Cross over, turn ⬅️ and follow the path to Bush Heath Road. Turn ⬅️ for about 100m then ⬆️ into the drive of Pineham Farm. At the top turn ⬆️ following the path into the village hall playing fields. Turn ⬆️ to the car park. Harbury Church was heavily restored, and the tower raised in Victorian times. Behind the church is the Wagstaffe School, founded in 1611.

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Walk 4
Harbury, Bishops Itchington, Ladbroke and Southam
A circular walk of 13 km (8 miles).

Start at the village hall, South Parade, Harbury. Harbury Village Hall was officially opened by John Profumo MP, who subsequently fell from grace through his unfortunate relationship with Miss Christine Keeler and Miss Mandy Rice-Davis. From the car park walk round the hall, cross South Parade and follow Ivy Lane opposite. At the Dog Inn continue straight ahead, passing the Bullring Garage and bearing ⬆️ along Hall Lane to its junction with the road to Ufton. Turn ⬅️ after about 100m, go into a farm entrance on the right and cross a stile diagonally ⬅️. Cross the small paddock, over a stile, keeping the hedge on the left. Pass through a very thick hedge, and cross an enormous field slightly diagonally ⬆️ heading towards Ufton Hill Farm. Keep the farm on your left then the landfill site. At the bottom of the field, bear ⬅️, again keeping the landfill site on your left. Leaving the boundary fence, pass through a narrow way through young trees, into a large field. Bear diagonally ⬆️ downhill to a stile. Continue parallel with the river, crossing another stile onto the main road. Turn ⬆️ crossing the River Itchen and immediately ⬅️ into a large pasture. Go diagonally ⬆️ to a stile heading towards a ruined barn. Keeping it on your right continue to another stile, downhill to another, over to a bridge. DO NOT CROSS, but go uphill to meet the main road again.
Southam's prosperity was due to the intersection of routes, primarily the drovers' road called the Welsh Road. It failed to grow larger though, when it was bypassed by the railway in the 19th cent. It was granted a charter in 1272 to hold a market and fair. The Mop Fair still takes place every October, and the market was re-established in recent years. Turn down Kineton Road. Turn at the by-pass feeder, past the factories, then down the side of the cricket field, round the back of the bowling green eventually entering a double hedged path. At the end turn and immediately across the field to a stile, follow the path through Starbold Farm, along a track to a stile. Go straight across the next two fields to a stile and bridge over a brook. Head slightly diagonally to follow the hedge on your left. Head towards Ladbroke Church spire, then pass the church on your right. The 13th cent. Ladbroke Church was renovated in 1876 by Sir Gilbert Scott. Ladbroke House was the home of W. H. Schwind in the early 1990’s, the founder of Ladbrokes the bookmakers and pools. Ladbroke Hall was at one time the home of Lord Rootes, the motor manufacturer. It later became a girls’ school, and has now been converted into a block of flats. At the lane turn to a stile on your left opposite drive to Rectory Farm. Cross into a small paddock, keeping hedge on your left. Cross a second stile, turn and head for stile in hedge directly ahead. Cross then head at 11 o’clock to a marker post. Go straight ahead, keeping the wood on your left. Pass through a bridle gate, then cut across the corner of the next field to a pair of stiles and a sleeper bridge. Cross and turn diagonally to the railway. The Railway was completed around 1850, and was engineered by Brunel. It forms one of the main lines from London to Birmingham. You may lawfully cross! Go up the embankment, over the stile, and turn downhill, then bear towards the willow trees.