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## Editorial

With the County Council having now set a reduced budget, it is clear that the future of the Library is uncertain. A meeting to consider future options for the library service and the building has been called for Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm at the school. The threat to our local bus services remains to be seen.

This month's magazine has a number of articles on energy conservation in support of Climate Week and this follows a recent well supported meeting on domestic energy generation.

Summer is not too far off with dates and entry details appearing in the magazine for Harbury Carnival, Heart of Harbury Games and Ladbroke Summer Fete, which are all taking place in June.

The Harbury & Ladbroke News AGM is being held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 8.00pm in the Shakespeare Inn; do please come and support your local magazine.

## Harbury Diary

### MARCH

- Sun 6 FIRST BEFORE LENT**  
 Sung Eucharist 9.00am  
 First Light Service 10.30am, Tom Hauley Room  
 Service of Benediction 6.00pm  
 Pilates 9.00-10.00am and Zumba 10.00-11.00am in Village Hall
- Tues 8 SHROVE TUESDAY**  
 School Service 9.30am in Church  
 Southam Children's Centre 1.45-2.45pm in Village Hall  
 Toddlers Service 2.00pm in Tom Hauley Room  
 Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes 7.30pm
- Wed 9 ASH WEDNESDAY**  
 Ballroom Dancing 8.00-10.00pm in Village Hall
- Thurs 10**  
 Holy Communion 9.45am  
 Table Tennis 9.30-10.30am in Village Hall  
 Harbury Choir School 6.30-8.00pm in Village Hall  
 Future of Harbury Library – Open Meeting, 7.30pm, Harbury Primary School  
 WI 7.45pm in THR – Antique Buttons by Yvonne Brown
- Fri 11**  
 Mid-day prayer at 12 noon followed by Lent Lunch in Tom Hauley Room

- Sat 12 Coffee Morning 10.00am in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Rotary  
Hereburgh Morris Workshop 10.00am to 5.00pm in Village Hall
- Sun 13 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**  
Holy Communion 8.00am  
Sung Eucharist 10.30am  
Pilates 9.00-10.00am and Zumba 10.00-11.00am in Village Hall  
Baptism Reunion Service 4.00pm followed by Refreshments in  
Tom Hauley Room
- Mon 14 Village Hall Management C'ttee 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Tues 15 Southam Children's Centre 1.45-2.45pm in Village Hall  
**ADVERTS FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: 31 BINSWOOD END,  
HARBURY BY 5.30PM**  
Holy Communion 7.30pm  
Mothers' Union Meeting 8.00pm Tom Hauley Room:-  
Vanda & Peter Ball: "A Visit to China"
- Weds 16 Tea 3.00pm Tom Hauley Room
- Thurs 17 Holy Communion 9.45am  
Table Tennis 9.30-10.30am in Village Hall  
Harbury Choir School 6.30-8.00pm in Village Hall
- Fri 18 Mid-day prayer at 12 noon followed by Lent Lunch in  
Tom Hauley Room  
Southam LionsBarn Dance, 7.30pm at Southam College, contact  
peter.guy@princes-trust.org.uk
- Sat 19 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7.30am Tom Hauley Room  
Coffee Morning 10.00am in Tom Hauley Room in aid of  
Meningitis
- Sun 20 LENT II**  
Holy Communion 8.00am  
Sung Eucharist 10.30am  
Pilates 9.00-10.00am and Zumba 10.00-11.00am in Village Hall  
Golden Retriever Club 10.00am to 4.30pm in Village Hall  
Evensong 6.00pm
- Tues 22 Holy Communion 7.30pm  
Julian Meeting 8.00pm in Church  
Harbury Society AGM & Family History 7.30pm in Tom Hauley  
Room
- Thurs 24 Table Tennis 9.30-10.30am in Village Hall  
Holy Communion 9.45am  
NSPCC Ladies Lunch, 12.30pm, Tom Hauley Room.  
Tel: 614664 for tickets, £10 each  
Thursday Club 2.00-4.00pm in Village Hall  
**ARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH STREET AND  
EMAIL ARTICLES DEADLINE BY 5.30PM**  
Harbury Choir School 6.30-8.00pm in Village Hall  
Parish Council 7.30pm in Village Hall

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- Fri 25 Mid-day prayer at 12 noon followed by Lent Lunch in Tom Hauley Room
- Sat 26 Coffee Morning 10.00am in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Church Flowers  
Harbury Junior Football Club Disco 7.00pm-1.00am in Village Hall
- Sun 27 LENT III**  
Holy Communion 8.00am  
Sung Eucharist 10.30am  
Pilates 9.00-10.00am and Zumba 10.00-11.00am in Village Hall
- Tues 29 Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Weds 30 Drop in Tea for the Bereaved 2.30-4.30pm, 19 Farm Street  
Frock Swop at Galanos House, Southam - call 01926 812185 for details
- Thurs 31 Table Tennis 9.30-10.30am in Village Hall  
Holy Communion 9.45am  
Harbury Choir School 6.30-8.00pm in Village Hall

#### **APRIL**

- Fri 1 Mid-day prayer at 12 noon followed by Lent Lunch in Tom Hauley Room  
Jeremy Wright MP Surgery 4.00-5.00pm in Village Hall
- Sat 2 Coffee Morning 10.00am in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Twinning Association
- Sun 3 LENT IV – MOTHERING SUNDAY**  
Sung Eucharist Service with School taking part 9.00am in Church  
'Keeping Mum' - First Light informal service 4.00pm Tom Hauley Room  
Holy Communion with Laying on of Hands 6.00pm
- Tues 5 Holy Communion 7.30pm  
Harbury & Ladbroke News AGM 8.00pm at the Shakespeare Inn  
Horticultural Society 8.00pm Tom Hauley Room
- Thurs 7 Watercolour day school 10.00am to approx 3.00pm in Tom Hauley Room - "Springtime". £15 per person, all levels of ability welcome. To book your place telephone Nick on 07870 352786  
Folk Club 8.00pm at the Dog Inn

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**APRIL EDITION – HARBURY & LADBROKE NEWS**

**Adverts to 31, Binswood End by 15<sup>th</sup> March**

**Articles to Harbury Pharmacy by 24<sup>th</sup> March**

Refuse Collection Rota				
	Deppers Bridge	Harbury	Ladbroke	Refuse Collection Week
March	Wed	Thurs	Fri	
	9	10	11	Grey Bin
	16	17	18	<b>Green &amp; Blue Lid Bins</b>
	23	24	25	Grey Bin
	30	31		<b>Green &amp; Blue Lid Bins</b>
April			1	<b>Green &amp; Blue Lid Bins</b>
	6	7	8	Grey Bin
	13	14	15	<b>Green &amp; Blue Lid Bins</b>

 <b>All Saints HARBURY</b>	<h2>From the Rector</h2>	<b>Father Craig Grocock</b> The Rectory, Vicarage Lane, Harbury Tel.: 612377

### Jesus, my Facebook friend!

Facebook has taken the cyber world by storm and our social lives forever in a different direction. Facebook is the most used social network in the world. According to Facebook's own stats page, there are currently more than 350 million active users, and 65 million people are accessing Facebook through their phones/mobile devices. They say that the average user has 130 Facebook 'friends' and spends more than 55 minutes a day on their site.

Well now, here's a thought for you - what if Jesus were on Facebook and he sent you a friend request? Bizarre! We know that such is not possible, but for the sake of illustration let's pretend. Would you accept the request? Would you have to stop and think before you accepted it? Would you have to look through your pictures to be sure that you don't have anything dodgy or tasteless? Perhaps you would have to make sure that you don't have any pictures taken in inappropriate places. Would you go back over your postings to be sure that you haven't said anything crude or inappropriate? Would you scan through your list of favorite movies and music, perhaps deleting a few before you let Jesus onto your site?

Let's think of it the other way - imagine that you are surfing Facebook,

and you see that Jesus has His own site, so you send him a friend request. Would He accept it? Most of us, when we receive a friend request, have some sort of criteria before we accept someone as our friend. We want to know if we know the person. We glance at his or her information, their friend list, and where they live etc. I wonder if Jesus would have criteria for friend requests? Are you holy enough? Do you attend church? Are you good enough? Would he want you as his friend? The thing is, Jesus knows us warts and all anyway, he knows what we're like, he doesn't need to check out our profile first or what we've posted on our wall in the last week. We can hide nothing from him. The brilliant thing is that he accepts us for whatever we are and will always add you to his friend list if you request it. So go on, hit the request button!

God bless.

## From the Registers

### *Holy Matrimony, All Saints' Harbury*

5 February Christopher Abela to Sarah Nash

### *Holy Baptism, All Saints' Harbury*

13 February Oliver Andrew Scott

### *Burial of Ashes*

19 February Gwen Barber



## From the Churchwardens

**Will & Fliss**

As we told you in last month's notes, presentations at 'This is our story', the all age communion service, are looking at stories from the Old Testament. February saw an unconventional take on The Flood. Alison, resplendent in wellies and waterproofs, gave us an insight into Mrs Noah's experience - not happy - and opinions - heartfelt. What with the clearing up and the feeding, the noises and the smells - and a husband who seemed never to listen to her - it was all a bit much! With the appearance of the rainbow, however, we were reminded of God's love for us and of His promise to save His people.

A date for your diary: On Sunday 1st May at 4pm we are holding a joyful Service of Thanksgiving in music and verse to welcome Spring; tea and cakes will be served afterwards.



## Mothers' Union

Gillian Hare

Our February meetings have both been home grown but no less enjoyable for that. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> February, our members were invited to reminisce about their childhood memories of religious teaching at school and Sunday school. Amid some hilarity about the misunderstanding of unfamiliar words, was a strong feeling of the innocence of those long gone days.

In the evening of the 15<sup>th</sup>, Tony Stubbs told us about his involvement with the chaplaincy at Myton Hospice. Before joining the team, volunteers must have spent some time helping in the day to day running of things – Tony is a “trolley dolly”, taking food and drinks to the patients and hence getting the feel of how the system works. The chaplaincy team have representatives of all the main, and some minor, faiths, so all the patients have someone to talk to on their own terms, and Tony said that the Christians base their role on Jesus’ teaching about being a servant. They are able to help in many practical as well as emotional and spiritual issues, and add a lot to the atmosphere of peace and love which typifies hospices.

15<sup>th</sup> March, 8.00pm: Vanda and Pete Ball on their trip to China. Visitors are particularly invited.

19<sup>th</sup> March: Tom Hauley lunch. If you haven’t already done so, please let Sue know how you can be involved.

15<sup>th</sup> March, 11.00am: Lady Day Service at Bidford. Lifts will be available – details at next meeting or speak to Gillian.

6<sup>th</sup> April, 2.30pm: Anne Lancaster on the life of Corrie Ten Boom.

Finally, we remember with affection the life of Ruth Merrick. She was an active member of the Harbury branch for many years before going into residential care. Our condolences go to her family and friends.



## Toddlers' Service

Barbara Thistlethwaite

Mrs Hare told us the story of “Blind Bartemaus”. She asked us to cover our eyes and pretend that we could not see. She then gave us a bag with lots of different things in to see if we could guess what they were just by touching them.

Bartemaus used to be sitting by the side of the road with a bowl and passers-by would sometimes put food or occasionally money in it for him.

One day there seemed to be a lot more people around than usual and Bartemaus did not know what was going on until someone told him that Jesus had come to preach. A man went and told Jesus about Bartemaus and Jesus came over to him and touched him and immediately Bartemaus was able to see. Bartemaus was so happy and thanked Jesus for making him better and for the wonderful gift of sight that he had given him. He would now be able to go out into the world and get a job.

Mr Hare played for us and we all had a great time singing two songs. We then did some stickings and played until it was time to go home.

Our next Toddlers Service is on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 2.00pm in the Tom Hauley Room. All babies and toddlers, accompanied by an adult, are welcome to join us. We look forward to seeing you all there.



February's First Light was about adoption, belonging and finding your place in God's family. Gillian told us about her experience of tracing her family tree and discovering that she belonged to a much bigger family than she had realised. With the assistance of three young helpers, Alison helped us to understand what adoption meant to a Roman citizen, and through our usual mix of drama and music we celebrated being adopted into God's family and heirs to many good things.

We are looking forward to the next First Light on March 6th. Our theme is A Good Read and this year being the 400th Anniversary of the publishing of the King James Bible (the first English translation to be widely available), there are no prizes for guessing which book we are recommending. Everyone is very welcome as we explore and celebrate a God who loves to communicate with us.

Advance notice - April's First Light is going to be a little different! We will not have First Light at the usual time of 10.30am in the morning. The 3rd of April is Mothering Sunday and so, instead, we are having a special service for children and mothers in the afternoon. As usual everyone is welcome, so once Mum has had her breakfast in bed, and you have taken her out to lunch, you can finish a perfect day by joining us in Church at 4.00pm for a short service followed by tea and cake.

# Ladbroke News & Diary

## MARCH

**Sun 6**

### NEXT BEFORE LENT

Family Communion, 10.30am followed by refreshments

Tues 8

Photography Club, 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Wed 9

### ASH WEDNESDAY

Morning Prayer and Imposition of Ashes, 8.30am

Lent Lunch, 12.30pm – Carol Lane, The Old School,  
School Lane

Yoga Class, 6.30pm in Village Hall

Parish Council Meeting, 7.45pm in Village Hall

Sat 12

Whist Drive, 7.45pm in Village Hall

**Sun 13**

### LENT I

Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am

Tues 15

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BY 5.30PM

Wed 16

Lent Lunch, 12.30pm – Jane Rutherford, The Old Rectory

Yoga Class, 6.30pm in Village Hall

Sat 19

Whist Drive, 7.45pm in Village Hall

**Sun 20**

### LENT II

Holy Communion, Book of Common Prayer, 9.00am

Wed 23

Lent Lunch, 12.30pm – Jackie West & Betty Winkfield,  
Hallsfield, School Lane

Yoga Class, 6.30pm in Village Hall

Thurs 24

ARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH STREET  
AND EMAIL ARTICLES BY 5.30PM

Women's Institute, 7.30pm in Village Hall

Sat 26

Quiz Night, 7.30pm in Village Hall

**Sun 27**

### LENT III

Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am

Wed 30

Lent Lunch, 12.30pm – Catherine Spence &

Hazel Sharples, 3 Ladbroke Hall

Yoga Class, 6.30pm in Village Hall

P.C.C AGM, 7.30pm in the Church

## APRIL

**Sun 3**

### LENT IV – MOTHERING SUNDAY

Mothering Sunday Service and Holy Communion,  
10.30am followed by refreshments

Tues 5

Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall



## Ladbroke Church News

Sue Lord

Our February Family Service was combined with a Christingle Service. It was wonderful to welcome so many people especially children from outside Ladbroke. As the congregation held the symbolic oranges, Father Craig explained the meaning of Christingle and did an excellent job involving the children who provided some entertaining responses.

The orange represents the world whilst the candle is to remind us that Jesus is the light of the world. The red ribbon around the orange represents the blood of Jesus. The four cocktail sticks remind us of the four seasons and the sweets are God's gift to the world including kindness and love.

Ash Wednesday is the 9th March and sees the beginning of Lent with a service at 8.30am at Ladbroke which will include Ashing. It will also be the start of our Lent Lunches.

Ladbroke PCC AGM will be held in the church on Wednesday 30th March at 7.30pm.

### **Venues & Hosts for Wednesday Lent Lunches- 12.00 noon onwards:**

- 9th March: Carol Lane, The Old School, School Lane  
 16th March : Jane Rutherford, The Old Rectory  
 23rd March: Jackie West / Betty Winkfield, Hallsfield, School Lane  
 30th March : Catherine Spence / Hazel Sharples, 3 Ladbroke Hall  
 6th April: Sue Moore, Walworth Farm, Bishops Itchington  
 13th April: Jenny Barrett, Chapel Ascot Farm

### **Liturgical Colours - interesting thoughts**

A lady in the parish once decided to ensure  
 That the church's ritual colours matched the underwear she wore  
 And, so for Christmas, Easter and the Saints days pure and bright  
 The Priest and congregation knew her lingerie was white  
 For all the Holy Martyr band whose precious blood was shed  
 And for the Feast of Pentecost she wore the colour red.  
 In Advent and in Lent the lady competently strove  
 To choose the penitential shades of purple or of mauve.

Good Friday was a special day and so upon her back  
She wore with pride (and some panache) a set of smalls in black.

At other times throughout the year her underwear was seen  
To complement the natural world in various shades of green.

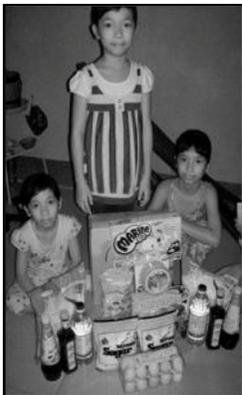
At last, on Maundy Thursday (your indulgence I entreat)  
They stripped the church of colour – so this line remains discreet!

Besotted by her underwear the Vicar always knew  
The colour of the Church's year – he'd seen them through and through  
They brought sparkle to his eye, excitement to his life,  
But judge him not too harshly friends --- the lady was his wife!

## Stained Glass Window Cards Appeal

Jackie would like to thank everyone who purchased cards of the stained glass windows over the last few months; £238 was raised of which half has been given to church funds.

The other half has been sent via the International Language Academy Community Network to help support the Han family in Vietnam. We have received the following message of thanks from the co-ordinator and a photo of the daughters with food that was purchased for their Tet (Chinese New Year) celebrations, the rest of the money will be spent on prescription medicines for the mother who is too ill to work.



“On behalf of the family, I want to thank you so much for this. As you know, Tet is the biggest holiday of the year for Vietnamese families and they were able to celebrate because of you.”

There are still a few cards available and Jackie is happy to make more if required.

**Jackie West**

**theWI**  
INSPIRING WOMEN

**Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge Women's  
Institute**

**Carol Lane**

The February meeting was held in the Village Hall on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> with Sue Moore, our President, in the chair.

We were all pleased to hear from Julie Harris and that she is recovering well from her recent hip operation.

### Dates for the diary:

17<sup>th</sup> August - Visit to Hill Close Gardens in Warwick (guided tour and lunch)

14<sup>th</sup> July - Summer Dinner at Kenilworth Golf Club

8<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Social (entertainment by Triple Bypass!)  
The W.I. cookery school will be giving demonstrations at the Edible Garden Show between 18<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> March at Stoneleigh Park.

We also learned that those going on the trip to Denman College would be taken there on the Community bus with a very special driver. Yes, our president is also a bus driver and, were it a double-decker, she could do that as well!

Our speaker for the evening was Pearl Watts who introduced herself as a 'socialiser' for young dogs who are going on to be trained as dogs for the disabled. She gave a broad outline of her year starting with an 8 week old puppy who spends the first 3 weeks being trained in house and garden, then from 11 weeks the dog will be taught the basics of walking on a loose lead, sitting at the kerb, free running and coming when called as well as the sit, stand and stay commands. They are also taken everywhere and when the dogs wear the green jacket with 'Dogs for the Disabled' they are allowed access to all places: into shops, buses, trains, cars and pubs, so that they become very confident and friendly.

At the age of about 15 months the dog then goes to the kennels where he or she receives more training for specific tasks. Finally the disabled person spends some time at the centre learning how to work with the dog before taking him or her home.



It was evident that everyone was really interested in this topic by the number of questions throughout the talk but the real stars of course were Bonnie, the 15 month old black Labrador and Vita, the Alsatian cross retriever puppy just 18 weeks.

Pearl explained the particular success many dogs are having working with autistic children as well as helping wheel chair bound owners with household tasks.

The funding is all from charity and they currently have about 550 dogs homed all over the country.

Their website is at [www.dogsforthedisabled.org](http://www.dogsforthedisabled.org). You will find their address near Banbury and the dates for open mornings where the kennels and demonstrations of the dogs working can be seen.



February's meeting started with our first AGM at which we agreed the club's rules and elected a committee. We also fixed on a regular meeting night: the 1st Tuesday of the month, but there will be some exceptions, like the March meeting, see below.

With the business of the AGM complete, we had a competition on the subject PEOPLE. The photos entered covered a range of styles and there were some great shots to choose from. The winner of the small print category was Andy Pittaway with a close up of the face of a girl with sparkling eyes; in the large print category there were joint winners - John Lowman for his man at the pub and Jana Kovak-Stacey for a silhouette of children playing on a wet beach. After some delicious cakes provided by one of our members we finished the evening by defining the programme for the rest of the year.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 8th March in Ladbroke Village Hall starting at 7.30pm on the topic ACTION SHOTS. It will be a workshop on taking pictures when the subject is moving, so remember to bring your camera with you. Members' subs for 2011 will be due (£20) and visitors are welcome (£2). For more information about this meeting or the club generally, email [jackieszone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jackieszone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk).



### **A Tribute to Betty Williamson**

We said our farewells to Betty at Oakley Wood on 2<sup>nd</sup> February. She had died on 13<sup>th</sup> January age 86 yrs. One of Ladbroke's characters and a one time "leading light", Betty was Ladbroke's answer to Mrs Thatcher. She certainly got things done.

She was a prime mover in getting the Village Hall resurrected after the school closed and there was nowhere to hold meetings – like the Parish Council meetings where she was a voice to be heard and like the Women's Institute where she was a founder member.

Through the Parish Council, her pet project was getting the by-pass built; she just wouldn't let the District Council forget Ladbroke (did they consent to the by-pass to keep Betty quiet?). She even got a school bus for the children at Hodnell and Chapel Ascot (where is it now?). At one stage she volunteered her husband to take a sick child to Birmingham Children's Hospital for treatment.

Betty did voluntary work for the Warwickshire Association for the Blind. She would visit blind people in their homes, to read to them and write letters; she dealt with their bills, banking and other things, including just sitting and having a chat.

Betty was born in Leicester in 1924, where she lived with her parents Fred and Doris. Little is known of her early life but, during the war, she worked in an ammunitions factory as many young girls did. She married Alec in 1943 in Wallasey in Birkenhead where Alec's family lived, and where Peter was born.

After the war, and having saved for a deposit on a house, Betty and Alec moved to Leeds in 1950. They lived there until they moved to Ladbroke in 1968.

Alec and Betty's marriage was always stormy and life became difficult when, after several mini-strokes and Alec dying in 2005, Betty was finally taken in to a dementia nursing home where she spent the last five years of her life.

Betty was always a fighter. She was a good ally and a formidable opponent, as many people discovered. It is good to look back and remember Betty in all sorts of ways – "they don't make 'em like that anymore."

May she rest in peace.

**Betty Winkfield**

## **Ladbroke Village Hall Quiz Night**

Question: What takes place on Saturday 26th March? Answer: The Ladbroke Quiz!

This popular and challenging event will take place in the Village Hall; doors open 7pm, quiz start 7.30pm. Teams of four as usual, £20 per team (to include light refreshments), bar available. To secure your table, please contact Janet on 817733 or Christine on 811606.

**Janet Goldson**

## Ladbroke Summer Fete

Although still a few months away, the date for Ladbroke Summer Fete is now fixed for **Saturday 18th June**; we hope you will come along to join in the fun bringing your friends and family too. We are planning a traditional village fete to include crockery smashing so if you have any chipped plates, saucers, dishes etc, please put them aside, rather than throwing them away, as we will be asking for donations nearer the time.

As well as the old favourites, there will be some different stalls and activities this year. We are still on the lookout for ideas so please let us know if you have any good ones and, of course, volunteers to help on the day will be welcomed with open arms. To share your ideas or offer to help at the fete please contact Graham on 815196, Jackie on 810331 or email [jackieszone-fete@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jackieszone-fete@yahoo.co.uk).

Many thanks.

**Jackie West**

## Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club

The results of the draw for January were:

£80 Sue Lord  
 £50 Pete Edgar  
 £25 Geoff & Georgina Middleton  
 £10 Jim & Pauline Laidler  
 £10 John Lowman  
 £10 Derek & Collette Batty  
 £10 Geoff Lane  
 £10 Andy Bendzak

**Janet Goldson**



**Harbury Parish Council**

**Linda Ridgley**

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

It is no doubt a sign of things to come that this month there were more calls on the Parish Council's resources than the money available.

A very assured Alice Lockley entered a plea from Year Six at Harbury School that graffiti be removed from the play equipment and that a

dedicated graffiti board is installed and regularly repainted along with the play equipment. Cllr Hancock thanked Year Six for their interest and promised the Clerk would write to Miss King, their teacher, with a reply after Easter.

Thespians from Heart of Harbury Games, planned for 18<sup>th</sup> June 2011, then gave an entertaining presentation in the form of a radio interview during which they outlined their “Trial site for the Olympics” involving ten teams of 18 (men, women and children in equal numbers) competing in a variety of games and sports for “Gold” medals.

The dénouement was a request for £500 to cover a PA system and part of the insurance costs. This was later agreed but they will have to wait, for the money must come out of next year’s precept. That is because there were more pressing problems and appeals for funds for the Wight School.

At present the Wight School (owned by local Trustees) houses both the Pre-School and the Library. **Our Library is scheduled for closure** but there is a consultation about to start on its future. (There is a Meeting in Harbury School Hall on 10<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm about this).

At present the County not only runs the Library but pays for the upkeep, repair, heating and rates of the **whole** building. If they withdraw this would cost the community about £7,000 a year, excluding Library provision.

The Parish Council and particularly Chairman Tim Lockley are concerned to keep the Library facility for the village and with it the rest of the Wight School. Tim thinks that villagers may be able to run the Library themselves and perhaps also a café to bring in revenue.

The Pre-school, which last month secured a PC grant for an awning to allow children to play outside in inclement weather, now asked the Council to cover the cost of a disabled toilet in their improvements to the Playschool. It was agreed that this would be a useful facility for all the village but the PC did not have sufficient funds left to give the Pre-school the full £4,000 needed.

Paul Quinney, who is assisting the Pre-school, suggested that they defer the purchase of an awning and use the previous grant of £1,500 to add to the £2,500 that the Council could give them! This was eventually agreed although there were concerns that it would leave little money for other groups who might need financial help.

Phillip Bushill-Matthews and local political representative Bob Stevens gave advice on how to present a case for the retention of the Library but Tim Lockley expressed dissatisfaction with County claims that our Library

was “not sustainable” as it was only doing 10% of Library business. It was, he pointed out, ridiculous to compare the number of books borrowed here to Leamington Library’s, unless it was expressed per head of population.

The Parish Plan survey is about to be launched and Tim explained that it would ask people if they approved of an increase in precept to help support the Library and Village Hall. He thinks most people would be in agreement.

### **Local Authorities**

SDC Cllr Beverly Man announced that her council was in negotiations with other nearby councils to work co-operatively to reduce expenditure.

WCC Cllr Bob Stevens reminded the meeting that the High Speed Rail 2 consultation started on 28<sup>th</sup> February and suggested that those opposed to the route should suggest it followed the M1 instead.

### **Planning**

Stratford DC granted the pollarding of a willow at 10 Church Terrace.

Appeal - plans for the School Pool were granted on Appeal. Request Inspector’s report 09/02082/FUL at ‘[planning.appeals@stratford-dc.gov.uk](mailto:planning.appeals@stratford-dc.gov.uk)’ or can be viewed at <http://apps.stratford.gov.uk/eplanning/AppDetail.aspx?appkey=KRI0VCPM03E00>.

Bush Heath Lane complaints about parking have been forwarded to the developers. The carriageway is now much better and the verges will be reinstated once development is complete.

SDC asked the Parish to consider two sites for further development: one in Dovehouse Lane in front of Dovehouse Autos and the other in Park Lane directly opposite the Manor House. The Price Family Trust also proposed land in Bull Ring Farm Road (Bull Ring Lane), the Church Paddock and the Spinney Paddock.

Councillors agreed with the Chairman that this was premature since there were two further tranches of land available along Bush Heath Lane should a housing needs’ survey show the need for more affordable homes. Tim said that the Church Paddock would be **most** unsuitable.

It was interesting to note that there followed a debate on whether the public should be told which sites were being considered for the “Village with a Vision” plan to provide sheltered accommodation.

The Council intends to canvass opinion in the Parish Plan but decided not to reveal which areas were under consideration but merely to ask the public where they would like the homes to be built and where should be protected from development.

## Properties

BMX Track remedial work seems to have had little effect and land drains will be installed once the ground is dryer.

“Mobile Youth Vehicle”! Apparently this is likely to turn up at the Playing Fields at some time but no dates were given. Cllrs queried how the mobile youth would know it was there?

Car Park lights go on and off as planned; the timer having been replaced.

Bollards had been left retracted but Cllrs will make sure they are locked.

Repairs - The Platform to the aerial runway and parts of the multi-play equipment are in need of repair. A dozen cracked paving slabs round the Tennis Courts will be replaced. A new picnic table will be purchased and the play equipment will be repainted (well done Alice!).

Lighting - Four old concrete lighting columns in Manor Orchard and one light on Sutcliffe Pastures will be replaced with modern versions lit by energy efficient LEDs.

## Any other Business

Cllr Pat Summers took the initiative and warned builders erecting scaffolding at The Cottage, High Street that they should cushion the poles and provide lamps after dark for the protection of pedestrians.

Next Meeting: Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm in Harbury Village Hall.



February was members' evening and we welcomed guests and new members.

We had an enjoyable New Year's Party with super food provided by all members. Lt. Col. Lesinski, Master of the Lord Leycester Hospital, Warwick came to tell us about his experiences in the Grenadier Guards. What was so interesting were the uniforms of the different guards. Many thanks to all the helpers.

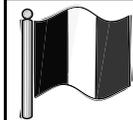
“Our Gels” organised a very pleasant evening – Mary Entwistle, Pat Smith, Ann Mayer, Sylvia Burdett, Jo Spurr, Nora Ellis and Hilary Scott gave summaries of their interesting trips to different countries. There was also a table with articles on show from various countries, to tax our brains. Unfortunately they were not taxed enough.

The photo of members wearing their masks at January's meeting was on show.

A misprint now corrected was of one of the speaker's names – this should have read Chris O'Nyan, Old Ford Farm, Welsh Road West, Southam.

Next Meeting: Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> March, 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room, speaker: Yvonne Brown on Antique Buttons.

Finally, I would like to mention the passing of Ruth Merrick, a former member; we send our condolences to her family.



## Harbury Twinning Association

Colin Humphreys

At the time of writing this we are finalising the arrangements for the Jazz Evening to be held in the Village Hall on the 5<sup>th</sup> March in aid of the Village Hall refurbishment and are very pleased with the support that we have received, the tickets having been sold out.

The next event will be our coffee morning in the Tom Hauley room on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April; I hope to see you all there.

This will be followed by the Skittles and Supper evening at the Navigation Inn as last year, and I hope it will be as great an evening as last year as I had to miss it.

Any member who wishes to attend but has not yet booked their meal should contact Margaret McDonald (613730) who can provide full details.



## Harbury Theatre Group

Jo Banbury

It's all systems go, with rehearsals well underway for the upcoming Spring production. This April, we will bring to you an evening of entertainment, laughter and song.

Contrary to last month's article, things have changed somewhat and the choice of plays has been altered to that previously published. We are still going to be performing "Nellie's Nightlights" by Harry Austin, set in 1902. A Victorian/Edwardian comedy melodrama, Nellie Larkin becomes the "face that flickers in a thousand bedrooms", thanks to her invention. But she has her work cut out controlling her father's "funny turns", an employer who doesn't seem to know how to keep his hands to himself, and the unscrupulous landlord lurking in the background.

However the second choice is now a short one act play of mistaken identity called "Double Dealing or a Little Horse Play" by Brian J. Burton.

All of this comedy is going to be rounded off with the dulcet tones of Debbie Ellis, as she performs for your delight a selection of folk songs.

The performances will run over three nights - April 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> with tickets for the final Saturday performance being inclusive of a supper. More information regarding ticket sales and ticket prices will be published in next month's Harbury News. However, if you can't wait that long, you can register your interest in tickets by calling 613120 now.

We are always looking for new members; and if anyone would like to help out with front of house or backstage for this production, then call the number above, or pop along to our monthly meetings, which are held In The Shakespeare on the last Monday of any month at 8pm.



The 315<sup>th</sup> edition of the Harbury Folk Club proved to be a busy and entertaining evening, with new faces and world premieres. Well, one of the latter at any rate.

No theme had been set for the night in order to encourage performers to take any liberty they wanted.

It being also Chinese New Year on the night, The Harvesters celebrated the Year of the Rabbit with an Arkansas tune called "Little Rabbit", which gave Sue an opportunity to display her Appalachian Flatfooting talents. She also demonstrated her skill on concertina with Ian's singing of "East Virginia". Janny and Maureen followed with "Bushes And Briars" and an excellent Artisan song called "Snakes And Ladders". Rick sang "The Captain's Apprentice" to a Vaughan Williams' tune and followed with a splendid Eric Idle song from his Monty Python days. Debbie and Mike sang and played John Lennon's "Imagine" and The Beatles' "Let It Be" with so much feeling that you could hear the proverbial pin drop. Peter Mc was next to the front with a solo duet; he played concertina to a recording of his own piano playing and gave us a lovely version of Phil Cunningham's "Golden Memories". He followed this with Dougie MacLean's "The Singing Land". The first half was brought to a confident end by the Band of Folk, who could equally have been called the Band of Bellows. I counted three accordions, two melodeons and a concertina. Or were there two? Anyway, they played "Horseshoe Harbour" and "Taking Steps", the latter written by Peter Mc.

The second half was beaten in by Ted and Sue with "The Female Drummer Boy". Ted then gave us a solo version of the W.B. Yeats' poem

and song "The Golden Apples Of The Sun". Brenda Hart came to the front next and sang Cyril Tawney's popular "Sally Free And Easy".

Her next song "Incredibly Foolish", about a girl who should have known better, went down a treat. Peter Mason described a "Circle Around The Sun", and followed it with a song about emigration. Des was summoned next and performed "We'll All Go A-Hunting Today", which he was keen to point out was because it was a good song, and certainly not because of any fondness for blood sport. His rendition of the traditional shanty "Essequibo River" elicited some fine harmonies from the audience. Newcomer Sheila followed with a fine version of Jez Lowe's "Nearer To Nettles" and then gave us "Dying Of Thirst", by American singer Kathy Mattea. The second half was brought to a fine conclusion by Pete and Liz. Their first song, "Landlord Fill the Flowing Bowl" was a sentiment we all happily echoed. Their second was Robert Burns' "Green Grow The Rushes-O", always popular with the Harbury audience.

The third half was started by The Harvesters with Iris Dement's "Let the Mystery Be". Peter Mc played the "Coffee Pot Song" on his banjo and was followed by Brenda with a gory Music Hall song about Sweeney Todd the Barber. Des sensed a possible cannibalism theme and followed with "Ilkley Moor Bah Tat". Peter Mason added some "Idle Time" and Sheila assured us that "Flowers Never Bend with the Rainfall", a Paul Simon song. Ted told us about "The Old Triangle" and sang with some relish about wanting to be amongst the women prisoners. And so it was time for our World Premiere. Keith Donnelly has travelled to many places with his singing and playing and Australia had provided him with a fine souvenir. His playing of the didgeridoo was accomplished and mesmerising. We were pleased to have been the first to hear him. He finished the evening with a new song, urging us "Side To Side, Up And Down, Back and Forward and Around and Around". That should go down very well on the Festival scene this summer.

And so we all applauded all of the excellent singers and performers who had entertained us so well during the evening and stepped out into the night to return home. But not before generously putting £50.00 into the evening's raffle, in aid of the British Heart Foundation, for which I am running in the Adidas Half Marathon at Silverstone on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March. Any other donations will be gratefully received.

The next Folk Club is on Thursday 2nd March and will probably have gone by the time you read this, which will be a pity because you'll have missed Ted and Sue running the night with a theme of "Food and Drink". You can always come along on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April ....

## **Chairman's Report**

It's been a while since we've written an article for the Harbury News so we thought it was time to change that. So from now on we plan to bring you news and match reports from Harbury Juniors Football Club (HJFC). I am pleased to be able to report that HJFC is 'alive and kicking'. This year we have around 90 boys and girls from the village and surrounding areas playing football from U6 through to U14. The club is represented in three different leagues this year. The club's philosophy is straight-forward - introduce kids to football and give them an opportunity to learn, play the game and have fun along the way. We are a voluntary organization supported by the annual subs from the kids and various fund-raising events. Most importantly, we are supported by the volunteers across the club. We believe we do a great job for the children, the community and the kids are proud to represent Harbury.

We are always on the look-out for new players and volunteers to help with coaching and administration. If your child is interested in coming along, then see the contact details below. We have one significant plea for help.

Steve Darby, who has been a great contributor for the club for many, many years, is retiring at the end of the season. Steve looks after the current U6 and U7 teams. We need coaches and volunteers to help with these age groups. The worst case scenario is that we will be unable to run these teams next year. As you can imagine this will be a massive disappointment for the children concerned and a real concern for the club as a whole. What we need more than anything else is enthusiasm; we can help with training and support. So, if you can help, please step up and contact Steve Darby or Ian Jones. We will also be looking for a parent(s) to step up to help run the new intake next season (U6 – Year 1).

Also, we would like to say a big "Thanks" to all those that helped and supported our recent coffee morning; in total we raised £240 for the club.

**Ian Jones**

## **Under 8's:**

### **5th Feb: Harbury Harriers 2 Vs Harbury Hawks 2**

This was the first fixture between our two Harbury under 8's teams. The match was fantastic to watch: there was some great passing, strong tackling and all of the children competed strongly but fairly. The match ended in a 2-2 draw; Morgan J 'nicked' one around the keeper and chipped in another to score a brace for the Harriers.

A great goal came from Luca W and another superb strike from Joshua B, who also hit the post with another effort, made it 2 v 2. Edward L went close for the Harriers with a fantastic long range effort near the end.

It was an absolutely fantastic game in blustery conditions; everyone really enjoying it, a draw being the right result. Everybody played really well and the coaches were so proud of them that they awarded the player of the match to all 16 players.

### **12th Feb: Harbury Harriers 0 vs Kineton 4**

Having drawn away at Kineton earlier in the season, a close game was expected. The final score-line not being a true reflection of the game, which was very close for the first three quarters. It was one of those days where lady luck deserted the Harriers. The team worked really hard to get back into the game, never letting their heads go down. The effort and determination of the team was noted by the coaches and the parents alike.

### **Under 10's**

Harbury Rockets faced Kineton away and won with a magnificent score of 6-2 with four goals being scored by Riley, Harry scoring one and a wonder strike from Gwyneth from inside her half. The whole team made this score line possible by playing extremely well and our pass and move philosophy is being put into practice by our band of talented players.

### **Tysoe Saxons 7 v Harbury Rockets 2**

This score line is no reflection on the match where we were the stronger team in the first 20 and especially the last 10 where the Rockets kept Tysoe pinned around their penalty box. Tysoe's corner kicks made the difference in the scores. The scorers were Riley B and Harry W from the best move of the match, all spectators were left drooling with the multiple passing and moving technique. The management would love to thank the kids who all played extremely well and to the parents for their constant support. Go Rockets!

**Marcus Birch and Richard Woodhead**

### **U14's**

After winning the Three Counties league convincingly last season, with the support of the new chairman, Ian Jones, the under 14's have joined the mid Warwickshire league this season and, after initially adjusting to the higher standard of football, have won the last two matches.

### **13th February v Cubbington**

Played in blustery conditions, Harbury played with the wind in the first half and it was against the run of play that Cubbington scored first to lead in

the first half.... however Harbury came back strongly and Will A scored a goal from an acute angle. The match was evenly poised and Harbury scored the second with an exquisite chip from 20 yards from Toby P over a melee of players and the goalkeeper to take the lead. From then on it was a rearguard action with resolute defending from Harbury in which new boys Matt J and goalkeeper Ollie N were outstanding. The players and the parents were relieved to hear the final whistle and a 2-1 victory.

### **20th February v St Peter's Celtic**

Having been beaten by St Peter's Celtic in the first match, Harbury were keen to avenge defeat and did so in style. After withstanding early attacks in which goalkeeper Ollie N made some magnificent saves, Harbury gradually took control with Matt J being outstanding in midfield and opened the scoring. Matt went on to score another with further goals from Tyler J (2), Taran B and Will A completing the 6-2 victory.

This was a great team performance with some excellent passing and movement between the midfield and the forwards.

**Malcolm Tanner & Neil Murray**

	<h2>1<sup>st</sup> Harbury Scouts</h2>	<p><b>John Rea &amp; Nick Green</b></p>
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We've had a good start to the year where we've cooked biscuits, learnt CPR, acted some short plays, learnt badge sewing, had a Karate Session, visited the Sikh Temple in Leamington and practiced our mapwork. We've just returned from a great weekend in the Peak District. One of our older Scouts, William, gives his account below:

"It was early in the morning when the Harbury Scouts set off on their long journey to Ravenstor Youth Hostel for a weekend break in the Peak District. As we travelled, the landscape slowly turned whiter and whiter with the snow that had fallen during the night before.

At last we stopped at a small car park in a village a few miles away from the Youth Hostel, and it was from here that we started our circular walk. First we walked to Thor's Cave where we stopped and climbed up into the main opening. Luckily we only had to have a short 'Nick Tawney' style lecture about how it was formed and what type of rock it was made from. Next, we carefully clambered down a long path of steps and carried on our long walk.

After many snowballs being thrown and people slipping over we stopped for lunch. Finally, on the last stretch of what felt like never ending walking, we passed through a long winding valley and realised we were relatively



close to the Minibus. The only problem was it would mean either walking straight over a colossal hill or walking around it. Due to the weather conditions we had to walk around it which added on a little more distance to the walk! Tired and a bit bedraggled we all got back to the minibus and headed on to the Youth Hostel.

After a couple of hours of warming up, unpacking luggage and making beds, we had a massively rewarding dinner provided by the Youth Hostel. After that we all took part in a series of quizzes, including Nick's Newspaper quiz, Pictionary, Guess the Intro (kindly created by Will Rea!) and then a game of Charades. After that we all jumped into our beds.

The next morning we had a hearty English breakfast, then frantically tidied our rooms and packed our bags ready for our first trip of the day, to the Roaches. When we arrived we walked up a couple of miles to an area of big rocks and boulders and played a game of 'Find the Teacake' (which had been hidden by an advance party of two leaders). After that we played Stealth which was quite amusing due to people throwing themselves down moss covered mounds attempting to reach the person sitting in the middle.

Our final leg took us to the big swimming complex 'Waterworld' in Stoke, where we had a fun couple of hours playing on the slides and down the chutes. After that we had some much needed energy snacks (home made cakes), got back on the minibus and headed home.

The trip was a massive success and was enjoyed by all the Scouts. Thank you Nick, Mark, Helen and John for all giving up your time and making this fun filled weekend happen!"

**William Rea (Scout)**



**1<sup>st</sup> Harbury Guides**

**Jane Minchin**

1<sup>st</sup> Harbury Guides have been enjoying fun-filled and varied meetings. Since Christmas, the Guides have worked towards their Animal Active Badge, and spent an evening learning how to care for a variety of pets on

a visit to Pets At Home store. The highlight of the evening was cuddling the baby rabbits – many of the Guides wanted to take one home with them, and we had to check that there were no rabbits hidden inside coats as we left!!

An evening was spent playing games based on current affairs, and everyone enjoyed learning more about what is happening globally and locally.

Chinese New Year was celebrated with games, crafts and fortune cookies, and we all managed to get our names translated into Chinese. Our colourful Chinese lanterns are displayed in the Guide and Scout Hut.

In preparation for future Guiding events and the summer camping season, we have been singing well-known campfire songs and sewn badges onto our own campfire blankets.

In the next half term, we are all looking forward to activities and events including craft and games evenings, WAGS Gangshow, Division Swimming Gala and bell-ringing at the church.

Our camping outing is in May to a County Camp with many adventurous activities being planned.

Harbury Guides meet in the Guide & Scout Hut on Mondays 7.15-8.45pm. If you are a girl aged 10-14 and are interested in joining Guides, please contact Jane Minchin (07974 447512 or [jeminchin@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jeminchin@hotmail.co.uk)) or Sarah Bull (07989 901973).

	<h2>Harbury Pre-School</h2>	<p><b>Staff &amp; Committee</b></p>
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**Chinese New Year and the Pre-School curriculum** - February was mostly taken up with Chinese New Year celebrations, which covered all areas of the Early Years' Foundation Stage curriculum.

**Personal, social and emotional development** - The role play area became a Chinese home, with the children sharing with friends the experience of trying on Chinese style clothing, using Chinese cooking and eating utensils and play food including wool noodles! Dry noodles were put in the builders' tray, and then water was added so that the children could see, smell and feel the difference.





**Communication, language and literacy** came into play with the Chinese zodiac story, dragon poems and songs and at the graphics table, where they produced amazingly good observational work in recreating their own names in Chinese. They also learned how to say “Happy New Year” and “Thank You” in Chinese and used the latter particularly when given their snacks.

### **Problem solving, reasoning and numeracy**

The children also explored dry noodles, rice, butter beans and black eye beans, using hands, spoons and bowls to help calculate the quantity of items needed to fill any given receptacle and appropriate language such as “full” or “empty”. Size and shape language was also extended to the description of the dragon, e.g. “huge” and “sharp, pointy teeth”.



### **Knowledge and understanding of the world**

Artefacts from China very kindly brought in by Jake, Izzy and Anne included lanterns, fans, and costumes and were looked at and discussed at circle time. The children tried different foods at snack time including noodles, prawn crackers and rice cakes as well as fortune cookies kindly provided by Carolyn, April’s mummy.



### **Physical development**



At the snack bar the children chopped vegetables for a delicious stir fry, which they ate using chopsticks. They listened to Chinese piano music and performed the Dragon dance with their home-made dragon using a drum to create the rhythms. The children also used red and yellow streamers to respond to musical rhythms by moving in

different ways, and they enjoyed carrying out the movements of the Tai Chi exercise “The Eagle”.

**Creative development** – The children’s creative skills were demonstrated in their wonderful observational paintings of our model dragon, their Chinese style watercolour blossom paintings and in creating their own dragon from recycled materials.



**And finally....** Our thanks to Emma Watson, Dave Stanton and Mark Clifton who along with the staffing team very generously gave up their Sunday afternoon to help clear the resource room in readiness for building work to begin.

*For further information about Harbury Pre-School, please e-mail [bud.jackson@btinternet.com](mailto:bud.jackson@btinternet.com) or phone 07939 122087. The web site can be found at [www.harburypre-school.org.uk](http://www.harburypre-school.org.uk)*



**Windmills**  
Nursery School

**Nursery School Staff & Committee**

Windmills Nursery is situated in the grounds of Harbury Primary School and has the benefit of its own Forest School and qualified Forest School Leader. We are open all day between school hours and take children from the age of 2 years. We are taking bookings for morning sessions from September 2011 and have afternoon sessions available now; if you would like to register a place for your child you can email us at [info@windmillsnursery.co.uk](mailto:info@windmillsnursery.co.uk), visit our web site at [www.windmillsnursery.co.uk](http://www.windmillsnursery.co.uk) or call Katharine on 613084 or Tina and Sally on 07906 519148.

In February we welcomed two new children Samuel and Reuben to Windmills Nursery. This month has been busy with Chinese New Year celebrations, making valentine cards, continuing our topics of shapes and winter, a talk about Braille, our monthly trip to the Church for the Toddler Service and our parents’ evening. Thank you to Phoebe’s aunt, Dayle for the toys and to Chloe’s mum, Jane, for the lovely rug she donated.

### **Goodbye to Mrs Kennedy**

After seven years as joint manager Marie Kennedy sadly left us to start a new administrator role. She remains on the board of directors and you will still see her at some of our Windmills’ events but she will be sorely missed by children, parents and staff.



### Her last day

She has played such a big role in the life of Windmills over the years and there are so many families who want to thank her for taking such good care of their children and helping to nurture and develop them for life beyond nursery.

### Forest School

This month the older children have made bird masks and pretended to be birds, they created a mini garden of Lilliput which they examined through tubes and they have been looking at textures in nature. The children under three come out and have their snack time with the older children and then join in with play time in the woodland area.

In the nursery the children have been making jelly, learning about how its state changes by pulling apart the jelly blocks, then mixing it with water and seeing the jelly when it sets later.



### Eating cakes with the children



### Farewell gift of flowers and a glass





### **Chinese New Year**

The children celebrated the start of “Year of The Rabbit” by coming to nursery dressed in Chinese outfits and looking at Chinese things that were brought in. They had a go at cooking and eating Chinese noodles with chopsticks, Chinese writing, making lanterns and counting in Chinese and saying Happy New Year - “Kung Hei Fat Choi”.

### **Learning About Braille**

One of our SEN advisers, Mary, came into Nursery and talked to the children about Braille. They had to imagine what it would be like not to be able to see by closing their eyes and they took turns feeling a Braille book and playing with the Braille typewriter.



### **Dates for your diaries**

World Book Day – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, children will be coming into Nursery dressed as their favourite book character.

Pancake Day – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March, pancake activities will be organised in the Nursery.

Red Nose Day – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March, wear your red noses to support Red Nose Day.

Windmills Nursery will close for Easter on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 3.05pm and will re-open on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 9.05am.



## Harbury Primary School

Denis Daly

**School Sport** – Congratulations to the School's Netball team, who have resumed their season with two excellent victories over Southam Primary and St Lawrence, Napton. I was lucky enough to see them in their second match, and they played some excellent netball – well done, girls.

**Southam College** – Congratulations to the staff and pupils at Southam College, who were judged to be OUTSTANDING by Ofsted in a recent inspection. This is a wonderful achievement for the school – we have known for some time that when our children transfer from here, they are going to a really good school – it is great to have had this confirmed by the Inspectors.

**Staff living locally** – it has been brought to my attention that parents have occasionally contacted members of staff outside school hours to discuss school matters. May I remind parents that issues to do with school should be dealt with through the normal channels in school, and not when staff are off duty. I would be grateful for your co-operation in this matter.

**Parent Governor** – There was only one nomination for Parent Governor last week, and so Mr Franklyn (Danny) Reid has been elected as the new Parent Governor.

**And finally** – Our very best wishes go to Mrs Johnson, one of our Reception Class teaching assistants, who starts her maternity leave.



## Village Hall Update

Chris Finch

The Village Hall Management committee has just heard that we have been successful in securing a £30,500 grant from the Veolia Landfill Trust, which has been awarded in support of the memory of John Ridgley, who provided years of faithful service to the Trust. 'Veolia' provides financial support for community projects throughout the U.K. after a rigorous application process has been completed, which identifies all the elements of a development project. In the case of the Village Hall, it was identified that we needed 'sustainable refurbishment of the rear extension', including external roof and internal roof repair, replacement of the emergency doors and the provision of insulation in the loft space, which has previously been minimal. The financial agreement requires that the 'body seeking support' needs to provide 20% of the total cost of the

project and, as a result of fund-raising during the past months, the Village Hall was able to provide evidence that this requirement could be fulfilled.

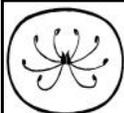
As a result, work will be started in March and the builders, Keogh from Wellesbourne, will begin erecting safety fencing and scaffolding at the rear of the Hall in preparation for the several weeks of roofing which will need to be undertaken. During this time, it is hoped that there will be minimal inconvenience to hirers, and villagers will be able to witness the improvements taking place on the community premises. If a problem is identified at any time, please contact one of the officers of the Management Committee who will ensure that any problem is corrected as soon as possible (contact details are provided at the entrance to the Hall).

Although it may sound as though all our fund-raising has been concluded, this remains far from the case, as the long term plans include development of new changing rooms, additional storage space, an improved area for presentation and theatre evenings and a refurbished kitchen. There is a continuous effort by the fund-raising group to seek further funds and many organisations and individuals within the village are also providing much appreciated assistance in helping to raise sums of money. All these initiatives are used to provide evidence to corporate sponsors that the community is willing to make a tremendous effort to provide all the facilities needed for the future. The Twinning Association is holding a Jazz evening in support of the fund-raising and Jan Freeman recently started a Cascading Dinner event, which provided £60 from the first ten people who joined her for a special meal at Church House. The idea is that each of these ten people, will then host a celebration meal from which all the funds will be given towards the next major improvement to the Hall, which will need considerable funds for a new extension.

At the end of February, the Village Hall committee hosted a very successful evening talk about the use of photovoltaic panels (PV's) and other environmentally friendly schemes provided by Ryan Mee from ECO2SOLAR. The presentation was very well received and almost 20 names were provided to the Company from villagers who expressed interest in investigating the possibility of having PV's on the roof of their property. The most compelling reason for their interest was the fact that if 10+ people in the area sign up to an installation, there is a 25% group discount, which makes a significant saving on the capital cost. As mentioned in a previous article and brought to the attention of the audience by a previous customer, the return from the FIT (Feed in Tariff) from the National Grid and the use of 'free energy' for most of the time makes the idea very attractive to those who see their savings interest dwindling to a tiny amount (<1.5% in some cases). The return for sourcing your own energy from the sun and returning the surplus to N.G. could be as much as 9%. The Village Hall has investigated the use of PV's for the

south-facing roof and it is projected that the Hall could produce most of its energy needs and also return approx £2K of electricity to the National Grid. Since the FIT is guaranteed to run for 25 years as a result of Government initiatives, it seems a very worthwhile prospect for making the Hall environmentally friendly and sustainable for future generations to manage.

If you want to hear more about the plans and proposals put forward by the V.H. Management committee, then look out for details of the A.G.M. which will be held in April. There is always the opportunity for 'new blood' to join the committee and help make the decisions which are vital for the successful running of YOUR Village Hall.



**Horticultural Society**

**Judy Morrall**

The February meeting was very well attended, a full house. We had a welcome return from Duncan Coombs who is a lecturer at Pershore College. He is such a good speaker and we all enjoyed his marvellous talk about Gardens of China, Ancient and Modern. He explained that, at the college a few years ago, a Chinese boy came to work in the gardens but because of a mix up with his paper work he ended up doing a year's course which he duly passed - no mean achievement as he didn't speak much English and the tutors didn't speak Chinese! Well, after the student returned to China, Duncan received an invitation from his family to visit and have free tours of the gardens.

Where to begin to describe these glorious gardens? If I gave a full description of each one I think it would take up so much space that there would not be room for other subscribers, so a potted version follows. Duncan started off with the Beijing Botanic Gardens (can you imagine China has 28 Botanic Gardens!).

It was April and the magnolias of which there were over 80 species were in full bloom, what a sight. Also in flower were English plants such as Winter Jasmine and Forsythia. The scent from all these trees and shrubs must have been amazing. In the middle of this vast area was a bonsai garden, not at all like the Japanese version. There was an ancient Ginkgo tree, thought to be over 1300 years old, removed from its usual space and planted in a hollow. To be honest it looked very dead but very eye catching. The Chinese bonsai is in a pot too but the shrubs are planted in a miniature landscape. The Chinese as you know revere all things ancient and this is apparent in their preservation of some gardens that are over 1000 years old. The temperature here can be down to

minus 30 in winter and up to 40 in summer - we think we have problems here!

The garden at Hoyuan was the palace of an emperor and to match his status, his palace was set on an island; you enter here through gates where evergreens grow - these represent eternal life. There is much symbolism throughout with statues and water. A zigzag bridge stops evil following you! Stones of all shapes and sizes form very large rockeries which also represent animals and people. In this garden there is a Mississippi paddle boat built entirely of stone, built by the last Dowager Empress. Masses of water everywhere; one lake almost the size of Rutland water was built by the slaves. Imagine all those years ago with no modern earth moving equipment, just very hard work with a spade! Of course there are willow trees throughout and huge walkways which are decorated with the most beautiful colours.

On to Wuxi, a traditional garden called the Scholars' garden. Inside is a Master's House, beautifully furnished and again surrounded by water and rockeries. Lots of Nandina commonly called the Heavenly Bamboo here which represents friendship. It is a lovely plant to grow; I have 2 or 3 clumps and it is very hardy. There are also many different types of Acer trees, ground cover dominated by lovely crested Irises. A stunning pebble mosaic dominates the courtyard, with bats round the edges (sign of joy). Very beautiful. Unusually there are giant redwoods too, again an ancient tree and highly venerated. They were thought to have died out but recently discovered to be growing again and are very cherished. Of course there are stunningly decorated Pagodas.

Duncan explained that the Chinese also love to listen to their plants, especially Bamboo when it rustles in the wind. When it springs back after a fall of rain it sounds very musical.

Further south to Sujo, almost a Venice of the east as the canals are still used and is now a World Heritage Site. At Liu Yuan there is a lovely walled garden, again a traditional layout with a covered walkway, lots of Wisteria and water with the zig zag bridges. I have never seen so many flowering Cherry trees, all loaded with blossom - what a sight. Gingo trees too with another huge rockery; if you look at these stones you can pick out shapes. There is the same layout at another garden at Wang Su Yuan with a courtyard and lovely mirror pool. The Holly trees actually flower in April and the acers too have the most wonderful colours.

Onto the final destination, Shanghai, a vast metropolis, we were shown China Town, a huge sprawling part of the city and the pleasure gardens. Entered via a dragons head, whose body covers the whole garden, into a garden for enjoyment with local jugglers and actors performing in their lunch breaks. The plants too are pretty spectacular, a huge avenue of tree

peonies, usual acers, bonsais in pots and so much more.

Duncan showed us the Temple Garden in the Forbidden City - such vibrant colours. He had brought along some bamboo to demonstrate the versatility of this plant, plus some lovely little enamelled pots, beautiful scarves and handmade pictures. All in all another superb talk. Look forward to inviting him back again.

The April meeting on the 5th will see the welcome return of Howard Drury, another great speaker who brought along 5 loads of equipment last time and gave a fantastic presentation about New Zealand, plants and people.

I have finalised the 2 day trips as follows. First one on Wednesday 8th June to Hampshire, visiting Hinton Ampner near Winchester in the morning, a lovely National Trust House and Garden. I went in October about 18 months ago and can't wait to see these truly great gardens in the summer. We then go to Marylyn Abbott's garden nearby at West Green House. It was featured in Gardeners World a few years ago and looks fantastic with a walled garden and potager, parterres, topiary, paradise garden and much more. We will leave the Village Hall at 8.30am. The second trip is on Wednesday 6th July and we will be going to the Dorothy Clive Garden at Market Drayton; we visited many years ago and some of you have asked for a return visit. Happy to oblige! If you haven't been before you will be in for a treat, huge herbaceous borders, woodland area in old quarry, plus many rare and unusual plants. Then onto Biddulph Grange gardens, another National Trust garden and has gardens within from all parts of the World. There is a Chinese garden, Egyptian pyramid, Italian terrace and much more, another treat. We will leave the Village Hall at 9.00am. If I don't see you at the meetings and you would like to go on both or either trip just give me a ring.

I hope that you managed to go and see the superb displays of snowdrops this year. The weather meant that they are better than ever, some plants like the cold. In March there is a fantastic display of daffodils at Coughton Court near Alcester. Open at weekends from 12th March 11.00am-5.00pm, then from 1st April from Wednesday to Sunday. I can really recommend a visit here, so much to see and do. There are many events throughout the year: at Hill Close Gardens, on 8th March a talk about Vegetable succession, on 8th April a Gardeners Walk guided tour and on 12th April Spring propagation. For more details contact 493339. Also don't forget that I have 2 tickets for Garden Organic at Ryton.

Spring is almost here, nights are lighter and the garden and allotments beckon - so much to organise but so worth the wait! Bulbs are everywhere, hellebores flowering, clematis shooting and heucheras bulking up. I look forward to seeing everyone at the meetings, enjoy your garden.



## Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery

Christine Dakin

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Have you noticed that whatever the weather and month of the year there will be hairy bitter cress budding up ready to flower and eager to spread the seeds all over your garden? Just a reminder to do the weeding as early in the year as possible. I've said before that gardeners are usually positive, patient and optimistic people but at the moment I'm feeling a bit negative and not quite so optimistic because we seem to have rabbits. I appreciate that we've been terribly lucky to have had 13 years without them but we have plenty of other difficulties and don't need any more.

On a positive note there are many plants flowering in mid-February including *Winter jasmine, hellebores, snowdrops, winter flowering shrubby honeysuckle, pulmonarias, crocus, dwarf iris bulbs, Viburnum bodnantense Dawn and catkins on willow and hazels*. Some shrubs are beginning to leaf up and daffodils will soon be flowering; spring is on the way which in turn means getting outdoors and working in the garden.

Reminders of jobs to do this month:

- Prune roses
- Plant bare root trees and hedging
- Sow parsnips, peas, broad beans
- Plant onion sets
- Split up clumps of snowdrops and spread around the garden
- Plant summer flowering bulbs such as gladioli, alliums and crocosmia.

And don't forget the weeding!

It really will feel like spring when we change the clocks towards the end of the month; I think everyone will be looking forward to that.

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## Nature Notes

John Hancock

Overnight and throughout this morning (Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February), it has rained. There was a rather large body of water in South Parade.

I expected to see the Itchen overflowing at Deppers Bridge but perhaps it takes some time for rain falling in its catchment for the river to respond dramatically. About 100 miles 'up the road' in Sheffield, our morning rain was their snow according to our son Stephen, though it had mostly melted by afternoon. February has in fact been a rather dry month overall. It did rain fairly heavily on the 4<sup>th</sup> as we travelled north by train to Glasgow. The rounded Howgill Fells of the eastern Lake District are pierced by the Lune Gorge and this is followed by railway and road heading towards Shap summit. On our journey north, the hills were shrouded in low cloud and the River Lune would have been a stern test for even expert canoeists. When we came south three days later, the Howgills had shouldered the cloud aside and lived up to Alfred Wainwright's description of them as sleeping elephants. There was colour in the scene brought about by beams of sunlight.

Alan and Betty Barr have been on holiday on Gran Canaria, a favourite haunt of theirs especially in winter. With daytime temperatures averaging 23C, who could resist the lure? Whilst not specifically looking for bird species, they nevertheless saw over 30. This included the enigmatic Hoopoe. The name describes the sound it makes, apparently quite softly, and repeated 2 or 3 times. It can carry, rather like a cuckoo's song, a considerable distance. About the size of a woodpecker, the Hoopoe has striped plumage and a crest which makes it unlike any other bird you are likely to see. Yes, it can sometimes be seen in south east England but that's a rarity. Go to southern Europe and North Africa to get a sighting. Sharon and I saw one on a hotel lawn in Cairo in 2009. Alan tells me that its nest site, often in a hollow tree or wall, is rather disgusting. The smell is quite putrid as the bird does nothing to clear away bits of dead insect and faecal matter. Perhaps this is a defence mechanism to turn away predators.

Alison Hunt asked me where there was a good place to gather sloes. These are the small bitter fruit of the Blackthorn (*Prunus spinosa*). This small tree was much favoured as hedging as its spiny branches made it an excellent means of confining stock. Look out for the small white flowers generally seen in March, before the leaves open. Mark the site in your diary and return after the first frosts of autumn and gather the fruit to make sloe gin. The Centenary Way towards Ufton, the southern edge of Ufton Wood, indeed any ancient hedge line should prove fruitful. The term Blackthorn Winter applies not to the harshness of the weather but to likening the blossom to a fall of snow. We shall soon see.

Recently, I attended an excellent lecture given to Warwickshire Geological Conservation Group. The subject was Ediacran fossils. For many years it was thought that Pre-Cambrian rocks were laid down before life on earth. ***Nature Notes continues on page 40***

Climate Week (21<sup>st</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> March) might sound like another chance to indulge the British obsession with weather forecasts and exchanging pleasantries about sun and rain. Actually it is intended to focus our attention on what people all round Britain are doing to preserve our world and reduce our effect on the climate, to see what we can do ourselves.

These two centre pages are Harbury's first contribution to the annual event of Climate Week, raising awareness of the importance of making small but significant changes to our lives and thus using less energy. The week offers a chance to take part in a national team challenge or organise your own event or activity. A week is not enough, of course. We need to keep it up.

And it isn't necessarily about wind generators, heat pumps and photo-voltaic panels, although these are some of the bright new energy sources of the future. It is principally about making choices to use less energy and some of these might be surprisingly pleasant. Growing your own vegetables might not seem much like using less energy nor about going without. But a simple experiment that Garden Organic did two years ago showed that our members, organic gardeners and their families, had a carbon footprint 40% lower than the average household.

The **Harbury Energy Initiative's** big event this year won't be in March but on 8<sup>th</sup> October at the school. Amongst other things Harbury school children have been busy devising a survey about our energy use and they will be feeding back the results at the event. You will shortly be receiving the survey through your letterbox. Don't forget to fill it in and return it.

If you want to be part of the action, join us at our next meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 7pm in the Old New Inn.

**Bob Sherman, Chair of Harbury Energy Initiative (Telephone 612277)**

### **Home Energy Generation – is it worth the effort?**



In January 2010 I installed a 10 panel solar photo-voltaic (PV) array. The cost was around £12,000. The installation was not optimum, as my roof faces south-east but I thought it was still worth doing. After 12 months of operation it is a good time to reflect on how well the system has performed.

Firstly, the installation was easy and trouble free. It took two days during a time when there was 3 inches of snow on the ground. The cable from the PV cells is attached to an inverter (converts DC current to AC) and a meter to record units generated, and then on to the consumer unit.

The financial return from the installation is made up of the government's Feed in Tariff (FIT) of 41.3p for each unit returned to the grid (as current household meters cannot measure this my energy supplier assumes a value of 50%), and the reduced use of supplied electricity at your energy suppliers rates. All suppliers of PV systems will give you an estimate of how much your system should produce, so that you can calculate your return, which should be about 8%.

How have I done? There were some teething problems but I have seen a reduction in my electricity bills and have received quarterly payments for FITs (based on my readings submitted via the internet). I have also noted that during the summer months when the system is producing more energy than we are using my electricity meter goes backwards, reducing the reading! The investment has been better than money in the bank.

The main advice I would give to anyone thinking of installing a PV system is:

- make sure that the area for the installation is totally free of shade (even the smallest amount of shade can have a significant effect).
- use a local supplier, who has rapid access to spares.
- keep a regular check on how the system is performing.

**Steve Dolley, Chapel Street, Harbury Energy Initiative**

## What about Solar Hot Water?

It is also possible to use the sun to save on your hot water bill. The panels are much smaller and cheaper to install than solar PV for electricity generation, and so may be suitable for more people. They won't give you all the hot water you need in the winter, but they will make a contribution even when the sun isn't shining. Panels can be fitted to sloping or flat roofs. The government is setting up the "renewable heat incentive" scheme (similar to FITs) to pay people who install panels on their houses. Some Harbury residents have already fitted panels as you can see on this house in Park Lane.



**David Bristow, Harbury Energy Initiative (Telephone 612536)**

## Nature Notes - *continued from page 37*

Life in profusion came with the Cambrian era but in fact single cell life such as bacteria has been active for an unimaginable time-over 3500 million years. (To put that in perspective, ape like humans have been on earth for a mere 5 million years). Numerous types of colonial, probably sponge-like life forms developed towards the end of the pre-Cambrian era (650 million years ago). Probably, the single celled organisms, by giving off oxygen, gave rise to an oxygen rich environment which enabled more diverse plants and animals to develop. Fossils dating from this time known as Ediacran have been found in the rocks of Charnwood Forest in Leicestershire. I've seen them for myself on the side of the Brachina Gorge in central South Australia, close to the Flinders Ranges. (Google 'Ediacran' to find out more and see what these life forms looked like).

A little nearer home, I recommend a walk in and about the village of Shrewley. Underneath the hill, the Grand Union Canal runs in a tunnel some 350 metres long. It has no towpath. A boat arriving from the Birmingham direction some 100 years ago, before engines were the norm, would have been horse-drawn. The animal would be unhitched and while the boat was laboriously 'legged' through the tunnel the horse would be led up the hill to the village street and, by crossing it and using a track, rejoin the canal to resume hauling. The Birmingham hill side is much the steeper and the canal engineers drove a towpath tunnel for a short distance to make it practical for the horse to make the climb. It's a brick lined and rather eerie place to go but intriguing as I'm sure you will discover. The cutting before the tunnel is dripping and cool even in summer. Hart's tongue fern and other shade loving species are a delight to see. (GR 213673 Sheet 151. 1:50000. Stratford-on-Avon). Enjoy this season of renewal.



### General Section

## Future of the Library

There will be a public meeting to discuss the future of the library and the Wight School at 7.30pm on Thursday March 10th in the School Hall. It is clear that things will change but we can shape those changes if we act now. Do you have ideas for the building or for how we can maintain a library service? Can you offer your time or your expertise? If so please come to the meeting, or contact me via email: [chair@harbury-pc.gov.uk](mailto:chair@harbury-pc.gov.uk).

**Tim Lockley, Chairman, Harbury Parish Council**

## **Southam College is 'OUTSTANDING'**

Southam College was inspected by Ofsted on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of January and the report states that it is "Outstanding". This is the highest rating possible and places the school in the top 13% of schools nationally. This is a tremendous tribute to Mr Samra and his staff and to the pupils. I have been involved with the school both as a Governor and a parent for over 30 years now and am extremely proud of the way the school has developed in that time. If anyone would like to read the full Ofsted report, it is available on the school website at: [www.southamcollege.com](http://www.southamcollege.com)

**Sharon Hancock**

## **Harbury Village Club**

Harbury Village Club's AGM is to be held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 8.30pm. All members are welcome.

**Deborah Gee**

## **Harbury Senior Citizens Committee Update**

We would like to say thank you to everyone who came along to our coffee morning in February and to all those who donated raffle prizes and cakes. Your continued support is appreciated by the committee.

One of the things you seemed to be talking about at the coffee morning was trying to guess where the mid-summer outing is going to be this year. Well, we can tell you that it will be on Wednesday June 15th, but we do not know where yet. During the morning you gave us many ideas on where you wanted to go and the long list has certainly given us some options. Just remember to put the date in your diaries for now.

We will be having a committee meeting soon and will decide then and let you know.

**Mike McBride,**

**On behalf of the Harbury Senior Citizens Benefit Association**

## **Harbury Neighbourhood Watch**

We have a NHW network in Harbury. It works by email, but because things have been a little quiet recently it is a bit "rusty". So much so that when I tried to send a message out a few weeks ago a lot of the emails bounced back to me. I guess quite a few of you have changed your email address and I have not been aware of it.

With that in mind it is my intention to update my list. So, could I request that anyone who is a NHW representative contact me, and let me know which streets or part street you cover. If you have been a NHW rep in the past but are unable to continue could you also please contact me and let me know.

If you are not involved with NHW and if this is something you feel you could do for you village, then PLEASE also contact me as we haven't got the whole village covered and all help is welcome. If you do not have email you can also be a rep - we will buddy you with someone who does have email and they will pass the messages on.

Basically all is involved is keeping your eyes open for anything suspicious (we can all do this) and passing on crime prevention information such as warnings about crime patterns in the area. If you see anything suspicious (or even potentially suspicious), you should contact the police. Crimes are often solved by piecing together small bits of information to get a bigger picture. Some insurance companies will give a discount on home insurance if you live in an area with active NHW so it has definite financial benefits as well as being good for the community.

So if you are involved in NHW, or would like to be, please contact me preferably by email to [alison@vantagegraphics.co.uk](mailto:alison@vantagegraphics.co.uk) or, if you do not have access to email, by telephoning me on 612939.

**Alison Abbott**

## Cascading Lunches



The first lunch has taken place on Friday 18th February and as you can see from the photo, a merry band of pioneering ladies seem pleased with their first course!

The cards were still up from Valentine's Day, so I thought I may as well complete the scene with roses and my plastic heart shaped fairy lights! It was

great to have people from different parts of the community seated at one table. I would thoroughly recommend it. We raised £60 for the Village Hall.

I am sure that many of you will be approached to come to lunch over the following months and some of you may find this daunting.

If you feel that you would like to accept, but not to hold a lunch yourself, that is perfectly alright as you will be contributing £10 to the Village Hall fund anyway. Not all of us have the space to host a crowd and some of us have got out of the habit of cooking for large numbers and may feel overwhelmed.

It is perfectly acceptable to host a lunch for just a couple of friends and always remember that I am greedy enough to be happy to be invited to lunch anytime!!

Good Luck and happy socialising!

**Jan Freeman**

## **The John Ridgley Tree of Light**

A big thank you to all who sponsored a light on the John Ridgley Tree of Light; your generous donations totalled £695.

Requests for funds have been received from GASS who support the six uniformed groups in the village - Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Rainbows, Brownies and Guides. Well over one hundred children from Harbury belong to these groups and the Scout Hut, which GASS maintains for their use, is in constant occupation.

All the uniformed groups' pendants and holders are either no longer usable or are in need of replacement. These are used at various District and County events as well as on Remembrance Sunday in the village and it is for this purpose that funds are required.

A further request has been received from the Harbury Duke of Edinburgh's Award Group who is now in its second year. This year they are supporting nearly 30 young people working towards their Bronze and Silver Awards. In December they very proudly presented 14 young people with their Bronze Awards. They are very hopeful that many of their current Silver Award participants will continue to their Gold Award next year which will be a fantastic achievement, not only for them and their families, but for the whole group

As the popularity of the Award Scheme grows, and the number of participants increases, they are finding the provision of equipment for the expedition section of the Award a challenge and have to borrow equipment such as tents, rucksacks, compasses and light-weight stoves from other local DofE Groups. A grant would help them enormously to purchase more expedition equipment for use not only now but for future participants in years to come.

The trustees of Harbury Charities are pleased to donate £300 to each of these Groups with the remaining £95 held in reserve to meet future requests from Groups and individuals benefiting children and young people in the village.

Thanks must go to Paul and Mary Muggleston for acting as our main collection point, Gill Holden for producing the leaflet and the Library staff for housing the Book of Remembrance. The Book is now held in the Church so do please take a look.

**Gordon Bennett**



## **Don't be Left in the Starting Blocks**

Entry forms are now available for the Heart of Harbury Games that will be held on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June this year. We have room for just 10 teams of 18 people each (6 men, 6 women and 6 children) to compete for gold, silver and bronze in 35 different events including relay races, tug of war, football dribbling, skipping and wheelbarrow races and a whole lot more. There's something for everyone! Entries will close when we have received completed forms and entry fees from ten teams so if you want to take part don't be left in the starting blocks. Get together with friends, family, neighbours or colleagues to form a team and let us have your entry form as soon as you can.

It will be fun to watch but even better to take part! For an information pack and entry form please contact a member of the steering group: Andrew Lawrence, John and Sharon Hancock, Peter Walshe, Trevor Montague, Jenny Patrick, Janet Thornley, Lin Hayes, Susie Tawney, Andrew Hunt or Terry Hunt.

**Andrew Lawrence**  
(Tel 614937)

## **Harbury Parish Plan Update 2011**

The Parish Plan Questionnaire will go "live" online on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March**. We would like as many residents as possible living in Harbury and Deppers Bridge to complete the questionnaire, so please encourage all members of your family, including older children and teenagers to take part. Filling out the survey online is very easy and only takes a few minutes but, if you prefer to have a hard copy, please see the details below on where to get one. All responses to the survey will be anonymous.

- To fill out the survey go **ONLINE** at **[www.harbury-pc.gov.uk](http://www.harbury-pc.gov.uk)** and follow the link “Parish Plan Questionnaire”. This is the easiest and quickest way to fill out the questionnaire.
- For a hard copy of the questionnaire, please ask at one of the following: Harbury Library, Harbury Post Office or the Parish Office. Complete the questionnaire and hand it in at The Parish Office, Unit 2, Bull Ring Business Centre, Church Terrace, Harbury, CV33 9HL or at the Post Office.
- If you are housebound or registered disabled, please call the Parish Office on 614646, and a copy of the questionnaire will be posted to you.
- The questionnaire can be filled in by every member of your household – please encourage everyone to take part.

Remember – the questionnaire covers topics important for the future of our community such as local transport, village facilities, the Village Hall and the Library. Completing the questionnaire only takes a few minutes and ensures that your opinion counts.

**Go to [www.harbury-pc.gov.uk](http://www.harbury-pc.gov.uk) from 7<sup>th</sup> March to have your say on the future of Harbury & Deppers Bridge.**

**Harbury Parish Council**

## **Holiday at Home**

Plans are being made for a ‘Holiday at Home’ for older people who would appreciate a ‘Staycation’. It will be based in the Tom Hauley Rooms and take place from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> August (Wed – Friday). There will be various craft and leisure activities on offer, and an opportunity to relax in the company of others. There will be one whole day trip out to Evesham Country Park.

The probable cost for the three days will be £20.00pp, which will include coffee, lunch and afternoon tea on the two days in the Tom Hauley Rooms and travelling costs for the outing. Places will be limited and therefore it would be helpful to know the level of interest. Without commitment as yet, please telephone Sue Boniface on 613831 if you are interested in participating, either as a holiday maker or, offering some expertise to facilitate activities.

**Sue Boniface**

## Harbury Carnival 2011

### A Letter from Mars

#### “To all whom it may concern:

We have been looking down at your tiny planet and we have noticed that in every one of your years (how short those are), a lot of people turn up in fancy dress and enjoy themselves on we think what you call a ‘Saturday’ in ‘June’.

We would like to say we are impressed and invite you to come to our place this year instead.

Sincerely

Planet Leader – Alfred”

### A Letter back to Mars

Dear Alfred,

Unfortunately our budgets and the time involved make it impractical for us to move from Harbury Playing Fields this year on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June. But we hope you can look down and enjoy the Parade (starting as usual in Sutcliffe Drive) led this year by the Shirley Pipe Band.

We will publish details of the timetable and the categories in a months time.

So put the date in your diary for the Harbury peoples’ funfest.

Now is the time to book a stall/pitch on the field - please call Mike McBride on 612421. It is also time to book your programme advert by calling Ann Winchester on 612128.

Finally, if you have any questions about the Carnival, please feel free to call John Broomfield, Carnival Committee Chairman, on 614258. He will be happy to provide whatever help he can.

**Peter Walshe**  
**On behalf of the Carnival Committee**

## The Old New Inn

If you want to watch a major sporting fixture and you fancy having a drink as well, then the Old New Inn is the pub to head for. They have two large screen televisions receiving Sky and so you could keep in touch with two games at the same time! The Old New Inn has two long standing reputations, firstly being the village farmer’s and country pursuit’s pub and also where local sports teams meet up after a match.

The Old New Inn was originally a farmhouse and in the mid 19<sup>th</sup> Century, Harbury had two pubs with the name New Inn (the other being the present Gamecock). In the late 1860s the decision was taken to rename the 'bottom house' firstly as the Ship Inn and then as the Old New Inn. Sandra and Brian Moffat have owned the pub (the only Free House in the Village) for 18 years, having previously managed the 'Live and Let Live' in Coventry for 14 years. Having decided it was time to move on, a golfing friend told Brian about the Old New Inn being up for sale and brought him over to see the premises. After visiting the pub and the village, Sandra and Brian decided Harbury looked an ideal place to bring up their three young daughters.

Over the last few years, the pub has been fully refurbished with the former two separate rooms now being linked by a wide archway. This allows the whole pub to enjoy the traditional Friday evening entertainment for which the Old New Inn is well known. There is also an enclosed Beer Garden which has been recently extended, where Brian can put into practice his developing interest in gardening. In the summer the hanging baskets, tubs and borders are a blaze of colour. There is a children's play area and a gas barbeque available for use by customers. Here, many families often spend part of the week end relaxing in the garden.



The pub is available as a venue for parties and other celebrations such as birthdays and christenings, where Sandra is happy to provide the catering or organisers can arrange their own. During the summer months the beer garden and barbeque can also be used.



As it is a free house, Brian can choose which beers to sell; his regular brewery is Church End from Nuneaton and as well as taking their bitters he stocks their Gravedigger Mild. For his guest beer he usually keeps to Warwickshire or other local Breweries, although to celebrate the Six Nations Rugby Championship he has taken a Stones special rugby brew – Nice

Try together with Church End's – Hooker Ale. With this wide range of real ales, the Old New Inn has a regular entry in the Good Beer Guide.

Sandra and Brian sponsor many of the village sports teams and currently Harbury Albion Football Club, the Rugby 2<sup>nd</sup> team and Harbury Cricket Team all benefit from their support. In addition, the pub fields two Ladies' and two Men's darts teams, two pool and two domino teams which all play in local leagues. The lounge is adorned with many shields and trophies which various teams have won. The pub has regularly entered a float into Harbury Carnival, although last year other commitments for pub regulars clashed with the event and they were unable to enter.

The Old New Inn has for many years had a reputation for providing good live musical acts on a Friday evening. Brian has a nephew who runs a pub in Coventry and he gives his recommendations as to which are good acts to book for the pub.



**Brian & Sandra Moffatt with one of their regular customers**

The pub is very much a family undertaking; Sandra and Brian are helped by their three daughters – Zoe, Genna and Kirsty who all take regular turns behind the bar. Sandra's sister Tracey is also a regular helper. During Sandra's recent illness this help has been much appreciated and they have both been very grateful for the support given to them by all the family and their regular customers.

So next time there is an important match on the television, don't watch it at home; enjoy it in the good company of the Old New Inn - you will be made very welcome.

**John Holden**

## **Journey to the Holy Land ...finally..**

### **Living Stones**

*Imagine ....* You have an allotment near the playing fields. You have had it for years.

*Imagine ....* You work in Leamington and set off from home at 8.30am in the morning.

*Imagine ....* You are really ill and need to get to Warwick Hospital for a vital operation.

*Imagine ....* You have an ageing mum living in Banbury.

What would you do and how would you feel if one day you could no longer get to your allotment unless you made a journey via Bishops Itchington.

You have to set off for work at 4.00am in the morning to arrive in the office by 9.00am – you can't afford to lose your job.

You wait for hours at a humiliating checkpoint feeling desperately ill and, at a whim, you are refused access to the hospital. Maybe you die.

You are forbidden to visit your mum because you would have to cross alien territory.

Fanciful? ... No, absolute reality for Palestinians. Can you wonder at the explosive situations that arise?

But I will tell you how some of the Palestinians I met are dealing with it.

"The politicians are paralysed" said Dr. Salim Munayer of Musalaha (*Reconciliation*) Centre in Jerusalem. "You need to reach out to the middle ground and grassroots of society."

They run summer camps in the desert for Arab and Jewish young people. The first one didn't work too well; young Jews and Arabs were paired off but regarded each other with antagonism until each pair was given a camel to look after! This common problem – and, believe you me, camels can be a problem – provided the catalyst for the young people to begin to work together and to rely on each other and make friends. The initiative has grown into many summer camps and meetings to listen to each other's narratives, which each side considers to be the truth. They are beginning to see each other as people and not enemies, demonstrating that dialogue is possible and exploring how both peoples can live together.

"Peace is our strategy". Words said by Dr. Khoury, the director of Al-Liqa (*Encounter*) Interfaith Centre in Bethlehem. Here they are bringing together people from Christian, Jewish and Muslim backgrounds in conference, so that they can tell each other the truth about their faiths and differences and respect each other. "Respect is the key".

"We are all born babies". These words are central to the beliefs and work of Elias Chacour, the Palestinian Archbishop of Galilee. He is founder and head of the Mar Elias Educational Institutes near Nazareth, which now educates over 4,000 children of all faiths together. His work of reaching out and building bridges between people is phenomenal. Here is one story.

After a violent clash, many Jewish people were critically ill in Haifa. A student suggested to Elias that they could give blood to help the Jews.

Elias telephoned the hospital and made the offer, not knowing how many students would agree. An ambulance and six Jewish blood nurses arrived. Out of the 350 students who were old enough to make up their own minds, 300 gave blood freely.

*Imagine..* this was the key word of Hani, our courteous and dignified Palestinian guide. Here is a man of great intellect, fluent in French, English, Arabic and Hebrew; educated in Israel and Paris. His future is bleak as he finds himself living on the 'wrong side' of the 'wall' in the West Bank and is, therefore, likely to lose his tourist guide licence. Nabeel, our driver: he has a degree in mechanical engineering and speaks three languages. He is unable to get any other job to support his young family. These men are not 'terrorists', they are human beings with faces and families, wanting to live a decent life in a land that is also theirs.

The dead stones of the pilgrimage sites are fast becoming theme park tourist attractions, but these Living Stones of the Holy Land stunned me by the strength of their faith and their dedication to Jesus' command to love your enemies. These Palestinian Arab Christians are a diminishing number in this place but they are a vital bridge between Muslim and Jew. They are the oldest Christians in the world; our Mother Church. Palestinian families are indigenous to this land since Abraham's time; do they not have an equal right to live here? I ponder why I do not hear more support for them from our own churches.

If you want to know more here are some websites;

[www.al-liqacenter.org.ps](http://www.al-liqacenter.org.ps), [www.musalaha.org](http://www.musalaha.org), <http://meei.org>, or key in Mar Elias Educational Institutes or Elias Chacour.

From the Jewish side, another story of hope:

Young Jewish women are taking the initiative and illegally going into the West Bank in their cars and picking up young Palestinian women and their children to take them for a day at the seaside in Tel Aviv. Both sides run huge risks and, what is more, the Jewish women publish what they have done in the press.

Some quotes from Dr. Khoury to think about;

"To ignore the other makes him the enemy."

"Not to know creates fears and suspicion."

"Friendship is important for daily life."

And lastly, a warning from Elias Chacour

"If we do not move away from the Holocaust (and he certainly does not mean forget) we will create another."

*Imagine.....*



## First ever in living memory; Harbury Scout to go to World Scout Jamboree in Sweden

### “Bob A Job”

Hi there - my name is Callum Panton and I have been lucky enough to have been chosen to represent Warwickshire at the World Scout Jamboree this year. I am one of 36 Scouts who was selected to go and I am so excited to have been given this opportunity. Especially as I am the first one to have been chosen from 1<sup>st</sup> Harbury Scout Group in living memory (unless someone knows differently!!).

However I have also to play my part and raise money to go. I have been raising money by quizzes, car washes, bag packing at Sainsbury's, car boot sales and coffee mornings. But I also thought I could help people in the village if they had things that needed doing (like the old “Bob a Job” as my Mum says!!?)

I can:

- Wash Cars
- Walk Dogs
- Baby Sit
- Mow Lawns /clear leaves/tidy Gardens

Anything that that you would like me to do, that you would pay me for!!

So if you can help me please give me a ring and I will gladly come and help in exchange for some money.

Thank you in anticipation.

**Callum Panton**  
**01926 614800 or Mobile 07976 620717**

## Parkinsons UK - Leamington & District Branch

Meetings take place on the second Monday of each month – 2.00pm to 4.00pm at the Sydni Centre, Sydenham, Marloes Walk, Sydenham. For more information please call the Secretary, Margaret Holland, 01926 853023 or the free Helpline, 0808 800 0303.

**Jean Smith**

## **Tom Hauley Room Lunches**

Have you tried them? They have been going for years and are very popular among the many regulars. If you haven't tried them yet, come and see. You'll find a warm welcome and a very friendly atmosphere, not to mention good home cooking! Menus appear at the back of the Church every month. Proceeds do go to Church funds, but the lunches are for the whole village. So, join us as a punter and see how they work. Then, if you'd like to be more involved, we'll always welcome cooks - soup, mains, or puds - waiters, washer uppers, gofers. Trust us: it's good fun! Further details from Fliss 612395.

**Felicity Harris**

## **Fuel Community Update**

It seems as though there may be more problems ahead for those of us who use oil when we hear about the effects on the price of Brent crude affected by the uprisings in the Middle East. However, I will still work on behalf of the Fuel Community to secure the best price from the local oil companies. As usual, I will wait to hear from one or two customers who are in need of a delivery and will then ring round to all the other households which have joined the scheme. It is likely that the next delivery will be sometime at the end of March/beginning of April, but it will depend on the need of the customers in the buying group. Ring 612305 if you want to find out more, otherwise I will wait until one of the group rings me and then I'll be in touch with everyone else.

**Chris Finch**

## **Domestic Energy Generation**

The Village Hall is having Photovoltaic panels on the roof to generate electricity and so reduce the heating costs. They invited Ryan Mee, ryan@eco2solar.co.uk, from installers Eco2Solar to give a public presentation. He explained that the UK has come late to domestic energy generation but now has a Feed in Tariff to encourage householders to install a range of devices.

Photovoltaic panels installed this year on domestic properties which generate up to 4kw from the sun's energy will receive 41.3p/kwh whether they use the electricity themselves or not and will also be paid 3p for every unit of electricity they don't use that is exported to the grid. These payments are guaranteed for 25 years, tax free and retail inflation proofed.

However the tariff decreases for new installations in following years so

those who wait to install will benefit less from the tariff. Eco2Solar in addition is offering a discount if several homes in the village agree to an installation at the same time – 10% for 2-5 houses rising to a maximum of 25% for ten homes. Planning permission may be required for listed buildings or homes in the Conservation Areas.

Not all roofs are suitable for PV installation. Those which face directly south are best but east or west facing panels will generate some power. Any shading to the roof has a big impact on output as the panels are linked in series so that if one is shaded and generation reduces then it does so for all the others.

The panels are connected to an inverter which changes the electricity from direct to alternating current. New meters are also needed to monitor energy produced and that fed to the grid.

Solar Hot Water Panels are very efficient (up to 90%) and take up less space on the roof. They can provide up to 60-70% of domestic hot water (but not central heating) through the year for FREE. A new tank is installed with two coils and a pump in the loft drives antifreeze heated in the panels to the tank. The panels rely on the brightness of the sun so can contribute heat to the tank even in the winter.

This is the cheapest renewable energy system and costs from £3-5,000. It is guaranteed for 10 years and from this summer there will be a renewable heat incentive payable to the property which is likely to give a 6% return on money invested in the system.

There was a great deal of interest from householders and many signed up to have their homes assessed for suitability for these energy generation products.

**Linda Ridgley**

## **Village with a Vision**

Things continue to move at a steady pace. Meetings have been arranged with prospective “partners”, with representatives from Warwickshire County Council, and the ever knowledgeable and helpful Institute of Public Care. Hopefully, in the not too distant future, we will have some more positive information to pass on to you, but at the moment the key-word is “patience”.

In the meantime if you have any thoughts about what you might like to see in an Extra Care Home in the village, please let us know. All ideas will be put in the melting pot and given serious consideration. It may not be possible to use them all, but we would like to have your suggestions so that we can achieve the best possible results for our Vision.

**Tony Stubbs**



## Wednesday Walkers

I wandered lonely as a cloud  
 That floats on high o'er fields and woods  
 When all at once I saw a crowd  
 With walking sticks and coats with hoods!

Our group averages 11 and the walk about 2 hours. We have now used cars, first to visit Shuckborough, the Saxon Mill and Southam. Now the weather is improving, maybe you would like to give us a try? We meet behind the Village Hall at 9.45am each Wednesday and you would be very welcome.

This month's plans are as follows:

- 9<sup>th</sup> March: Cropedy with optional pub lunch, 3 or 5 miles.
- 16<sup>th</sup> March: Hampton on the Hill with coffee stop at the Hatton Locks cafe, 4 miles.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> March: Long Itchington, 4 miles.
- 30<sup>th</sup> March: Fenny Compton (a bit harder with hilly bits), 5 miles with optional pub lunch.
- 6<sup>th</sup> April: Kenilworth (an easy, flat walk), 3 miles.

Any questions? Phone Pam Parton, 614188 or Gillian Hare, 614809.

**Gillian Hare**

## Where are all the Bridge Players?

Harbury Bridge Club has been meeting for the last three years and we have enjoyed a fairly healthy membership during that time.

However, our numbers have dwindled and we are very concerned that the Club may not be able to continue if we do not have more members.

We received a further blow when our director, Janice Thraves, moved out of the area recently and she will be sadly missed. We thank her for the work she has put in for our group.

We would be very sorry if we have to disband, not only for the Bridge Group, but also for the Harbury Club who are trying to promote more interest in their premises.

So, please come along on Thursday evenings at 7.00pm to Harbury Club, Crown Street, where we would be very pleased to greet you.

**Pat Hearn, 612714**



## Warwickshire Community Awards 2011

Do you have a project you think deserves recognition? Is there someone you would like to nominate for an award? Has your community done anything it is particularly proud of in the last 12 months, which is worth celebrating? Come along and find out how to nominate people you know for community awards at one of our drop-in sessions:

10am – 1pm Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March - Guild Hall, Henley-in-Arden

10am – 1pm Saturday 26 March - Village Hall, Marton, Rugby

Organised by the Warwickshire Rural Community Council. For further information please telephone 02476 217390 or visit [www.ruralwarwickshire.org.uk](http://www.ruralwarwickshire.org.uk).

**Ariadne Uslu, Competitions Organiser**

## Southam & District Lions



Albeit a little late, and with an uncertain Spring in the air, Southam Lions at their last two meetings were delighted to present cheques each for £1650 to The Tiny Tim's Centre in Coventry (pictured left with David Williams President of Southam Lions is Graham Hayden of Tiny Tim's) and to Acorns Children's' Hospice in

Birmingham (pictured below right with David Williams is Eileen Rock of Acorns).

The funds were generated by Southam Lions and their annual Father Christmas Float by collecting funds so generously given by the locals of Southam and the surrounding villages. Despite really dreadful weather more or less throughout the weeks leading up to Christmas, only two visits were cancelled and that was due to the icy conditions which might have caused the reindeer to slip! Those stalwart Lions though braved the cold and handed out



chocolate bars to all the children and it was interesting to note from Father Christmas himself that the toys being delivered by him on Christmas Eve were certainly of a very high standard.

One little boy asked for everything in the Argos Catalogue to be delivered and it was really hard work for a very overworked Father Christmas!

Southam Lions wish to thank everyone for their generosity during 2010 and apologise for missing anyone out. Hopefully the weather next Christmas will be a little better!!

Kind regards.

**Peter Guy**  
**Publicity Officer**  
**Southam & District Lions Club**

## **Southam & District Lions – Poetry Competition**

Southam & District Lions Club are pleased to announce their Evening of Poetry funded by Southam Town Council, Warwickshire County Council and Southam Lions.

The winners of Southam & District Lions **3rd Annual Poetry Competition** will be presented with their prizes and invited to read their prize-winning poems.

After refreshments of cheese and wine there will be an **'open mic.'** session, when all comers will be invited to read their poems to an appreciative audience.

Venue is the Graham Adams Community Centre on Friday 25th March, 7.30-9.30pm. There is no entry fee and ALL are welcome! Entrance and refreshments, including cheese and wine, will be FREE. *A book of the collected poems will be on sale at a low price, all proceeds will go to a local charity.*

**Peter Guy**

## **Have you heard about Community Forums?**

Community Forums are public meetings led by the County Council and Stratford-on-Avon District Council to engage the public in council business. Warwickshire Police promote 'Safer Neighbourhoods' through the Community Forums. Additionally the Safer Neighbourhood Teams hold a surgery prior to the forum during which time tea/coffee is available.

Your Community Forum's next meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 16th March 2011 at Ladbrooke Village Hall, Banbury Road, Ladbrooke, Southam CV47 2BY where the main topics will be Public

Sector Budgets update, Future of Health Services, The Big Society: What does it mean to you? - and lots more.

If you have a specific concern or problem, then drop in to the local surgery from 6.30pm – 7.00pm where you will be able to speak to your Safer Neighbourhoods Policing Team, Councillors and Officers from Warwickshire County and Stratford-on-Avon District Councils.

If you would like to suggest an issue for a future Community Forum meeting, or find out more, please contact Amanda Wilson-Patterson on 01789 260135 or email: [amandawilsonpatterson@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:amandawilsonpatterson@warwickshire.gov.uk).

**Amanda Wilson Patterson  
Warwickshire County Council**



### **Dear Editors**

*May I say a big thank you to all the people who supported the coffee morning in aid of the Salvation Army Homeless Drop-in. Thank you to all who came, to all who donated and to all who helped on the day.*

*A total of £232.39 was raised to support the project and has been gratefully received.*

**Mary Catt**

### **Dear Editors**

*It has been brought to my attention that there has been an increase in dog on dog attacks across the Stratford-on-Avon District as well as dog fouling and I would like to take this opportunity to inform all dog owners and dog walkers of their obligations to the community under current legislation.*

*As a responsible dog owner, you are required to keep dogs under proper control and you are responsible for any damage they may cause to people, livestock, pets or property. Dog owners and walkers need to be aware of the consequences they face if their dog attacks another dog. Dog on dog attacks is a civil dispute between the owners and if several attacks are made by the same dog, owners can prosecute in civil proceedings which, if taken to court, can result in an order on the owner and dog to be kept under control at all times as long as the complaint is justified. Dog owners can seek advice from the Dog Warden Service in regards to the law relating to their dog. The owners of uncontrolled dogs will be issued with warning notices if it continues, as long as it can be backed by evidence.*

*The District Council has adopted the provisions of the Fouling of Land by Dogs (District of Stratford-on-Avon) Order 2009. This means that if you are a dog owner or walker and you allow the dog to foul on any land which the public have access to you are responsible for cleaning it up. If you fail to clean it up, then you are committing an offence for which you may receive a fixed penalty Notice of £75.00. You may receive a higher fine if you refuse to pay the fine and are taken to the Magistrates' court.*

*The District and Parish Councils take dog fouling very seriously and would like to advise you that if you are caught allowing your dog to foul in any space which is open to the public, including bridleways and footpaths within the District you will be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice.*

*To all responsible dog owners who do pick up and keep their dogs under control, thank you for keeping our towns and villages a cleaner, happier place to live. Dog foul, when bagged can be placed in a dog bin or any litter bin. If you require any further information or assistance or have any queries regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me on 01789 267575 or by email [Sophie.peacock@stratford-dc.gov.uk](mailto:Sophie.peacock@stratford-dc.gov.uk)*

**Sophie Peacock**  
**Animal Welfare Officer, Dog Warden Service**

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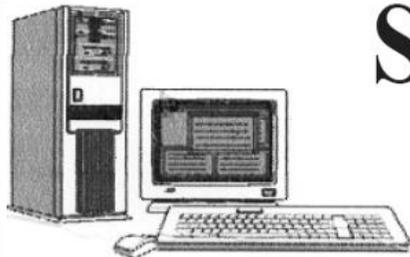
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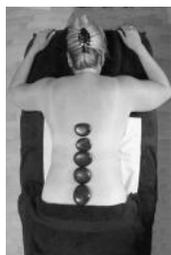
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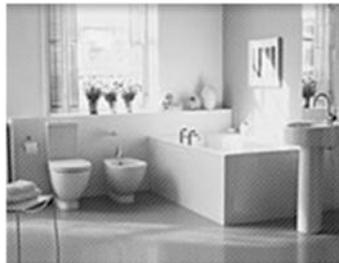
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