please feel free to contact the team as follows:

- To write: The SWLP Team, Stratford-on-Avon District Council, Elizabeth House, Church Street, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 6HX
- Email: swlp@stratford-dc.gov.uk
- Tel: 01789 267575

English Devolution White Paper

The English Devolution White Paper was presented to Parliament by the Deputy Prime Minister on 16th December 2024. Local government in Warwickshire is currently a two-tier system: County Council and District and Borough Councils more locally. The English Devolution White Paper proposes moving all local government in England to a one tier system i.e. the abolition of District and Borough Councils and the formation of unitary authorities over a larger geographical area.

There are currently a number of proposals being discussed for Stratford District and the wider county area and how this might look going forward which may or may not have taken greater shape by the time that this piece is published. Whilst it is difficult to say at this early stage what the future of local government looks like for our district, *it is clear that we will be doing our utmost to protect the valuable assets and finances raised by and for the people of Stratford District to be kept and used by, for, and in Stratford District.*

The link to the English Devolution White Paper can be found at: [English Devolution White Paper - GOV.UK](#)

The link to Council Leader Susan Juned's initial thoughts on the White Paper is here: [District Matters | Stratford-on-Avon District Council](#)

www.stratford.gov.uk/communications/district-matters.cfm/part/view/id/71

A statement has been made by Stratford District Council's Leader, along with the Leaders of North Warwickshire, Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council and Warwick District Council may be found here: [Statement from the Leaders of North Warwickshire Borough Council, Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council, Stratford-on-Avon District Council and Warwick District Council | Stratford-on-Avon District Council](#)

Together with a BBC news article here: [Warwickshire council leaders urge less 'haste' over devolution - BBC News](#)

www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/czr3r6mm0ymo

Community Climate Change and Nature Fund – Phase Two

Phase Two of the fund opened on Friday 10th January 2025. The application window will be open until **Monday 10th February 2025**. Phase Two has a total budget of £55,863 available to successful applicants.

Phase Two has changed slightly following feedback from Phase One:

- Sports Clubs are now eligible to apply for the Fund.
- Projects which will result in the enhancement of biodiversity will now be eligible as well.
- The name of the Fund has been changed to Community Climate and Nature Fund, to reflect the above change.

You can apply using the resource on Stratford on Avon District Council's website here: Stratford-on-Avon Community Climate Change Fund | Stratford-on-Avon District Council. Please submit your application via: climate.emergency@stratford-dc.gov.uk

www.stratford.gov.uk/environment/climate-change-fund.cfm

You may contact me on: sue.ostrander@stratford-dc.gov.uk



LITTER PICK IN HARBURY

Ian Reynolds

Join us this month for the litter pick on Saturday 1st February and next month on Saturday 1st March. Meet at the village hall car park, 10.00 - 11.00am, litter pickers, hoops and bags provided.



HARBURY REPAIR CAFÉ

Liz Ball

The Harbury Repair Cafe meets regularly on the second Saturday of the month from 2-4pm in the library. In January 15 items were brought for repair, 13 of which were repaired successfully. Items as diverse as pyjama bottoms, mirrors, bikes, and CD players were repaired. Shears and knives were sharpened and some visitors learnt to do repairs themselves.

Part of the ethos of Repair Cafes is that once some repairs have been observed, such as brake cables tightened, the owner will have more understanding and confidence to maintain the item themselves in future. So do think about staying when you come and finding out how your repair is being made.

The next Cafe is Saturday 8th February.



HARBURY LOCAL MARKET

Steve Ekins

The Harbury Local Market this Month is Saturday 22nd February 10.00am to 12.30pm in Harbury Village Hall.

There you will find local traders selling: art, crafts and food.

The Community Group we will be supporting this Month is Harbury Tennis Club.

Come join us for tea or coffee and a bacon roll.

Harbury Parish Councillors will be there 10.00 – 11.00am with Councillors' Corner to answer any questions you may have.

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.

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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 25th February at 7.30pm. Our next subject for discussion is Charity begins at home - so why should we give?



WEDNESDAY WALKERS

Gillian Hare

We started the New Year with a well-planned tour of Kineton - interesting back alleys and farm tracks avoiding the tricky patches of ice. A bonus was the coffee stop at Gilks' Garage Café - a fascinating reworking of a family run garage and worth visiting. The ice has gone but - you've guessed - the mud hasn't! There are signs of spring to look out for, and this month we hope to enjoy snowdrops, catkins and maybe aconites. And the bare trees and clear skies mean great views.

CRAFT HARBURY CRAFT FAIR 2024



Fiona & Shirley Crossan

Just to let you know that at the 2024 Harbury Craft Fair we managed to raise £1,569.00 which as always was donated to Myton Hospice.

A big thank you to everyone that came along to support us and help us raise these much-needed funds for Myton. Another massive thank you obviously goes to our team of volunteers who came along to help, your time and effort has been crucial to the Craft Fair being the success it has been over the last 15 years.

The 2025 Harbury Craft Fair will be on Saturday 1st November and as usual we are getting booked up quite quickly so if you are interested booking forms are available from ficrossan@outlook.com

Thanks again everyone and see you in November!



SOUTHAM & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

Peter Guy, Event Co-ordinator

Due to the planned party in October having to be re-arranged because of damage to the Grange Hall Southam, the Ken Graham **Senior Citizens Party** will now be held at Southam College, Welsh Road, Southam on Saturday 29th March 2025. It is free to all and starts at 2.00pm.

We welcome all senior citizens from around the district to this annual party; you will be welcomed with a drink on arrival and during the afternoon, tea, sandwiches and cakes will be

served to your table. There will be time to meet and chat with old friends from Southam and the surrounding villages. As in previous years we have an excellent programme of entertainment arranged, including the Leamington Brass Band, vocalist David Laine and Magician Steve Nixon & Partner.

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- **B:** Have the beds at Leamington Spa and Stratford Hospitals only (no beds at Ellen Badger).

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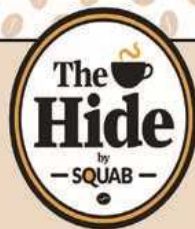
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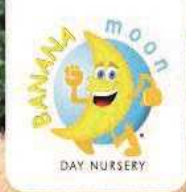


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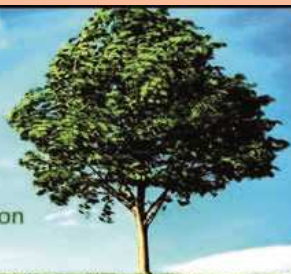


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