



HARBURY HERITAGE CENTRE



A collection of documents, photographs and films of the village housed in a self-contained converted classroom in the grounds of the village primary school. Ex Deputy Head Nigel Chapman set up the original Heritage Room in 2012.

Most material was for the children to use in local history and geography projects, and was gradually added to by residents.

Example: 'The 1960s project' where school children asked villagers to write their memories of winter 1963 which the school secretary 'typed up'.

The children's investigations led to the production of booklets entitled 'A Children's Guide to Harbury', 'Building the M40', and 'The M40 is Coming to Hill House Farm'.

As the collection grew a system had to be developed to store and catalogue photographs and documents. Now parents and other villagers interested in preserving this information are gradually digitising it for access via computer.

Harbury Heritage Centre is accessible to the public on certain days, outside school time, so the collection can be used and appreciated by a larger audience.

What's in the collection?

A complete catalogue, where all items in the collection can be searched, is available on our website: www.harburyheritage.org.uk.

Documents

There are two systems, depending on the size of the item. Documents are numbered sequentially as they are added to the collection, so there is no particular order.



HM-0001> Short Documents

A collection of A4 size (and smaller) documents, kept in plastic envelopes in ring binders relating to the village, ranging from old deeds to anecdotal stories, from trade directories to ichthyosaur discoveries, from weather records to disastrous fires.



HM-1301> Long Documents

A collection of documents relating to the village, mainly too large to fit into the earlier HM system. They are mainly kept in the upright filing cabinet in manilla folders. However some documents, such as maps are too large even for this system, so are kept elsewhere, mostly in the blue map drawers, they include: Census details, Courier reports from 1850 to 1950, documents and booklets, plus children's work, maps and diagrams.



Harbury News

HN-0001> Copies of 'Harbury & Ladbroke News'

From its first issue in 1974. Searchable pdfs are also available on one of our pcs.

Photographs

There are nine categories. See the following:



General Photos

P1-0001> Photos of Harbury

Taken mainly in the 1980s and 1990s. Catalogued by street.



P2-0001> Photos of Harbury

Generally A5 size upwards.

Dates from the turn of the 20th century, used in the classroom to illustrate how the village has changed over the years.



School Photos

For many years the 'school photographer' has called and taken pictures of individual children, teams, groups and these shots of the current staff. Most photos have an attached identification sheet

P3-0001> Staff Photos

P4-0001> Class Photos

P5-0001> Group and Team photos

P8-0001> School trips



Miscellaneous Photos

P6-0001> Villagers

P7-0001> Visits and Occasions

P9-0001> Framed Photos and Paintings



The Mike Bloxham Collection

A large collection of photographs - taken over many years by village photographer Mike Bloxham, kindly donated by his family.



Minute and Account Books

MA-0001> Minute and Accounts

Books of various local organisations.



Audio-Visual

CD-0001> Sound recordings

Singing and talking.

DVD-0001> Recordings

Christmas concerts and plays, school trips to various parts of the country, special events etc. copied digitally.



Books

BK-0001> Books on various subjects.



Taking a Copy

Copies of documents and photographs can be made subject to permission from a committee member.

A charge will be made for copies of documents and photographs.

Please observe copyright information displayed in the centre.

Harbury Heritage Centre is in the grounds of:

**Harbury C.E. Primary School
Mill Street, Harbury,
Leamington Spa
Warwickshire
CV33 9HR**

Further details of opening times and events, email:

group@harburyheritage.org.uk

Harbury Heritage is self-funding - donations are welcome.

The Centre is managed and run by volunteers.

Join our Facebook page:

Harbury Heritage Room

Visit our Website at:

harburyheritage.org.uk

If you are interested in joining the group, please contact us at the address above.

We should welcome items which could be added to the collection and can take copies of photographs and documents when you visit the centre.