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Editorial

Congratulations to Ladbroke and Deppers Bridge W.I. who celebrated their 40th birthday last month, by holding a party inviting back former members. We wish them well for the next forty years!

It turns out that Harbury has a well founded reputation for successful community activity; well that is what members of the Energy Initiative found when they attended the Heart of England Showcase 2012 event.

Another example of community spirit is shown in an article in the magazine where four local people describe their experience of volunteering at the Olympic and Paralympics games; well done to them for giving up their time for these superb events.

Next month will see Harbury's annual bonfire taking place on the 3rd November and GASS will be doing their usual collection of wood and garden cuttings in return for generous donations.

Finally we extend our sympathies to the families of June Luke and Beryl Ross.

Harbury Diary

OCTOBER

- Sat 6 Coffee Morning 10.00am – 12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Save the Children
Harvest Supper 7.00 for 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Sun 7 **TRINITY XVIII**
Sung Eucharist 9.00am, 1st Light Service 10.30am in Tom Hauley Room
Evening Taize-Style Service 6.00pm
Zumba 9.00 - 10.00am in Village Hall
- Tues 9 Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Wed 10 Wednesday Walkers: Warmington (opt pub lunch) 4 miles, meet 9.45am in Village Hall car park.
Ballroom Dancing (Beginners 7.30 – 8.30pm) 8.00 -9.30pm in Village Hall
- Thurs 11 Holy Communion 9.45am, followed by coffee
BLOOD DONORS 1.30 – 3.30pm and 4.30 – 7.30pm in Village Hall
WI 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room - "Chocolate" by Simon Read

- Sat 13 Coffee Morning 10.00am – 12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Windmills Nursery
- Sat 13 Moving Pictures present 'The Descendants', doors open 5.00pm, film starts 5.30pm (see advert)
- Sun 14 TRINITY IXX**
Holy Communion, 8.00am
Sung Eucharist, 10.30am
Zumba 9.00 - 10.00am in Village Hall
- Mon 15 ADVERTS FOR NEXT ISSUE TO 31 BINSWOOD END, HARBURY BY 5,30PM
- Tues 16 Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 17 Wednesday Walkers: Little Shrewley 5 miles meet 9.45am in Village Hall car park.
Tea, 3.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
Ballroom Dancing (Beginners 7.30 – 8.30pm), 8.00 – 9.30pm in Village Hall
- Thurs 18 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee
Movement to Music, 2.00 – 3.00pm in Village Hall
Warwickshire Young Voices, 6.30 - 8.00pm in Village Hall
- Sat 20 Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7.30am, Tom Hauley Room
Coffee Morning 10.00am – 12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid of RNLI
Music Hall and Traditional Music, 7.30pm in Village Hall – tickets £7.50, Tel: Doug Freeman 612002
- Sun 21 TRINITY XX**
Holy Communion, 8.00am
Family Communion, 10.30am
Evensong, 6.00pm
Zumba, 9.00 - 10.00am in Village Hall
- Tues 23 Holy Communion 7.30pm
Julian Meeting, 8.00pm
Harbury Society visit 7.30pm to Archive Room in School
- Wed 24 Wednesday Walkers: Farnborough – Avon Dasset, 4 Miles (hilly!), meet 9.45am in Village Hall car park.
- Thurs 25 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee
Thursday Club, 2.30pm in Village Hall
Parish Council, 7.30pm in Village Hall
ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH STREET OR EMAIL TO ARTICLES@HLNEWS.CO.UK BY 5.30PM
- Sat 27 Coffee Morning 10.00am – 12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Harbury Society
- Sun 28 LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**
Holy Communion, 8.00am
Sung Eucharist, 10.30am
Zumba, 9.00 - 10.00am in Village Hall

Tues 30 Drop in Tea for the Bereaved, 2.30 to 4.30pm, 19 Farm Street

Wed 31 HALLOWEEN

Wednesday Walkers: Radway – Edge Hill 4.5 miles, meet 9.45am in Village Hall car park

NOVEMBER

Thurs 1 ALL SAINTS' DAY

Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee

Men's Group, 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room

Art Group, "Christmas" Water colour and Gouache,

Folk Club 8.00pm at Harbury Village Club

Fri 2 Quiz of 2012 in aid of Netball Club 7.30pm in Village Hall

Entrance £20/team details from Alison Baldwin –

Tel: 07761 220267

Sat 3 Coffee Morning 10.00am – 12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Biblelands

VILLAGE BONFIRE & FIREWORKS RECREATION GROUND

Bonfire to be lit at 6.00 and fireworks at 6.30pm

Sun 4 **IV BEFORE ADVENT**

Sung Eucharist 9.00am

First Light Service, 10.30am, Tom Hauley Room

All Souls' Service, 6.00pm

Zumba, 9.00 - 10.00am in Village Hall

Tues 6 Holy Communion, 7.30pm

Horticultural Society Flowers of the Dolomites – Dr Tony Hughes

Wed 7 Holy Communion, 2.00pm

Mothers' Union A.G.M. 2.30pm, Tom Hauley Room

Flu jabs, 11.00am - 12 noon and 4.00 - 6.30pm at Harbury Surgery

Wednesday Walkers: Boddington 4 miles, meet 9.45am in Village Hall car park.

Thurs 8 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee

WI in Tom Hauley Room, 7.45pm

Sat 10 Coffee Morning 10.00am – 12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Senior Citizens

Craft Fayre 10.00am – 4.00pm in Village Hall

November Edition - Harbury & Ladbroke News

Adverts to 31 Binswood End, Harbury by 15th October

Articles to Harbury Pharmacy or e-mail to articles@hlnews.co.uk by 25th October

Dates for inclusion in the Harbury Diary please to Linda Ridgley -
Tel 612792

Refuse Collection Rota				
	Deppers Bridge	Harbury	Ladbroke	Collection Week
October	Wed	Thurs	Fri	
	10	11	12	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	17	18	19	Grey Bin
	24	25	26	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	31			Grey Bin
Nov		1	2	Grey Bin
	7	8	9	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	14	15	16	Grey Bin

 All Saints HARBURY	From the Rector	
	Reverend Craig Grocock The Rectory, Vicarage Lane, Harbury ☎612377 ✉ kankudai43@aol.co.uk	

Remembering in many different ways

As we move into October and then into November, we are invited to remember once again different people and different events. On 1st November we celebrate All Saints' Day (or All Hallows, hence Halloween or All Hallows Eve; being the evening before which incidentally was originally a Christian festival!). At All Saints' tide we remember the 'heroes of faith', those great women and men of the past (those we call the Saints) who, through their lives and example, have inspired us on our journey of faith.

The following day is All Souls' Day where the focus of our thinking shifts, as we remember those we love who have died. Just over a week later, on Sunday 11th November, we will gather in church for Remembrance Sunday as we remember all those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in war and conflict for our liberty and freedom.

At Harbury Church on the evening of Sunday 4th November at 6.00pm we shall be having our All Souls service. This is an opportunity to remember those we love that have died, to celebrate their lives and to give thanks to God for them. This is a quiet, reflective service that gives people the opportunity to be still and to remember. People are given the opportunity too to light a candle for those they wish to remember.

I would like to invite all of you who have lost a loved one to Church on this evening where we will read out the names of your loved one during the service if you wish. We hold this service each year at this time and many find it to be a source of great comfort.

If you would like to have the name of a loved one read out during the service, then please contact Fliss Harris (612395), Gill Winter (612585) or myself at the Rectory (612377) or, if you are passing, you might like to write the name on the list on the table at the back of the Church.

Looking forward to seeing you all out and about.

God bless.

From the Registers

Burial of Ashes, All Saints', Harbury

1st September

June Luke

Holy Baptism, All Saints' Harbury

9th September

Jaxon Greg Amaira

Leah Jayne Wood



From the Churchwardens

Liz & Will

The children from Harbury School led us in the celebration of Harvest at the family service in September. This was a thoughtful and delightful service and we would like to give a big thank you to the teachers and children who had clearly done a lot of preparation beforehand. It is much appreciated. Also, there were some wonderful drawings and collages on display which interpreted the various aspects of what Harvest means in this day and age. All of the produce that was brought to the altar was taken by Craig and Annie to Helen Ley House for use there.

In last month's Harbury & Ladbroke News we mentioned that there was a leak in the roof. This has now been fixed!!

On Sunday 4th November at 6.00pm a Service of Remembrance will be held which is for anyone who has been bereaved to remember their loved ones.

We would like to invite you to join us in this act of remembrance and if you would like their name read out in prayer during the service please add their name to the list which will be found in Church.



Mothers' Union

Sue Boniface

On the first Wednesday of September, we officially welcomed Mary Cambray as she was enrolled as a member of Mothers' Union. This was a cause of celebration and as the words of the service reminded us, a very joyful occasion. Rev. Craig also reminded us of our theme for 2012, 'Your Gifts, Discover and Celebrate'. We all have gifts, and not only need to discover and celebrate them, but also to use our gifts in many and varied ways. A most enjoyable afternoon concluded with tea and biscuits in the Tom Hauley Room.



At our next meeting (3rd October), Sheila Short, Mothers' Union Diocesan Training Advisor, will be encouraging us to 'Hunt the Gift', and we look forward to hearing Sheila's thoughts on our theme.

Our meeting in November (7th), will be our AGM. After the formal business we hope to enjoy some 'captured moments'. Please bring a photograph depicting some significant event or person in your life. As always, non members are welcome to attend our meetings.

Harbury & Ladbroke Church Men's Group

The Harbury & Ladbroke Church Men's Group reconvenes on Thursday 4th October (7.45pm) in the Tom Hauley room with John Travis talking about the trials and tribulations of owning a share in a race horse. John's wit and humour will, I'm sure, make for an entertaining evening.

The November meeting is on the 1st November when Andrew Patrick will be talking about his bike ride along the roof of France. A long-held ambition that turned into an unexpectedly fulfilling experience.

The Men's Group get together on the first Thursday of each month for a 7.45pm start (finishing around 9.15pm) and the meetings are relaxed and informal with a variety of speakers planned for the year ahead. We would very much welcome any new members.

If you are interested in coming along, please give John Guilford (614206) or John Stringer (613214) a call or simply come and take a seat in the Tom Hauley room. We look forward to seeing you there!

John Guilford (Co-Chair)

Ladbroke News & Diary

OCTOBER

Sun 7 HARVEST FESTIVAL, 10.30am followed by refreshments

Wed 10 Pilates, 10.00am in Village Hall

Fri 12 Harvest Supper, 7.00 for 7.30pm, Village Hall

Sat 13 Whist Drive, 7.45pm, Village Hall

Sun 14 TRINITY IXX

Holy Communion, 9.00am

Tues 15 ADVERTS FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: 31 BINSWOOD END,
HARBURY BY 5.30PM

Wed 17 Pilates, 10.00am, Village Hall

Thurs 18 Safer Neighbourhood Team Community (Police) surgery
1.30pm – 2.00pm, Village Hall

Sat 20 Whist Drive, 7.45pm, Village Hall

Sun 21 TRINITY XX

Holy Communion B.C.P, 9.00am

Wed 24 Pilates, 10.00am, Village Hall

Thurs 25 ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO HARBURY PHARMACY
OR EMAIL TO ARTICLES@HLNEWS.CO.UK BY 5.30PM
Women's Institute, 7.30pm in Village Hall

Sat 27 Whist Drive, 7.45pm, Village Hall

Sun 28 ST SIMON AND JUDE

Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am

Wed 31 Pilates, 10.00am, Village Hall

NOVEMBER

Thurs 1 Patronal (All Saints) Service, 7.00pm in Church

Sat 3 Whist Drive, 7.45pm, Village Hall

Sun 4 IV BEFORE ADVENT

Family Communion, 10.30am followed by refreshments

Tues 6 Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Wed 7 Pilates, 10.00am, Village Hall



Ladbroke Church News

Sue Lord

Harvest Supper tickets are now available from Sue Lord (815153) or Margaret Bosworth (817312). This is being held on Friday 12th October at 7.30pm in Ladbroke Village Hall.

The cattle were removed from Farm Yard Field and a landing circle mowed for the arrival of the bride Claudia by helicopter for her wedding on Saturday

1st September. After a perfect landing the bride donned her Wellington boots for the walk into church. An arrival to remember and a first for Ladbroke.

Ladbroke's congregation was saddened to learn of the death of Beryl Ross on the 26th September. Beryl was a much loved and respected member of our congregation. We will miss her gentle presence and send our sympathies to her family.

From the Registers

Holy Matrimony All Saints', Ladbroke

1st September

Michael Barnard to Claudia Voegler

Holy Baptism All Saints', Ladbroke

23rd September

Beatrix Sofia Kendall

Ladbroke Flower Rota

7th October

Elizabeth Evans - Harvest Festival

14th October

Elisabeth Evans

21st October

Margaret Clarke

28th October

Margaret Clarke

4th November

Pam Barnett

11th November

Sue Moore - Remembrance Sunday

Sue Lord



Here are the highlights of the meeting on 19th September 2012. The official minutes of these meetings are posted on the notice board outside The Bell Inn and also on the village website: ladbroke-pc.org.uk in the Parish Council section.

Points raised by the public present at the meeting: When the ditches were cleared along the Ladbroke/Deppers Bridge road and the A423, the residue was dumped on the verges. Rubbish such as old tyres were removed; however the soil has not been levelled, making it difficult for walkers to use the verges to avoid traffic. A letter will be sent to the appropriate authority.

The owner showed his plans to modify the extension of Church Cottage. These have been devised with input from SDC's Conservation Officer and look very attractive with it having a thatched roof, slightly lower than the main building and a green oak "A" frame when viewed from the back. The plans will now be submitted to SDC.

The Parish Council will check if their public liability insurance will cover voluntary mowing of the verge at the turning into the village; should the council be tardy in doing this again.

Renaming of Windmill Lane beyond the by-pass: At last after 2½ years, significant progress! Notices will go up on 20th September and the final order to change the name to Ladbroke Hill Lane should happen on 22nd October.

Merger of Village Hall and Millennium Green Trusts: There has been an agreement on the approach and the trustees are now waiting for formal support from the Charity Commission.

Village Amenities: An open public meeting is proposed for Thursday 25th October, 7.30pm in the Village Hall to discuss the utilisation and possible rationalisation of the village amenities (Church, Village Hall, pub etc). Everyone is welcome to come along and share their views, thoughts and ideas. *Editor's note: this date clashes with W.I. in the Village Hall so it is likely to change.*

Neighbourhood Watch: As there have been a couple of recent incidents, the profile of our Neighbourhood Watch Scheme is being raised. A regular slot in the Harbury & Ladbroke News was suggested. Remember, if you see something suspicious you should report it to the police on their non-emergency number (101) **and** let David Halsall, Ladbroke's Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator know (811838).

Planning: Approval has been given for the changes to the outbuildings at High House, window guards on the church and conversion of use (from holiday let to permanent home) for one unit at Manor Farm Barns, with that for other units there expected to follow suit imminently. The decision on the five large wind turbines near Knightcote is still pending.

Flood Prevention Grants: Owners of houses known to be affected by flooding last time will be contacted to ensure they are aware that SDC is making grants (£1000 to £4000) towards flood prevention measures. Applications need to be in by early October.

Highways, Footpaths and Drainage: The backing of the Windmill Lane sign is rotten and needs replacing.

Events: The Millennium Green committee is planning a Supper and Race Night on Saturday 10th November.

HS2: An open village meeting is to be held on 20th September to discuss items raised at last week's HS2 Community Forum. *See next article.*

Broadband: Generally South Warwickshire has poor speeds and there is £20m for improvements (£4m from WCC, £2m from SDC, £6m from government matching and remainder from companies such as BT). It was reported that Southam now has fibre, but it does not extend to Ladbroke and. as it costs £40,000 to upgrade one cabinet to fibre and many villages have worse speeds and more demand than we do, we are unlikely to see improvements soon. The idea of a local Broadband Champion to encourage people to fill in surveys of usage etc was suggested. However it should be remembered that broadband speed in your home doesn't just depend on the line in and for best performance you should ensure you have a filter (costing a few pounds) on each phone socket to remove interference and have your router or modem on the master phone socket which is the one closest to where the phone line enters your home.

Website: This was developed by and is currently hosted via SORT-IT, a company based in Southam. Their costs for upgrades, to maintain security of the website, are high relative its usage and Parish Council funds. Alternatives will be discussed.

SDC: The second version of the district's Core Strategy document (covering housing etc) is now expected to be out for public evaluation in early 2013. SDC have been told it would be very difficult to defend a classification of "Special Landscape" eg Burton Dassett Hills.

The 10 yearly review of Community Governance is imminent so if any Parish Council or member of the public wishes to comment they have until mid-December to do so, e.g. if they think combining Parish Councils or changing locations of a boundary would be beneficial. Apparently, this is one of the reasons why Warwickshire has such a strange boundary with neighbouring counties – in the mid 1800's some voted to stay in Warwickshire as the county gave them free coal!

Next meeting: Wednesday 21st November 2012 at 7.45pm.

Ladbroke Meeting about HS2

Approximately 40 people attended the meeting on 20th September to update villagers. HS2 are developing more detailed plans and a week previously HS2 Ltd had provided emerging information to both WCC and the Ladbroke and Southam Community Forum about aspects in this area. Since then a letter with further clarification about maintenance loops had been received.

Maintenance Loop

The major infrastructure maintenance depot will be at Calvert, Bucks. Approximately half-way between this and Birmingham, (and similarly southwards half-way to London) there needs to be a section of line that is four tracks wide. This will be used for two purposes – the main one is to allow a train with materials and equipment to be based there in the day when there is

scheduled overnight maintenance on the line. The loop would also allow a passenger train that is unable to continue without assistance, to be parked there until it can be moved on. Two locations meeting the requirements of position, straight and level track and proximity to a road, are under consideration: HS2 map refs 115-117 (Wormleighton area) and 120-122 (Radbourne area). One advantage of the loops is that they should reduce the amount of service road needed along the track.

Construction Compounds

There will be construction compounds all along the line, including one close to Bascote Heath to support the tunnelling nearby and possibly one at HS2 map ref 119-120 (an area between Ladbroke and Wormleighton). These compounds will be in use for 1.5 – 3 years and equipment there will include very large earth moving machines (Ladbroke Hill cutting will be one of the deepest along the line). All construction compounds need to be close to a main road (A425 and A423 in this area), to support road access into them.

Power Supplies

Power transformer stations will be positioned every 4 or 5km along the line, close to the track. The dimensions of these are unknown at present. It is estimated that HS2 will have a power demand of a small town! Discussions between HS2 Ltd and National Grid about supply of power have only just started and so it is unclear how the electricity will be brought in – overhead with pylons (where?) or buried (technically feasible? cost?).

Meeting with HS2 engineers

Graham Long and Ladbroke Parish Council will be meeting the HS2 engineers on 2nd November. Although opposed to HS2, such meetings are important to seek the best mitigation in this area, for example continuing to press for lowering the track especially where the A423 crosses it and/or bunding (= earthworks, eg using material extracted from tunnel near Bascote Heath) to reduce visibility etc of HS2 and traffic on the modified road.

Judicial Review of 2011 Consultation

This is scheduled for early December.

Further Public Consultation on Compensation

Originally planned for Spring 2012, then postponed until after Parliament's summer recess, the Department for Transport are now expecting this consultation to start "by December". The details of the Y-route (north of Birmingham) should be announced at the same time.

Express Your Opposition to HS2

Since boundary changes breaking up the Southam and Kenilworth constituency are not expected to go ahead this Parliament, everyone is

encouraged to keep contacting our MP, Jeremy Wright, expressing your concerns and opposition to HS2 in your own words, whether it is on:

- *economic reasons* – the cost vs benefit has reduced since the first calculation and now official estimates are that over the lifetime of HS2, there will be only £1.40 back for every £1 spent. HS2 Action Alliance's economists using more realistic assumptions calculate it is only 40p back, that is a 60p loss! "What a waste of taxpayer's money!" See the business case page of www.HS2AA.org for more details.
- *environmental or other aspects*
- *scant regard to public input* - two sets of missing responses to the 2011 consultation have been found since the outcome was initially reported – including the one from our MP himself!

You can write to Jeremy Wright at Jubilee House, Smalley Place, Kenilworth, Warks, CV8 1QG or email him at jeremy.wright.mp@parliament.uk.

Jackie West

	<p>Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge Women's Institute</p>	<p>Carol Lane</p>
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Our meeting on 27th September was a special one - we were celebrating our WI's 40th birthday. The Village Hall was decked out with bunting, flowers, balloons and, of course, a cake in honour of the occasion. Invitations had been sent to previous members and a number of these joined us for the evening, some having made considerable journeys to do so. We

also had two special guests from the Warwickshire Federation, the county chairman, Jeryl Stone, and our link trustee, Christine Dyer.

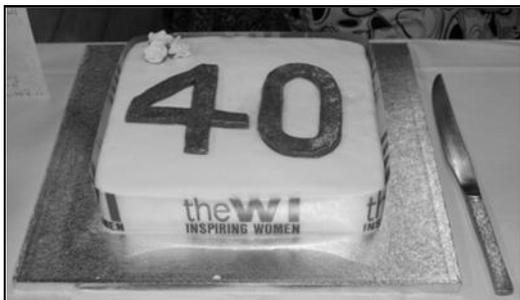
The meeting started with the sad news that Beryl Ross, a founder member, had died the previous day and we raised our glasses in her memory. Then we heard about various WI activities available in the coming weeks and months, (including Autumn Serenade on 9th November, the Denman Christmas Fayre and a free First Aid course), before our speaker, Mary Davies from Get Ahead Hats was introduced.

Mary told us how she had become involved with this franchised group thirteen years ago, wanting to work from the family farmhouse but not making curtains! She now spends lots of her time making hats and fascinators as well as selling and hiring them. We learnt that most hats are made of *sinamay*,

a light open weave material that is a by-product of the banana industry! It is very strong and after wetting is stretched crossways and pinned on wooden blocks and then cut into the required shape. Mary told us it is a fantastic material to work with and is good for making flowers, leaves and loops as well as the main hat, but that she also works with *crin*, a type of nylon, and for decorations uses silk organza for flowers and feathers which are often trimmed. To get the perfect colour match with an outfit, hat materials are dyed before they are made up or a finished hat can be brush dyed, provided the starting colour is appropriate. When people hire a hat (typically this costs 1/3 that of buying it outright) Mary adds feathers of just the right colour to team with their outfit, though we were told of one customer who was so impressed with a hat she saw that, after being told it didn't match her wedding outfit, said "I'll change the outfit".



Mary then proceeded to show us fascinators and hats from her stock, many of which she had made herself. As she drew a fabulous black and white hat from her box it was greeted with murmurs of approval, a terracotta creation was met with a "Wow" from the audience and there was a loud "Oooh" as we saw a hat that had been worn at the Queen's Jubilee Service at St Paul's and was shown seven times during the TV coverage of that event! As the talk concluded we were invited to come and try on the hats and fascinators our speaker had brought and we enjoyed pretending we were off to Ladies Day at Ascot. Mary Davies is based at Clifton near Rugby and if you want to hire or buy a hat for a wedding or another special occasion she can be contacted on 01788 565662. But do remember to get your outfit first and take it with you when you go.



The party then continued with sandwiches and nibbles, the cutting of the cake, closing speeches including the reading of a letter from founder member, Gwynne Badman in which she described how Ladbroke and Depper's Bridge WI started ".....I will always remember the very beginning - Pat Wilson and Mel Cox at my front door talking

about starting a WI branch here and for my opinion. Straight away, "A wonderful idea". More were asked and we were away....."

We closed with a vote of thanks to the committee for organising such a splendid evening.



Ladbroke Photography Club

Kip Warr

Already looking for Christmas ideas? How about a photo book? Nathalie Crompton showed us how easy it can be to select your favourite photographs and submit them online for printing and binding. We saw examples ranging from holiday scrapbooks to collections of fine photographs and the quality was consistently excellent. There are plenty of options in layout, size and price - look out for special offers.

Then we viewed the results of our walkabout session in Long Itchington - two are shown here. It was a dull and rainy day but still our intrepid photographers captured some remarkable pictures including, of course, the ducks on the pond for whom the weather was ideal!

To round the month off, Andy Pittaway organised special arrangements for us to photograph the polo at the Dallas Burston grounds and the manager there did us proud. We had a great day trying to catch the atmosphere and action. The 'Sport of Kings' is such a fast-moving game; one moment the players are more than a hundred yards away and the next they are thundering past close by, so we were kept frantically busy changing settings and trying to frame the action. We all have lots of blurred pictures to discard but there will be some jewels to display



**Tudor House by
Jennie Daniels**



in the next Harbury & Ladbroke News!

The day was topped off with a posh picnic (in our very own reserved area, of course) and a display of jousting - the real thing - very impressive.

Our next meetings will be on Tuesday 2nd October and Tuesday 6th November in Ladbroke Village Hall at 7.30pm. If you are at all interested in photography, whatever your experience, you are welcome to come along. More information from jackieszone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk

Ducklings by Andy Pittaway

Antiques and Afternoon Tea - POSTPONED

Unfortunately, due to ill health, Charles Hanson could not come to Ladbroke on 6th October as planned so this event has been postponed. We send Charles best wishes for his recovery and hope he will be able to join us for Antiques and Afternoon Tea in a few months' time.

Margaret Bosworth

Police & Neighbourhood Watch Information

The Police will be holding Southam Safer Neighbourhood Team Community Surgeries in Ladbroke Village Hall at 1.30-2.00pm on the following Thursdays:

18th October

8th November

29th November

20th December

Beware and report chalked symbols on or around your property – these can be linked to burglaries. Several suspicious incidents have been reported in south Warwickshire, over recent days, where home owners have noticed symbols chalked onto the walls of their homes or onto surfaces nearby. There is evidence that these chalked symbols are used by thieves as a means to identify a property ripe for burglary. If you spot chalked symbols around your own or other homes, please contact the Police immediately on 101 and describe the symbols to the operator. If possible please also take a photo of the symbol if you have a camera on your mobile phone.

Door to door sellers: The police wish to make local people aware that over the last week or so there have been 26 reported suspicious incidents involving pedlars or door to door sellers. These pedlars are occasionally also known as Nottingham Doorknockers and they have been busy at homes across Warwickshire in recent weeks. A large quantity of them do in fact come from the Nottingham area. They are generally dropped off in an area in gangs and sell household items. Many now seem to confess to being ex-offenders, perhaps trying to astound and disarm you with their honesty! The appearance of these doorstep sellers is believed to be possibly linked to burglaries and other incidents in the areas targeted. These callers should always have a pedlar's certificate with them and, if they do, most of the time, they are not committing a direct offence. However, if you buy items from these people you are likely to be obtaining low quality goods at an inflated price. A much worse outcome is they have a good look at your property with a view to coming back and committing a burglary.

Jackie West

Supper and Traditional Race Night

We will be holding this event on Saturday 10th November in Ladbroke Village Hall. Supper will be chicken and chips (or a vegetarian option) and there will be a licensed bar. The races will be happening live before your very eyes: wooden horses powered by the best human muscle present and the shouts of the punters - it should be hilarious! Come along and join in the fun. Tickets cost £8 for adults and £4 for children. All proceeds will go to Ladbroke Millennium Green. Call 815004 for more information.

Kip Warr

Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club

£80	Georgina Middleton	£50	Pat Kennedy
£25	Geoff and Carol Lane	£10	Graham and Nicky Lewis
£10	Graham and Pauline Long	£10	Peter and Christine Baker
£10	Ken Whitely	£10	Peter and Carol Loftus

Margaret Bosworth



Harbury Parish Council

Linda Ridgley

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I had hopes of a short meeting - there only being six Councillors present but first there was a strange presentation from the West Midlands Ambulance Service about Community Responders and then a lot of discussion when the Agenda got to Properties.

Harbury was one of the first villages in the area to provide a First Responder Service with volunteers willing to be on call to take out a defibrillator (which we purchased) to try to restart the hearts of those suffering cardiac arrest.

It was quite an onerous task and eventually there were not enough volunteers to keep it going. The Defibrillator was then donated to the Surgery. So we knew all about the scheme, had tried it out, but were unable to sustain the effort.

It seemed strange therefore that we sat through a long presentation from the Ambulance Service which sought to find a minimum of 12 and up to 40 volunteers for a similar initiative which appeared to envisage the community funding yet another defibrillator.

County Councillor Bob Stevens warned that government would use a “Hybrid Bill” which gives it unlimited powers with no right of appeal, to push through plans for HS2. Local councils along the route were complaining about a “breakdown in communications” with the government and that changes to the route were being made without any consultation.

Compensation promised to those whose property was blighted had still not materialised. Just supplying government with the information they demanded was costing the County Council £200,000 a year. The whole scheme was being taken to Judicial Review.

There was some good news: Warwickshire might get part of its Business Rate back (at present government takes the lot and redistributes some as it sees fit); part of the “Community Infrastructure Levy” (charging developers to build) might be passed on the parishes; it was time for parishes to “bid” for road repairs and along with the other County Councillors, Bob had £5,000 of grants money to pass on to parish initiatives.

Planning

Stratford passed plans for changes to the front elevation of 1 Vicarage Lane; the erection of a garden room and porch at 1 Park Lane; a two storey rear extension at Helen Owen House, High street; erection of a timber garage at Orchard House, Hall Lane; a pitched roof on a rear extension at 16 Park Lane; and the demolition and building of a two storey house and detached garage at Lawston House, Chesterton Road. The application for four residential apartments and a terraced house at 8 Dovehouse Lane has been withdrawn.

The Parish Council had no comments to make on a first floor extension and porch at 47 Deppers Bridge or the alterations to the Village Hall to provide a stage and new changing rooms. They were concerned about the large “Chalet” which was erected in fields beyond the Three Arch Bridge.

Properties

The Picnic Bench which was set on fire by vandals would not be replaced. Cllr Hancock admitted that the BMX project was an “increasing headache”. Quotes to remodel it were substantial as were the repair quotes for the skatepark. Costs for repairs to the multiplay unit were also high and the rocking horse needed attention. It would need the combined Maintenance and New Equipment budget to fund these items. However it was reported that Cllr Janet Thornley was actively looking for grants.

The Football Club needed grant aid for replacement goalposts and the Council wondered if the Recreation Ground’s new status as “Fields in Trust”

would give it access to additional grants. They would in any case apply to Bob Stevens' WCC Community Grant fund.

There was considerable discussion about where the Council could put an oak sapling which they would receive from the Fields in Trust membership. The options were between placing it next to the Hereburgh Way development and on the old hedge-line that separates the BMX Track and skatepark. They had sought advice from Colin Sheasby.

There was some confusion about the prioritisation of remedial work to Council owned trees. Mr Sheasby's Tree Survey had highlighted what needed to be done. The Council only had a budget of £1,200 for the work for this year and £2,000 for Cemetery trees and would have to decide for themselves what work they could fund. The County had saved them some expense by cutting back the branches that overhung the bus stop outside the play area in South Parade!

There are still problems as a result of the unofficial use by a resident of Pineham Avenue of the track to the Allotments. The promised repairs to the damage caused by his vehicles had not been undertaken. A Council representative was going to talk to him.

Flooding

There have been complaints from other residents of Pineham Avenue that the damage to the Allotments track has caused flooding which has washed dirty water onto their gardens.

Bill Middleton was present to voice complaints from residents of Penelope Close about flooding there. Bill said there was only one drain and that was inadequate. It was pointed out that this was a matter for the County and County Cllr Bob Stevens said the Divisional Engineer thought extra drains would put too much pressure on the system further down the run.

Lighting

A complaint from a resident of Heber Drive that a street light shone into the bedroom was not actioned as the light already pointed downwards.

A request for a light on the Dog corner was judged unfeasible as there was nowhere but on the Dog Inn to place a lamp. Cllr Pat Summers confidently asserted "the Dog will open again in a few weeks" and then of course the corner will be lit.

Highways

A resident of Mill Street petitioned the PC for action on parking outside the Surgery, speed humps and traffic calming but Cllrs pointed out that car parking is efficient traffic calming.

The County has offered another temporary speed sign like the one in Mill Street, but the PC would have to pay for its installation.

Chairman Tim Lockley suspects that it would be the present one moved to a different location and after much discussion on where it could go they opted to keep what they had where it was! However, they still cannot understand the County's reluctance to allow the erection of "Entrance Gates" on Bush Heath Lane, as many other rural villages have them and they appear to reduce speeding.

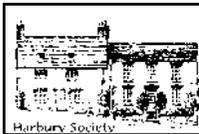
Cllrs will ask that the dropped kerb be widened by the entrance to the Trice's fields in Mill Street as it is obvious that the tractors and trailers cannot access the field without mounting the pavement.

Negotiations on the Library lease continue at the usual legal pace! The Group is seeking a new Café Manager and team of about three volunteers and Tim Lockley was pleased with the recent Antiques Evening held at the Wight School.

This November sees the Fifth Anniversary of Lana Long's Moving Pictures initiative which has raised £7,500 for Village Hall Improvements. The next film is The Descendants.

Despite the fact that some areas of the Budget were under strain the Council noted that money set aside to grant aid village organisations was underspent, there being £3,680 left.

Next Meeting: Thursday 25th October 7.30pm in the Village Hall.



Harbury Society

Linda Ridgley

As usual the Secretary has only just confirmed the events for the run up to Christmas. Other organisations are much more organised!

However, what is planned is quite exciting.

23rd October - Evening Visit to Harbury Archives at the School.

Nigel Chapman has agreed to open the Archive Room for us and provide information on the GWR to act as a taster for the talk on the improvements made to Leamington Railway Station (see below). There will be an opportunity to see the very wide range of material about Harbury, its history and people that is deposited there and beautifully catalogued by Nigel and his band of volunteers.

20th November 7.30 for 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room - Leamington Station Improvements

Leamington Society will provide a speaker on the work done to improve the station and to bring it back to its Art Deco glory. Those of you who have not seen what has been done will be amazed at what the volunteers have achieved.

14th December - Society Social at Harvester Pub in Long Itchington

Members are respectfully reminded that subscriptions are due on 1st January 2012.



Harbury Women's Institute

Jeanne Beaumont

Back in the swing at the start of Autumn after the summer break. Have to report on the group outing to the Birmingham Jewellery Centre. Not a very nice day but we were inside so it really did not matter. First we visited the Pen Museum. Birmingham was the centre of the world pen trade for more than a century until the decline of pen making after the second World War when the biro came into use. We even made our own nibs using the original hand process.

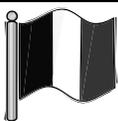
After an enjoyable lunch we then went to the museum of the Jewellery Quarter located in the original factory of the jewellery manufacturing firm of Smith and Pepper. The museum tells the story of jewellery and metal working in Birmingham. Such an interesting day.

The Harbury Village Show was quite successful although there were less entries this year but then crops have not done as well due to the weather. However, those who did enter did extremely well. The children's entries were down so perhaps Nigel can have a word for next year. The refreshments were good and enjoyed outside on a lovely sunny day. Congratulations to the winners and especially to Dorothy Groves and Gillian Hare in W.I. Thanks to all who helped.

Our speaker this month came to speak on "Magistrates in the Community". He is a magistrate and had two lady magistrates to support him. It was in 1361 when magistrates were first used in this country. There are 26,000 magistrates in England and Wales. Three magistrates usually sit in court. Magistrates are ordinary people from the local community dealing with most cases arising from crime committed in their area. They also deal with a wide range of issues such as environmental and wildlife crime, fraud and copyright crime, anti-social behaviour, licensing matters, etc.

We were informed of many things which we were unaware of and the magistrate was so good with his delivery – fully recommend him.

Next meeting: Tom Hauley Room, Thursday 11th October, 7.45pm.
Speaker: Simon Read – "Chocolate"



Harbury Twinning Association

Tony Thomas

The number of members taking their holiday in September has resulted in the cancellation of our Annual Barbeque and Petanque Tournament and so our next event will be the Annual General Meeting at 7.00pm on Friday 9th November in the Tom Hauley Room. All current and past members and

anyone else interested in joining or finding out what we are about, are invited to attend.

The Harbury Twinning Association is a self governing and self financing Independent Community Group, open to all the residents of Harbury who wish to extend the hand of friendship to our neighbours across the channel.



“...follow the yellow brick road!”

After a difficult start trying to cast this winter’s production, all of a sudden we’re off! Rehearsals have been running now for a few weeks, the cast have all got their scripts and are trying to cram all the words into their memories and the Munchkins have also started working on their songs and lines.

And what a lot of Munchkins!!!! Our first run-through for anybody who was interested resulted in 20 keen and eager children turning up at the Wight School, which was more than enough for our needs but, at the following rehearsal, we had nearly 30!!!! It’s truly fantastic that we’ve had so many local children wanting to be involved, and I know that our Musical Director Joy is trying to make sure that each and every one of them has a little role of some sort.

Talking of which, it’s fascinating to watch the process of getting this production up and running as a mere cast member. “The Wizard of Oz” is probably the most complicated production we’ve staged for many years; the sheer amount of work organising it all is staggering and, as such, it’s with much gratitude that we’ve been offered so much help from friends both old and new.

Joy Russell and Emily Jackson have volunteered to look after the children’s side of things, so have been busy organising all the singing and dancing, whilst Joy has also come up trumps by finding us a full sized electronic piano AND then convincing her friend Simon to come all the way over from Hatton to play it for us! As there are so many costume changes for so many cast members, Lin Hayes really had her work cut out to provide them all, so it was fantastic when Hazel responded to our requests for help in a previous Harbury and Ladbroke News and has come forward to help with the wardrobe.

Similarly, we’ve got offers of help with professional sound effects and I know that Bob and Malcolm are hard at work making props as we speak – and boy, do we need a lot of props and scene changes for this one!!!

Which maybe just goes to show how much hard work is involved and how many different jobs need doing, so if you'd like to get involved just contact me or come along to our next meeting on Monday 22nd October.

All I know is that watching the scale of this production unfold before me, I can't help feeling that standing up on stage is the easy bit - all the hard work's been done well before the lights go up...



Folk Club

Doug & Janny Freeman

The theme for the Harbury Folk Club number 334 was "Europe". A group of Harbury musicians opened the evening with the European anthem "Ode to Joy" or "Ode an die Freude". Then, the newly formed "Village Band" (Janny, Tina, Summer, Rosie, Celia, Anna and Peter McDonald) played a medley of tunes, with first time performances by Anna on melodeon and Tina's daughter, Summer, on viol. There followed an evening with songs and tunes from England, Ireland, Germany, France, Spain, The Netherlands, and possibly a few other countries we failed to spot.

We had a slightly longer first half than normal with performances from Rik, Ted and Sue, Norman, Tina, Debbie, Pete Mason, Janny and Maureen. Tina treated us with her first solo performance playing some German tunes on the accordion. A mention must go to Sue Crum who not only delighted us with her singing, but gave a very hip performance. To close the half, Janny persuaded Maureen to wear some clogs and sing in Dutch.

The second half was opened by the now seasoned "Village Band", followed by Terry, Des, Ian and Sue, Richard and Peter McDonald. Terry somehow managed to persuade us that "Ain't Got No Sugar Baby Now" had some tenuous European blues connection. Peter McDonald finished the half with a couple of rousing numbers for the audience to join in with; "The shores of old Blighty" and "Do you hear the people sing".

There were still a good number of people left for the third half, and Richard, Terry, Des and Ian and Sue were each persuaded to perform again. Ian and Sue get the prize for the song with the best line "He came from up North where the pineapples grow". The lyrics were written by the poet John Streeter Manifold, who was born in Australia, spent time in Britain, Germany, France and Africa, and returned to Australia in 1949. Although the song does mention "Irish", our bet is they were Australian pineapples, so Ian and Sue are awarded nul points.

The raffle raised £41 for the "Get Kids Going" charity. Steve Ekins of this parish is running in the Great North Run, and he is raising money for this charity which provides specialist equipment for kids to engage in sport, including some of those who competed in the Paralympics. Another fine

evening and thanks to all the performers, audience, the pub landlord and staff. Sue Hartland will host the next Folk Club on Thursday 4th October when the theme will be "The Garden".

Harbury Folk Club – a Change of Venue

With the closure of the Dog Inn and after 28 years meeting in three different Harbury pubs, Harbury Folk Club has moved to a new venue. As from **4th October, 2012**, we'll meet at **Harbury Village Club**, Crown Street (vehicle access from Hall Lane), telephone: 01926 612498.

We would like to thank Wayne and his staff at the Dog Inn for their hospitality for the past three years. We'll have more space in our new venue (and a disco ball!) so we shouldn't have to turn people away because the room is full, as has happened a few times in the past.

We look forward to welcoming old friends and new to our new home. As always, the Folk Club meets at 8pm on the **first Thursday** of every month and the whole evening of high quality, acoustic music is free of charge! Please visit the Harbury Folk Club website for more information: www.welcome.to/harburyfolkclub

Peter McDonald - 613730



Harbury Cricket Club

Phil Mugleston

Well I can't say I'm surprised; the season ends and as I'm writing this in late September the sun is blazing outside, brighter than it did at any point in the summer, and of course, the rain has disappeared; you can almost guarantee it every year! It's nearly as depressing as watching England attempt to play twenty/twenty in Sri Lanka. Never mind though, as I'm pleased to say that Harbury Cricket Club has finished its season with plenty of success for me to let you know about. This season, without doubt, has been the club's toughest in recent years having suffered both due to the weather and a lack of regular players. As club captain I would like to thank all of those players that went out of their way to turn out for the club at any point this season, as without a core group of individuals the threat of folding may well have been a reality for the club. The support of vice-presidents and sponsors has also been essential to the club's survival this year, as with the amount of cricket being severely reduced; it is these kind donations that the club relies upon, thank you.

However, despite these struggles, the club has seen some cracking matches take place towards the end of the season that have shown everyone involved with Harbury cricket that it must continue for years to come. A first highlight was the interclub match, which saw the Chairman's XI take on the Groundsman's XI, and as usual the day was full of laughs at the expense of

nearly every player. This game allowed everybody involved to get a good bat and bowl against their teammates, showing the great spirit and young talent we have in the club. One of my personal highlights was seeing Mick Steele clean bowled by his son Henry; the stumps were everywhere. Chairman Jez Hunt then came to the crease, who is yet to score a 50 for Harbury; he's promised me it will happen one day, but not that day as he was out for 48. The show was then stolen by newcomer Charlie Gladden who was playing his first ever match, but he didn't look like it. Hitting the ball to all parts, he showed he has a great eye in reaching 50, and has now become a great addition to the club. He was well supported by Phil Mugleston who hit a quick fire 66 not out, which included two big sixes off his dad's bowling, and the innings ended on 209. The Groundsman's XI were under pressure from the off chasing a big total, and top bowling from Pete Timson saw early wickets fall and the innings struggled to get going, eventually falling short of their target. This was a brilliant day for the club, attracting new players and showing that the seniors can still smash a ball to the boundary.

An away tie at Snitterfield provided a thrilling match from start to finish as Harbury snatched an unlikely victory from the jaws of defeat. Batting first on a wet and unpredictable wicket (surprise surprise, a thunderstorm had just passed over), Harbury were immediately in trouble being quickly reduced to 36 for 6 - that's bad! Phil Mugleston stuck at it for most of the innings making 25, but Harbury were in deep trouble, until captain for the day John Freeman smashed a brilliant 41 off 20 balls, taking the total to exactly 100. This was still below par and we knew early wickets and a top fielding performance were required if we were going to win, and that's what we got. Without doubt this was the best bowling and fielding performance I have been part of since playing for the club, starting with George Bloxham whose superb early bowling removed two very dangerous players. But George wasn't done there as he ran out another batsman with a direct hit from the boundary; I didn't think he could throw that far. Enter Paul Mugleston, the veteran of the side, who once again showed the young ones how to do it in taking four wickets, bamboozling the batsmen with his box of tricks. Chairman Jez Hunt then finished things off as Snitterfield were all out for 86. Several players suffered injuries putting their bodies on the line to win this one and there were bruises left right and centre - a stunning performance.

A final match that demonstrated why the club must continue to play for years to come was in a home tie against Kineton. The Major had once again prepared a superb wicket, however, due to a miss-cue off George's bat early in the Harbury innings there was a patch of blood right in the middle of it. Attempting to smash the ball to the boundary, George only succeeded in taking a blow square on the nose, ouch. Naturally, we all thought it was hilarious, but George's match was cut short as he had to take a trip to the hospital, but he did come back to support, good lad! Ed Russell then joined Phil Mugleston at the crease and the two put on a brilliant partnership of 87, with Russell smashing some huge sixes, losing two balls in the process.

This set up a great platform for the innings and after Ed was out for 51, Phil stepped up the run rate even more. Well supported down the order, the Harbury innings ended on 248 with Phil hitting 117, despite snapping his favourite bat. The Kineton innings started well, with an Australian chap hitting some big shots, however once he was removed by Ed Russell and some great fielding by Pete Timson ran out another big hitter, Harbury were in control. Tight bowling from Chris Willson, 'Mr Reliable' Paul Mugleston, and Ben Linnet, supported by great catching saw Harbury seal another victory - superb!

We are a club that has a great team spirit, with all matches, won or lost, finished with a laugh in the Old New Inn with pint in hand. Trust me, there is no better way to spend a Sunday in the summer than playing cricket with your mates, and although this year has been a difficult one for the club, we are aiming for next year to be one full of success. The core committee behind the scenes (who have been exceptional this year), have big plans for the team next season, and the first step is to bring in more players. So I will end with this: if you played cricket as a youngster, haven't put on your whites in years or just fancy finding out what it's like, you are more than welcome at Harbury Cricket Club to give it a go! Call one of the guys below, and you'll find out all you need to know: Phil Mugleston 07746875553 or Jez Hunt 07801105994.



U7's: Steve Darby

Steve is running a combined Year 1 and 2 group this year which takes place at 9.00am until 10.30am each Saturday at the School Field during term time only. Three new players have joined the group and there is still room for additional boys and girls so just turn up any Saturday morning, but ensure you have shin pads so you can join in with any of the match based training.

The Player Development focus this year is to encourage them to dribble with the ball when they can, only pass when they have to and also help them make better decisions. Good players make good decisions but great players make great decisions!

Congratulations to Charlie and Jack for winning the weekly trophy for players who have made the best decisions during recent training sessions.

U8's: Malcolm Tanner

The club welcome Malcolm Tanner as the new coach to the U8s having taken over from Steve Darby. Malcolm had previously spent seven years working with the Under 15 age group which has now been wound up.

Malcolm comments "I have a great bunch of lads and my objective is to encourage all the players and increase their confidence and football skills irrespective of their ability. I am looking forward to coaching them this season".

U10's match reports - Ian Jones

8th September 2012: Whitnash Town 3 v Harbury Juniors Hawks 1

A fine morning for a fixture that had been moved to Newbold Comyn on a pitch with a big slope. Much anticipation as the newly formed U10 Harbury Juniors Hawks got their new season underway. Harbury started slowly, failing to find any early rhythm and Whitnash looked set to take advantage of kicking downhill in the first half. Whitnash made the downhill advantage pay with early goals. Harbury at this point were still on their holidays and needed to step-up to make life difficult for the opposition and start to assert themselves on the game. This was a well drilled Whitnash team, with some useful players. As half time loomed, it was 3-0 to the home side.

During the half-time talk it was clear that the team knew they had started too slowly and needed to get into the game. Using the hill as an ally, the Hawks started the second half with renewed vigour and determination. The second half was much better with the team winning and keeping possession and putting Whitnash under pressure. Great work from Daniel C resulted in a well deserved goal, which contributed to his MOTM performance. Harbury continued to pressure, but somehow Whitnash kept the ball from going in again. Harbury left with a defeat resulting from a slow start. A much better second half, winning that half 0-1.

15th September 2012: Harbury Juniors Hawks 4 v Balsall and Berkswell Hornets Colts 4

Oh boy! What a ding-dong battle and a hugely entertaining game on a warm September morning. Hawks, determined to make up for a slow start last week went into the first home game ready to go. From the off, Harbury were determined and were playing the game in the opposition's half. It wasn't long, thanks to goals from Morgan J and Cameron D before it was 2-0 to the home side. Walsall got a free kick and, after a goal mouth scramble, the ball was knocked into the goal. Did Cameron B have the ball in two hands when it was kicked in? Where are the Match of the Day cameras when you need them? This lifted the away team who scored another quickly with a superb strike. Half-time 2-2.

Into the second half and once again Harbury started brightly, Jared's dogged determination resulting in his first league goal (well done Jared). Once again, against the run of play, Balsall managed to get a break and again get a goal (3-3). Harbury dug-in and dug-deep...from the restart and a set move. Morgan J launched in long and Daniel C was after it and managed to get a toe on it - 4-3 and the crowd went wild. Balsall again tried to get back into it. It was now end-to-end and like a cup final, both teams were giving their all (brilliant, just brilliant). A goal mouth scramble, there were bodies everywhere,

the ball bounced up....HANDBALL (gasp!), penalty to Balsall. Despite Cameron B's best efforts it was put away and it was 4-4 with 5 minutes to go...

Harbury pushed and pushed, camped in the Balsall final third. The ball hit the post, the keeper pushed it around the post (somehow) and one screamed past the post. It wasn't to be! The final whistle went and all the players were shattered: what a game, what an effort! WELL DONE BOTH TEAMS. Harbury probably deserved the win based on attempts. Man of the Match went to the whole team, for such a valiant and determined effort.

22nd September 2012: St Peters Celtic Knights 2 v Harbury Juniors Hawks 6

Another nice morning and another hilly pitch. Again the Hawks got off to a good start, battling to play the game in the opposition half. Excellent link up work between Cameron D and Morgan J down the left resulted in the first goal for the Hawks scored by Morgan J. Hawks were in control of the game when Liam hit a long range half volley that looped over the keeper and into the top corner (a definite contender for goal of the season!); Liam's first league goal (wow). The Hawks concentration slipped and the Knights got one back. 1-2 at half time.

A change of keeper at half time with Cameron D taking the goalkeeping duties on, as Cameron B got his first outfield game time. The Hawks started strongly and, before you knew it, Cameron B got on the end of a lovely cross to flick it in for a goal. Two minutes later, the same move, the same cross and another goal for Cameron B and the Hawks (two assists for Morgan J). Harbury were still in charge as Morgan J's break won the ball, made the space, shot and scored. The Knights got a chance; there was a goal mouth scramble, alas the ball somehow got in the net. It was 2-5 and, with new motivation, the Knights started to apply some pressure looking for another goal. The Hawks broke and Morgan J made it a hat-trick. The last few minutes it was all Harbury with a few more near misses.

A well deserved win, the team playing well and really keeping their shape, doing their jobs - real progression today. Man of the match went to Cameron B for his work in goal in the first half and two quick fire goals in his outfield debut. Well done boys, great team effort.

U12s match reports: Woody and Marcus

16th September 2012: Central Ajax 2 v Harbury Rockets 3

Despite going 1:0 down early on, Harbury responded well with Ethan skipping past a couple of players, throwing an outrageous dummy to the keeper and slotting in the bottom corner. Ajax scored again, but Harry levelled with a great run resulting in a cut back and a long range shot into the top corner. In the final five minutes Harbury won a corner. Ethan sent it in, Tim B flicked on from the front post and Adam smashed it into the roof of the net.

23rd September 2012: Harbury Rockets 2 v Kenilworth Town 3

In the pouring rain Harbury came up against a well organised and talented side in Kenilworth Town. After 10 minutes Riley charged down a clearance before skipping away and slotting the ball past the diving keeper. Kenilworth equalised before half time, then scored twice in the second half to go 3 : 1 up. Danny made a long amazing run and his shot was deflected to the well placed Riley who slotted home his second goal of the game. Harbury put Kenilworth under extreme pressure and hit the post late on but could not close the gap.



Harbury Tennis Club

Colin and Sue Mercer
www.tennis-today.net/harbury

Harbury finished the summer league season with two convincing wins against Hook Norton E. The first was at home and Harbury's team, comprising Caroline Morland, Sue Panton, Sue Mercer, Adam Crossling, Steve Fitzgerald and Colin Mercer, dominated their visitors and romped to a 9-0 win. In the final match of the season, a re-arranged fixture, Caroline, Sue M and Colin were joined by Keith Thompson and Karen and David Bristow. Another emphatic win by 7-2 was enough to confirm Harbury as champions of Division 5.



The Club's Doubles' Tournaments coincided with the Beer Festival weekend but all participants were able to resist the temptation of nipping across to the Village Hall for added fuel! It was an excellent morning with Rosemary Harley and Sarah Bunting taking the Ladies' title while Steve Marshall and yours truly took the Men's.

The Juniors' Autumn programme is now in full swing with 12 sessions a week run by Tennisolutions until 14th December. As usual we're catering for all age groups from Mini Tots (Preschool/Reception) to Teens' Tennis. More than 80 children are taking part but more could be accommodated in some groups. For full details please contact Carolyn at s.bunting@tennisolutions.co.uk.



Harbury Toddler Group

Rosemary Scott

Firstly a big thank you to both Reena and Sarah for all their hard work over the last year in running the Toddler Group; they've done such a great job. We will miss Ben, who now goes to Pre-School on a Monday, but Amber will still be coming along.

The last few weeks have been busy organising various events, so here are some dates for your diary.

The Southam Children's centre is once again supporting us this year and have organised a music and dance session to be included in our Toddler Group once a month. This will be provided by Secret Garden, and will be free of charge. It will run from 10.45am until 11.15am on Monday 5th November, 3rd December, 14th January, 11th February and 11th March.

Dragon Ceramics will also be coming to Toddler Group on Monday 12th November, so do come along and get your personalised gifts in time for Christmas.

The Toddler group Christmas Party will be held on Wednesday 5th December in the Village Hall from 11am until 1pm. We will be having a visit from Santa and will have a party lunch, full details nearer the time. This is open to any pre-school children so keep the date free.

September is always a time of change with the older children leaving and some new faces joining. If you are interested in joining us at Toddler Group we are always pleased to see newcomers. We run every Monday from 9.30am to 11.15am at the Wight School (behind the library), and cater for children from birth to school age. We are open throughout the school holidays, except Bank Holidays, and older siblings are welcome to come along too!!



Harbury Pre-School

Staff & Committee

A New School Year - The rather wet summer holidays flew by and have given way to a fun filled start to the new term at Pre-School with lots of new faces joining us. The departure of our older children to Primary School this term has left the "little ones" as the seasoned campaigners and they have all bounced back to Pre-School after the summer holidays as if they had never been away. We are delighted to welcome Jack, Christopher, Violet, Mia, Karam, Chloe, Owen, Poppy and Ellyn, who joined us during September and have settled in very well with their new friends.



Ourselves – The theme for the half-term is “Ourselves”. Nurse Louise Lambe came to talk to us about caring for babies and we had great fun transforming the role play area into a baby clinic. The children brought in photos of themselves as babies so that we could all see the differences between then and now, and they made lovely observational drawings of themselves from their mirror images.

Outdoors - The almost dry weather at the beginning of term enabled us to make good use of our outdoor classroom, with the baby clinic being taken outside, together with water play as well as the climbing frame and slide and ride on vehicles.

Primary Colours – For their creative work, the children are using the primary colours and have produced some fantastic yellow, red and then blue paintings, collages and drawings. They even made some blue playdough to keep in with the theme.



Shopping for Snack Time – All the children went, in pairs, to the local shops to buy the ingredients for making sandwiches. They then buttered the bread and chopped the cucumber, tomatoes and peppers to make themselves a delicious healthy snack.

AGM: The Harbury Pre-School AGM will take place in the Wight School on Wednesday 17th October at 7.30p.m. All interested parties are welcome to attend.



If you would like further information, or to register a child for Harbury Pre-School, please contact Rosemary Jackson, Pre-School administrator: e-mail enquiries@harburypre-school.org.uk phone 07939 122087 or look at the website 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 two years. If you would like to register a place for your child you can email us at info@windmillsnursery.co.uk, visit our website at www.windmillsnursery.co.uk, call Tina/Sally on 07906 519148 (nursery mobile)

or Katharine on 01926 613084 (admin). We have free Nursery Funded places during mornings and afternoons and we accept childcare vouchers and offer an Assisted Places Scheme.

We welcome our new starters Mikey, Mia and Freddie who have all joined Windmills Nursery in September and we wish them a very happy time with us. Sadly we said goodbye to Mike McVeigh who has been with us since his student days and we wish him every success in his new career. We would also like to thank Nicola Perrett who has stepped down as director after many years involved with the Nursery and we welcome Katharine Giblin to the board of directors.



In Nursery: The children have been talking about what they have been doing over the summer holidays and have brought in pictures for their Learning Journals. With the harvest festival this month they have been using vegetables to make print paintings and examining pine cones in the new mirror displays. This term they are also exploring "All About Me".

The children have been treated to visits from Summer's kittens Cocoa and Tinkerbelle and Harry's puppy Lottie. Thank you to both their families for bringing their pets in to show the children. There has also been food tastings in nursery and the children have been exploring

their taste buds. They are also looking at primary colours and have talked about rainbows. In trips around the school grounds the children have been looking at the fruit and vegetables being grown and the colours of the flowers. They have also been measuring Mr Chapman's



sunflowers. The role play area has been turned into a puppet show which the children have enjoyed doing.

French: Now in its second year the weekly French class is still proving popular with the children. The children have been looking at maps of Europe finding France and creating their own French flags to take home. They have been talking about the different ways to travel to France and have designed their own passports.



Dates for your Diaries:

Coffee Morning - Saturday 13th October, 10am in Tom Hauley Room

- Windmills Nursery will be hosting the weekly coffee morning in the Tom Hauley Room. Please join us for refreshments, cakes and a raffle with proceeds going towards the nursery. If you have any donations for our raffle, please contact Katharine on 613084.

Family Halloween Disco - Saturday 27th October, 6.30pm-11pm in Harbury Village Club

- Fancy dress disco for children and adults. Entrance is by advance tickets only (£2 adults, £1 children inc sweets). Please contact Lesley on 613291 for tickets. Hot dogs and drinks available to buy. Prizes for the best costume.

Bag2School Collection – w/c 26th November

- The next charity bag collection in aid of Windmills Nursery is during the week commencing 26th November. If you are having a clear out of clothes (adult or kids), bedding, handbags, belts, shoes (paired) or soft toys at any time please contact the nursery.



Harbury Primary School

David Cousens

Headteacher's Welcome - I would like to take this opportunity to say how much I am looking forward to working with you all ensuring that the children enjoy and achieve as much as possible during their time at this wonderful school. Over the next couple of months I will endeavour to meet as many of you as I can, and I would like to say thank you to everyone I have met so far

for their warm welcome. It is a privilege to be part of such a vibrant community and the future of the school.

We have had a fabulous couple of weeks at Harbury with two year groups having wonderful opportunities to enhance their learning. Year 6 have been on a residential to an activity centre in Shropshire and Years 3 and 4 have visited the Gurdwara in Leamington. A few children have written some fantastic comments about both these trips below.

PGL: *PGL, where do I start? It was a fantastic, unforgettable moment. Personally my best part of this brilliant adventure was the scary, the massive, the excellent Giant Swing. By Connor*

On the 17th September Year 6 went on a fantastic trip. There were so many adventures packed into one excellent week. I loved the Jacobs Ladder, it was so cool. By Molly

The Gurdwara: *"The Gurdwara is a very beautiful place!" Alexia*

"The smell of the food was lovely." Rhys

"When you go through the door it is massive!" Max

"I've got to say it was pretty wonderful." Lily

For more photos/reflections please visit the school website.

Cross Country Report - by Riley (Year 6)

After a busy week at PGL, 7 children from Year 6 ran in a tiring cross country race at Southam College. In the girls race Madeleine came 78th, Esther 71st and Charlotte 89th out of a field of over 100. In the boys race Riley came 13th, Jack L 56th, Matthew 78th and Jack 117th out of a field of 130. Although it was hard, tough and exhausting we all finished and had great fun. Well done to everyone for completing the gruelling course and representing Harbury so well.

Junior Playground: When the whistle blows on the Junior playground, could parents please move away from the class lines so that we can ensure that all the children are in the classrooms in good time.

Parking - May I remind parents that the landlord of the Shakespeare kindly allows us to use his car park before and after school for dropping off/picking up children. This is a very valuable asset for the school, as it means that no parents need park in Back Lane, and I thank him for it. However, we do not have permission to use the Shakespeare for evening events. I would be grateful, therefore, if all parents could ensure that the Shakespeare car park is left clear for customers whenever the school has an evening event.

May I remind parents that the school car park is for staff and official visitors only – parents are not allowed to drive onto the premises except in an emergency.

School Uniform - Could I also remind parents to ensure that children come to school in uniform whenever possible. In particular, please ensure that your child wears sensible (ie low heeled) shoes to school and that skirts and dresses are of an appropriate, practical length. Trainers should only be worn for PE and games.

A school plea: If you have any recorders which you could donate to our recorder club they will be gratefully received.

Southam College Open Morning: Southam College are holding open mornings for prospective Year 5 pupils. If you would like to attend they are being held on the 5th and the 16th of October and run from 9.30 am – 11.00 am each day. Please call the college on 01926 812560 if you would like to visit.

Car seat testing: Just to advise you that there will be a car seat testing/ advice day at the Southam & District Children's Centre on Monday 15th October from 10am-3pm with Warwickshire County Council. Parents will be able to chat to the experts about buying and fitting the correct car seat. Parents can just drop-in anytime that day to get advice.

Dates for this term - Below is an initial list of dates for October and November. Further details of individual events will be circulated nearer the dates.

October

- 11th School Photographs (individuals), 8.30
- 16th Parents Evening, 6.00-8.00pm
- 18th Parents Evening, 6.00-8.00pm
- 23rd PTA AGM 7.00pm
- 26th Teacher Day – school closed

November

- 5th Children return to school
- 10th Cross Country – Priors field 10.00am
- 16th PTA Quiz Night 7.00pm
- 21st Travelling books in school



The PTA works closely with the school and families to raise funds to enhance the pupils' education and overall experience of school. Last year we raised over £6000 which bought 12 new computers for the junior IT suite. Along with this we also buy the children's school book bags, fund children's events such as the Christmas discos and lots more. We have a very friendly, supportive

and pro-active team of members but we have a few standing down this year so we would like to elect some more parents as members. If you have a particular role in mind, we also need to fill the Chair and Secretary positions.

Come along and find out what we achieved last school year and what we would like to achieve this year. There will be wine and nibbles available. We would love to see as many people as can make it. There is no pressure to join but of course if you are interested we would gladly welcome you.

AGM on Tuesday 23rd October in the School Hall at 7pm

Other events this term

Friday 16th November: Quiz night

Friday 7th December: School discos

Thursday 18th October /13th December: Thursday Markets



Village Hall Update

Chris Finch



Pre-Festival Beer Tasting

Who ate all the pies?? At the end of a long day preparing food for CAMRA visitors to the Beer Festival, the GASS and Village Hall volunteers knew that some pork pies were left in one of the fridges to be accounted for during 'clearing up' next day. Unfortunately, it seems, some visitors realised that there may be some 'left-overs' and they went in to the unmanned kitchen near midnight and helped themselves to almost a tray full of Higham's hand-raised, very tasty pork pies,

as well as a large block of cheddar cheese! It is possible that it was members of the same group who distracted the CAMRA bar-men by asking for a final drink before leaving the premises, but nobody realised until the next day that the circle of drinkers seen sitting outside in the early hours with handfuls of pies were taking advantage of Harbury's hospitality to an extreme degree. It was another 'learning experience' for the hard-working volunteers who all seek to make a profit for their respective organisations from serving food throughout the weekend. In the final analysis, GASS and the Village Hall each made £712, but this sum was somewhat down on the amount raised in



Birthday Party Group in Seafaring Costume

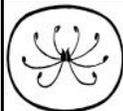
previous years – perhaps due to the ‘economic downturn’ – not just the loss of several pies?

Since then, a further £115 has been donated to the Village Hall funds by the Badminton Group who organised a coffee morning to support the on-going efforts of the fund-raising group, as planning permission for the latest proposals has just been received from SDC. In the meantime, work will start in the second week of October to

repair the roof over the toilet and kitchen area, which managed to spring a leak over the gents’ toilets during one of the recent heavy downpours.

Probably one of the most successful fund-raisers over the past 5 years, on behalf of the Village Hall, has been Lana Long, who together with her family, has been responsible for adding £7,543 from running the Rural Cinema on a regular basis. It’s an amazing contribution, which is very much appreciated, as it takes a lot of time to organise not just the film programme, but also the on-going support from CANA wines, as well as the raffle and varied food offerings depending on the time of day. The next screening will be ‘The Descendants’ on October 13th, which will be advertised around the village and elsewhere in the magazine – sausage and chips will be provided, if pre-ordered.

As always, the committee will be arranging the annual dance in celebration of the New Year and details will be provided about the event in next month’s magazine.



Horticultural Society

Judy Morrall

As I type this it has at least stopped raining after an absolute deluge. Before this we have at least had some really sunny and warm weather, our poor plants must be well confused! Thank you for the courgette recipes etc, have tried most of them and I am still picking them before they turn into marrows overnight! I also have a glut of runner beans but am able to share them with friends. I am now looking forward to harvesting the sweetcorn and the squashes if they don’t all suffer from the rain. It has been a funny year for growing vegetables and fruit but we persevere and each season has its own rewards.

It doesn't seem long since our last meeting in May and here we are at the start of 2012/13. I do hope that you will enjoy the speakers I have managed to get with a variety of topics not previously covered. As advised last month we start on 2nd October with John Page when he will speak about tulips in the wild and in cultivation. It turns out that he did a lot of research for an article he was writing about tulips at Upton House and Gardens. I found this out when I asked him if he was able to help with plants etc. for the restoration of the 1930's rockery at Upton. Being an expert on rock gardens he seemed the ideal person to approach. He told me that he was more than happy to help as he had been given such help etc. with the said article on tulips. So Heather, the head gardener, can now start to recreate the rockery as it was in the 1930's. It has been completely cleared so that will be most interesting to watch the progress etc.

The November speaker on the 6th will be Dr Tony Hughes a new visitor to our Society and he will talk about flowers of the Dolomites, especially alpiners. So that too promises to be one not to miss. New members are always welcome, do come along to enjoy a good talk in a lovely atmosphere, refreshments afterwards and our really good raffle. I look forward to seeing everyone in October.

Lots happening locally in October. At Hill Close gardens in Warwick on Sunday 14th October there will be an Apple Day and Country Crafts. It will be from 10.30am to 4.30pm and normal admission charges apply (£3.50). Go to see the historic apple collection, there are more than 60 different varieties on the gardens. Apple displays, tastings, cultivation and gardening advice from the apple doctor who will answer your questions. Plus craft stalls and plants and produce for sale. Refreshments will be available as usual in the Visitor Centre. Also competitions will include the heaviest apple and the best homemade apple pie; for more details either look on the website www.hillclosegardens.com/events or phone 01926 493339.

There is also an Apple Day at Ryton Gardens on Saturday 13th October from 10.00am to 4.00pm. Again expert advice and tips on how to grow organic apples, apple tasting, apple identification and apple pressing. Then on 27th October, a Wednesday in half term, there will be pumpkin scooping for the children from 1.00pm to 4.00pm. Then from Saturday 27th children can follow a trail around the gardens and enter a prize draw from 10.00am to 5.00pm.

For the first of Autumn colour why not visit Batsford Arboretum and Garden Centre where they have a new visitor centre and a superb Garden Terrace Cafe. The colours there are truly spectacular and, according to the RHS, this year promises a wonderful display of colours.

Have you been to Bridge Nurseries lately? If not you are missing a treat, Christine's skill in the gardens is just amazing. Plus you get your 10% discount on plants etc. and she does have some amazing plants. Do go and say hello.

A preliminary notice from the Warwickshire Group of Plant Heritage has been received. On Thursday 8th November at 8.00pm John Massey from Ashwoods Nursery (which we visited a few years ago) will be giving a talk entitled "The Garden in Winter". It will be held at the Lord Leycester Hospital, doors open at 7.30pm and there will be plant sales too. For tickets and further information contact Jill 01926 842623 or Sylvia 01926 624401. The nurseries have a fantastic collection of hellebores amongst other things and I do remember that the gardens were quite special.

The asters at Upton House have been quite sublime so far this year, there are still some in bud so there will much to see in the next few weeks. One really enthusiastic visitor last Saturday said it was the best display for miles!!! If you visit on a Wednesday or a Saturday do come and say hello to me. I'm sure you will enjoy the wonderful colours and sights of Autumn; as I have said before nature is such a wonderful thing. See you at the meetings.



It's hard to believe that the autumn is well under way. I suspect many of us will find it difficult to face the winter months after the bad summer we've had this year. Perhaps many of you will need to go away to some sunny place at some point during the next few months.

Sometimes I think that no-one reads this piece but I was approached by someone the other day who queried something I'd said in an article months ago which reminded me that now is a good time to take hardwood cuttings. This can be applied to many different shrubs but in particular it is a good way of increasing your roses. The method is quite simple; you need to get some cuttings which are about twelve inches in length. Choose stems which are not too soft and bendy. Make a slanting cut at the top of the cutting and then either plant in a sandy bed of soil or put round the edge of a deep pot, burying the cutting at least 6 inches into the soil. Keep it outside in a shady place and forget about it until half way through next year when you can pot on the rooted cuttings into individual pots. There is always a real sense of achievement when you make your own plants. I've been growing plants to sell for more years than I care to remember and I still get a thrill when I succeed with something which is a bit more unusual. Just recently I'm really pleased to find that I can produce successful rooted cuttings of figs and Arbutus.

The Arbutus (for those of you not familiar with it) is a wonderful small evergreen tree. Its common name is strawberry tree because it has fruits which resemble strawberries which come after the white flowers. It produces the flowers in spring and the fruit is there in the autumn.

Now is a good time to plant garlic cloves, sow sweet pea seeds and to get broad beans in. Also, to do some pruning of those shrubs which have grown so vigorously this year.

Bridge Nursery, Tomlow Road, Napton

Tel: 01926 812737

www.bridge-nursery.co.uk



Nature Notes

John Hancock

Autumn comes on apace. Today (22nd September), there was a frost in low lying pockets. It had rained during the night and motorists about at dawn had to be wary. The day developed with clear skies and by afternoon became quite warm in the sun (16C/61F). It was the autumn equinox when day and night are of equal length. Gradually we are noticing a change in the colour of foliage as chlorophyll drains out of the leaves.

On the 19th September, I visited Temple Balsall Nature Reserve in the company of Warwick U3A Natural History Group. This small wooded reserve lies on both banks of Cuttle Brook. A little further north, this stream flows into the River Blythe and from thence to the Tame and Trent. It is the small part of the county which drains in this direction, the majority of our watercourses combining to form the River Avon and flowing south-west. As its name suggests, Temple Balsall has a connection with the Knights Templar. The order was suppressed in 1312 and morphed into the Knights Hospitallers; finally being dissolved in 1540 when monastic land was confiscated under Henry VIII. A 14th century sandstone church survives thanks to re-roofing in 1662 by Lady Anne Holborne. We learned these facts by gaining entry to the church. It's more of a surprise now to find country churches open to passing travellers. A mediaeval hall is another survivor. The map reference is OS sheet 139; SP203760.

We saw a Red Admiral and a Speckled Wood butterfly. The former are at their peak at present. I saw eight on one buddleia recently. Soon they will reverse their northern migration and head south but few will make a success of it. It's a long way to Spain. Under a log of cherry wood, we found a tiny lizard, perhaps a quarter of adult size. It had some growth to do before hibernating for the winter and re-emerging next spring to mate.

Ditches and masonry amongst the wood were the remains of a water garden which was finally overwhelmed by neglect and vegetation in the 1940's. A marshy hollow was filled with the rhubarb like leaves of butterbur. As its name suggests, the leaves were used to wrap butter and keep it cool in earlier times. A nearby churchyard was brightened by orange flowered Hawkweed sometimes known as 'Fox and Cubs' no doubt due to its striking colour.

Its Latin name is *Hieracium aurantiacum*, a member of the large daisy family as are dandelions, thistles and even butterbur.

Yesterday, I decided to visit a Warwickshire Nature Reserve that was new to me. As there are nearly one hundred in the county I had plenty from which to choose, though I've been to all the local ones. Swift Valley north of Rugby was my choice. This reserve was opened by David Bellamy for Warwickshire Wildlife Trust in 2003 and consists of several meadows lying alongside the River Swift. This major tributary of the River Avon rises north east of Lutterworth in Leicestershire. The fields are almost entirely covered by ancient ridge and furrow, the eastern boundary being formed by a disused arm of the Oxford Canal built to feed water to the main line. Ragwort stood out across the fields but I could find no distinctive black and yellow striped caterpillars of the Cinnabar moth. In marshy areas, Orange Balsam and Water Mint were in flower. The reserve is about two thirds the size of Ufton Fields. I would recommend making the journey and perhaps taking in the nearby Newbold Quarry with its lake and rich fauna, which includes several species of dragonfly and the native white - clawed crayfish. Full details of all Warwickshire Wildlife Trust Reserves can be found in 'Discover Wild Warwickshire' published by Pisces or at www.warwickshire-wildlife-trust.org.uk

Now we are entering a spell of cool, wet weather. Swallows and other insect feeders are leaving our shores. The harvest is gathered in. Oats and beans have done well but the wheat crop is described as poor. My sighting of the month was a pristine Southern Hawker Dragonfly hanging from a grass stem in Stockton Cutting. It was drying out after emergence and I had an opportunity to study it at close quarters. Please let me know of your special wildlife moment.



General Section

London 2012 – The Greatest Show on Earth!

The Olympic Games are often described as the “Greatest Show on Earth” and we're sure you'll agree London 2012 was no exception. Both Games were hugely successful - from both a Team GB Sport and Team GB Event Organising point of view. Readers who watched the Closing Ceremonies will have seen one particular group thanked for their contribution to the success of the Games – the Gamesmakers.

A volunteer force of approximately 70,000 – the largest Olympic volunteer group since volunteers were first used at London 1948 – the Gamesmakers (so called as they would “make the Games happen”), came together from all walks of life from all over the UK and beyond to fill a variety of roles in areas including Anti-doping, Athlete Services, Medical, Press Operations, Transport

and Sustainability. Lord Coe had said all along, “The Volunteers are the difference between a good and a great Games”, and, distinct in their poppy red and royal purple uniforms based on the uniform of the Grenadier Guards, the Gamesmakers most definitely came through!



Over 250,000 people applied back in October 2010 to be Gamesmakers – of those 100,000 were interviewed – the interviews focusing mainly on voluntary roles and personal experiences rather than sporting prowess, and finally – after a very long wait - the 70,000 Gamesmakers were

selected – including one Chesterton and three Harbury residents – us!

All in different roles, we had to attend three trainings – Orientation Training (an introduction to London 2012 and its philosophies), Venue Training and Role Training. Shortly before the Olympics started we were issued with uniforms – 1 cap, 1 coat, 2 tops, 2 pairs of trousers, 2 pairs of socks – yes, even socks - a pair of trainers (apparently the most sustainable trainers in the world!), plus a bag, water bottle, umbrella and, as an added surprise, a special edition Gamesmaker Swatch watch.

Here’s how we helped make London 2012 the best ever Greatest Show on Earth...

Elizabeth Holding – Workforce, Heathrow Airport

My role was Workforce Support - I had to be at Heathrow at the start of shifts (4.30am!) to open up the office and check in the volunteers and paid staff at Terminal One, giving out meal vouchers and recognition items (pin badges and rewards). I managed the 'break out' area, which was used during rest breaks, and I was in charge of the huge box of chocolates supplied by one of the sponsors!! We were the first and last Gamesmakers that the athletes saw, and although I was behind the scenes most of the time we did have a visit from David Prince, Bronze in the 400m - he was great fun and we gave him a 'conga' escort across the terminal to his plane! (Unfortunately I wasn't working the day Oscar Pistorius came into the office). The atmosphere amongst the Gamesmakers was fantastic, and it was an honour to be (just a little) part of the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

John Guilford – ECR Loggist, Olympic Park

I was lucky enough to be a Gamesmaker at the Copperbox for the Olympics and at the Olympic Stadium during the Paralympics. At both events I worked in the Event Control Room, alongside the Venue General Manager and Safety Officer. My role was to log any major incidents/general information and to assist in the monitoring and resolution of any issues.

The Olympic Park and Stadium were fantastic places to be and although my role did not have any direct interface with the general public, I did have one of the best free seats in the Stadium and, as soon as I walked out into the Olympic Park, I soon became embroiled helping people out, taking photographs and by just “being a Gamesmaker”. The comradeship, atmosphere and excitement was something I’ve never experienced before at a sporting event – amazing!!

Malcolm Tanner – Football, University of Warwick Training Ground

I first came across the term Olympic Volunteer on holiday in America in September 2010 speaking to my cousin, who knew someone that had been a Volunteer at the Vancouver Olympics and had had a fantastic experience. This sounded an amazing opportunity and I immediately registered interest on the Olympic 2012 website.

As I was involved in football coaching and Olympic football was being played at Coventry, I applied for a role involving football and based locally.

Whilst I thought the interview went well, many months passed before I heard in May that I had been offered a role at the training ground at Warwick University - the training venue for the Men’s and Women’s Olympic football teams that would be playing at City of Coventry Stadium (aka Ricoh Arena).

Whilst enthusiasm was building for the Olympics, I really began to become excited at being involved when attending the training day and then collecting my uniform in July. The real training started at Warwick University where I met the 20 members of our team that would be working over the next three weeks on a shift basis – the team was responsible for the training facilities including the changing rooms, the training areas and meeting the teams and the media. At the start of each shift we were allocated a different role – the most interesting of which was looking after the teams on the training field.

There were many teams that came to the Training Ground including Sweden, Belarus, Japan, New Zealand and our own Team GB Women’s Team, but the teams that I got to know well were Canada and South Africa who were frequent visitors, and I learnt much of their training techniques and hopes and aspirations for the Tournament – and was then able to see them play at the Stadium.

I thoroughly enjoyed the experience at the Training Ground including meeting the teams and the media, but the icing on the cake was being able to watch

the technical rehearsal for the Olympic opening ceremony, and going to the Olympic Parade in London where Gamesmakers had been given an area on the Mall to see the Olympians and Paralympians; and then to receive letters from Lord Coe and the Prime Minister thanking volunteers for their efforts was a great surprise!

Following this experience, I have now put my name forward as a volunteer for the Commonwealth Games in 2014...

Katy Spencer Hammon – Driver, Football, City of Coventry

I was also based locally – just down the road at the Chesford Grange Hotel in fact, which was where most of the athletes, officials and LOCOG employees involved in Coventry Football stayed. All sports at all venues had an overall Management Committee, and I was the driver for the Coventry Football Management. This was a great role as I was able to drive a great team of people, from all over the world, around Coventry in an official Olympic BMW; and was able to go into all four venues in Coventry – Chesford Grange, Coventry Hilton (used for a few days when we had a lot of teams here which the Chesford couldn't accommodate), University of Warwick Training Ground and, of course, City of Coventry Stadium. I never thought I would be watching the Olympic Opening Ceremony with one of the Gabon Men's Football Team's coaches!

We all agree that it has been an absolutely fantastic experience and all feel a swell of pride when the success of the Games and the Gamesmakers are mentioned on the news. Being able to be part of the Games was thanks enough, but we were also rewarded with a few thank you gifts – including a London 2012 relay baton – and as Malcolm has already mentioned, we were all a little surprised when a letter from 10 Downing Street thanking us for our part in making London 2012 such a huge success dropped through our letterboxes!

Inspired? Glasgow 2014 is now taking volunteer registrations of interest through their website – or perhaps see you in Rio!

**Katy Spencer Hammon, Elizabeth Holding, John Guildford,
Malcolm Tanner
London 2012 Gamesmakers**



Harbury Art Group

September's art workshop had the theme 'Movement' and Nick promised us that it would not be animals or humans! So what did we get? Penguins! It was a charming scene of icy blue Antarctica with cold mountains in the background, a glacier in the middle ground and a large group of (possibly) Emperor penguins walking upright in the foreground. The challenge was to create an illusion of movement using the penguins' shuffling and rocking gait as they waddle out to sea... Many of us tried using

pastels this time, but some used acrylics and Nick demonstrated using acrylics and oils. It was a fun subject and we had a lot of laughs. Again we produced some lovely paintings – all different - with Helen's pastel interpretation being judged the best.

Nick's next workshop is on 4th October and will be a watercolour session with the theme 'Autumn'. Then, on 1st November the theme will be 'Christmas' when we will be producing a watercolour and gouache painting which we can hopefully use for our Christmas cards. Nick's monthly workshops cost £15 for the day, which covers tuition, tea, coffee and biscuits - bring your own materials and packed lunch. We meet on the first Thursday of every month in the Tom Hauley Room behind Harbury Church, between 10am to 3.30pm. Contact Nick on 01295 276465 or Pam on 01926 814923 to book a place.

Meanwhile, our next 'social' painting day is on Thursday 18th October with the theme 'Harvest', then on Thursday November 22nd the theme will be 'Weather'. This new 'Come Paint with Us' group is open to anyone who would like to spend a relaxing and uninterrupted day devoted to painting or drawing a subject of their choice with a group of like-minded people. We meet monthly in the Tom Hauley Room from 10am to 3pm. There is no tuition provided, so the cost is just £5 per person which includes tea and coffee. If you would like more information, please contact Pam on 01926 814923.

Pam McConnell



Blood Donors



The next session in Harbury Village Hall will be on Thursday 11th October. Sessions are from 1.30 – 3.30pm and 4.30 – 7.30pm; the afternoon session is usually less busy. Appointments can be made on 0300 123 23 23 or online at blood.co.uk. Our last session was a bit down; can we hit our target of 100 this time?

Gillian Hare



Operation Christmas Child

There will be a coffee morning in the Tom Hauley Room on Friday 9th November, 10am – 12 noon, to pack shoeboxes with gifts for children in need. Everyone is welcome. Please select boxes and cover with Christmas paper if you can and goodies to go in them. There will be leaflets with suggestions at the back of Church or give me a ring. It is worth checking as some items cannot be included for various reasons. It is particularly satisfying to fill your own box with a particular child in mind and the leaflets include labels with the age and gender of the child, so you can do this in your own time.

Gillian Hare

Harbury Bookworms – Author’s Visit

Harbury Bookworms have joined with Farnborough Boozy Bookclub to host the author Maria Allen at Southam Library. This event is part of Warwickshire Library and Information Service's fifth Fantastic Fun with Words festival. Maria will talk about her book 'Before the Earthquake', read some extracts from it, and answer any questions.

Maria is half Italian, half English and has lived in different parts of Italy and the USA. She has worked as a journalist, in TV research, publishing and most recently in teaching. She lives in Loughborough.

We will be providing refreshments and the event is FREE, so do come along and join us on 24th October at 7pm in Southam Library.

Gillian Hare

Harbury Village Show Update



What glorious weather we had for this year's Village Show! Visitors were able to enjoy their teas and home-made cakes in the warm September sunshine under clear blue skies.

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of this year's show, in particular to:

- the Horticultural Society for its generous donation
- the WI for providing stewards for the judges and for serving the teas
- various individuals for running the tombola and the raffle and managing the door
- staff at the Village Club for their assistance with staging the show
- The Dog and the Warwick Exhibition Centre for goods in kind

but also to:

- the many individuals who so generously gave of their time and energy both before and on the day and/or donated homemade cakes and tombola prizes.

And the winners were.....

Cup	Description	Winner
Farley Cup	most points in Vegetable Section	K McMahon
Grey Cup	to exhibitor never having won a prize in the Vegetable Section	S Burt
Leamington Spa Courier Cup	most points in Flower Section	P Clarke
Rosamond Schofield Memorial Plate	best in Flower Section	D Teverson
Brunton Challenge Cup	most points in Flower Arrangement Section	M McDonald
All Saints Cup	most points in Fruit Section	M McDonald
Reg Harris Challenge Cup	best in Fruit Section	M McDonald
Daniel Challenge Trophy	most points in Cakes, Jams and Pickles Section	D Groves
Rigden Cup	most points in Photography Section	T Mancell
Harbury Horticultural Society Committee Cup	most points in Handicrafts and Paintings Section	J Onions
Allotment Cup	best kept allotment	K McMahon
Finch Challenge Cup	for collection of vegetables, open to Allotment Holders	K McMahon
Buck Trophy	any fruit or vegetable grown by a young person	Rebecca Dimmock
Jean Dunn Cup	most points in Age 7 or Under Section	Anna Dimmock
Fred Lines Cup	most points in Age 8 -12 section	Rachel Dimmock
Janice Siddle Trophy	best entry in the Young People's Section	Lily McElfratrick
Youngest Trophy	youngest exhibitor in the Young People's Section	George Harris
Harold Wilkins Challenge Cup	most points in the Show	K McMahon
Barns Cup	best performance and winning no other cup	M Commons
Harbury W.I. Challenge Cup	most points gained by a W.I. member	G Hare
Top Tray	tray containing 3 types of vegetables	K McMahon
Top Vase	vase containing between 5 and 10 mixed plant stems	D Teverson

Harbury Village Show - September 2012

Photos submitted by: Laura Harris, Wayne McElfrack and Gordon Robbins



Quiz Night

A Quiz Night in aid of Alzheimer's will be held on 21st October at Harbury Club, 7.30 start. Teams of four cost £10 per team. Raffle. Just turn up.

Debbie Gee



Bumps and Bundles

We have had a nice steady number of grandparents, mums, babies and tots come along to Bumps this month. Bumps was also privileged to welcome its newest and youngest member; baby Alice who came to bumps with Mummy, Granny and very proud older sister Carrie two days after she was born! Congratulations to Louise and family. (pictured).

If you are a parent, grandparent or carer come along with your baby from bump to 3 years old for tea, coffee, biscuits and toys (pictured). Every Tuesday from 10:30am till 12.00 in the Tom Hauley room (behind the Church).



Kelly and Henry

Harbury Bonfire and Fireworks - Saturday 3rd November

All Saints Church and G.A.S.S are already making preparations for this year's bonfire and firework spectacular on the Village Hall playing fields on Saturday 3rd November - Guy Fawkes Night!

- The bonfire will be lit at 6pm and the fireworks let off from 6.30pm, so make sure you get to the playing fields on time!
- **Pre-booked tickets only to include a hot dog, a KitKat and a cup of squash** – cost £4.00 for adults and £3.00 for children.
- Tickets will be on sale from early October at Muglestons in Chapel Street.
- Tickets bought after Wednesday 31st October and on the gate **will not** include food. These will cost £3.50 for adults and £2.50 for children.
- Vegetarian sausages will be available on the night.

- Mulled wine will be on sale on the night.
- Do you have any unwanted wood/garden cuttings etc? If you would like the Scouts to collect it on the morning of the bonfire, please complete the slip enclosed with this magazine and take it to Mugglestons with a **generous** donation before Friday 2nd November.
- If you would like to join the team of bonfire builders on Saturday 3rd November, please get in touch with John Kirk on 614316 by Friday 2nd. Children under 14 **must** be accompanied by an adult.
- PLEASE DO NOT DELIVER BONFIRE MATERIAL TO THE VILLAGE HALL CAR-PARK. THIS CAUSES AN OBSTRUCTION AND ADDITIONAL WORK AND CAN BE DANGEROUS.

Look forward to seeing you there!

GASS Committee

Thoughts from the Holiday at Home 2012

Following the Holiday at Home 2012, it has been suggested that it would be good to have a regular time for craft activities and games. Therefore we have decided to offer an opportunity to meet in the Tom Hauley Room, twice each month, on the second and fourth Wednesday afternoon, between 2.00pm and 4.00pm.

We will have available various board games, dominoes and cards. Any suggestions for craft activities will be welcomed. As always, there will be tea and biscuits. Why not 'drop in' and have a chat, finish that craft item, enjoy a game of scrabble, cards or dominoes? Why not come and share your skills, or learn a new skill from someone else?

The first meeting is Wednesday 10th October at 2.00pm. Do come and join us.

Sue Boniface

Myton Hospice Support Group - Harbury Craft Fair 2012

Just a reminder that this year's Harbury Craft Fair will be on Saturday 10th November and will be open from 10:00am - 4:00pm with free entry!

Once again we have managed to source some amazing new crafts/crafters so come along and do some Christmas shopping. Hot lunches and tea and cakes will also be available throughout the day.

Places are being booked up quicker than ever, so don't delay, get your booking forms completed and returned as soon as possible to reserve your table. Forms can be obtained from Shirley Crossan on 01926 612798 or Fiona Cadwallader via email, ficadwallader@btinternet.com.

If you would be interested in helping on the day or would like to donate a bottle for the bottle tombola please do not hesitate to contact us. Any help/donations would be greatly appreciated and will help make the event even more successful than last year!

On behalf of the Myton Support Group I would like to thank you for your continuing support of our fundraising events for this worthwhile and essential local charity.

Fiona Cadwallader

Harbury and District Poppy Collection

The national organisation of the Royal British Legion has requested an order for poppies for our area and details have been forwarded based on the number of collectors used in Harbury in recent years. I hope that the majority of those collectors who have covered streets in their area for many years are still willing to operate on behalf of RBL this year and the new recruits from last year will still feel able to help with the street collection? I have asked for the poppy boxes to be delivered to Harbury in the week beginning 15th October and, once they are made up, I will then contact all those who have been previously involved and see if they are able to assist this year. If anyone would like to become a 'poppy collector', please ring 612305 and I will assign an area close to where you live. The British Legion is an exceptionally worthwhile cause for the service personnel it supports in many ways and they are very grateful for all the help provided by volunteers throughout the country.

Chris Finch

Hereburgh Morris and Young Folk

Hereburgh Morris joined forces with Young Folk children's folk dance group to create a 'village green' atmosphere in Leamington recently.





The dancers and musicians performed outside the Spa Centre to set the scene for the community play “Lark Rise to Candleford”. The Morris Group will be dancing again before the performance of the play at Long Itchington Church on Sunday 30th September.

Rosie Beaufoy
Hereburgh Morris



Harbury Library

We had a very interesting meeting with the County librarians, who congratulated us on doing so well. The number of books issued has been steadily increasing since May, so we really have a viable library. We have arranged for 25 large print books to be swapped with another library and the County wants to know the kind of books you like to read, so they can give us more of those.

The library has extended its hours with the help of young volunteers, and is open **Monday 9am-7pm and Tuesday-Friday 9am-5pm and Saturday 10am-Noon**. We could do with more people to sign up for the Saturday slots, so if you go into the library, see if there is a time you'd be able to help. You would be very welcome. And of course, our lovely art gallery displaying and selling artwork by local artists is open during library hours too.

Chris Rutherford

Biblio's

We are now back into the swing of the school term and just to remind you that Biblio's opening hours are **Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9.15am - noon and on Thursday 2pm-5pm** – perfect timing to bring the children and meet your friends after school. We are constantly reviewing when and how to extend our opening hours, so please do let us know what you think – your comments and views matter to us.

Antiques

The antiques valuation was a great success, and a lot of fun. Kate Bliss of TV's Flog It! Bargain Hunt and Secret Dealers, was lovely, and she was delighted to see the amazing range of beautiful and interesting items that people brought in – with some treasures heading off to Hanson's auction rooms. The cafe did a brisk trade on teas, coffees and cakes, with the toasted teacakes



(home-made by Lesley Jones) going down very well. Her cheese scones were a popular take-away too! As the event was so well-received we are looking to do this again in about four months time, so keep an eye out for the announcement on the village notice boards, on Facebook and in Harbury & Ladbroke News.



China

Thank you all so very much for all the donations of cups, saucers and tea plates, and even a couple of beautiful teapots. We have been overwhelmed by your generosity. Customers comment how they appreciate drinking their tea from fine bone china.

Kitchen

The small kitchen in this building is old and really needs replacing, however it is an expense that we can ill afford. We wondered if there was anyone who had a very good condition kitchen that could do with a new home? If you do, and would like to donate it to us, then please get in touch via 614707 or Facebook: Harbury Village Library and Biblio's Cafe.

Cafe and Bakers' Team

More people have joined the team, which is really great. We are thrilled that so many customers are enjoying the cafe so much – which makes it all worthwhile.

(Photos taken by Laura Harris)

Lynn Macwhinnie

Harbury Pre-School Fundraising Group

Textile Collection: Thank you so much once again to everyone who donated textiles for our Bag2School collection (on 14th September). We had a great response and raised £330 for the Pre-School. This, added to the £330 raised in our June collection, means that your unwanted textiles have raised £660 for the Pre-School this year - thank you! Our next collection will be **24th January 2013** so please think of us again if you are having another clear out.

Christmas Market: Plans are well underway for our **Christmas Market on Sunday December 9th at the Village Hall**. Find Christmas gift inspiration from the many stalls (including jewellery, toys, charms, cookery items, beading, Harbury Honey, textiles, cards - and more); relax over tea and cake; enjoy live music; try your luck on the raffle, tombola and lucky dip;

and, of course, there will be a visit from Father Christmas! Our Christmas Market was a great success last year and proved to be our biggest fundraiser, raising over £900 for Pre-School, so please save the date and join us.

Christmas Disco: Get into the Christmas spirit at our **Christmas Disco at the Village Hall on Saturday December 1st**. Mark will provide the music again but there is no "theme" this time - just come ready for a great Christmas party! Tickets are only £5 each so please gather all your friends, save the date and **book the babysitter now** for a great night out close to home! Cana Wines will be providing the bar. Book your tickets early by calling Helen on 07976 935 439.

Recycling: We are still collecting unwanted electrical leads, mobile phones, used ink cartridges and kilner jars. Please drop them into the box in reception.

Pre-School Fundraising Events for your diary:

- **Saturday 1st December** - Christmas Disco at Harbury Village Hall
- **Sunday 9th December** - Christmas Market at Harbury Village Hall
- **January 24th 2013** - Bag2School Textile Collection
- **June 14th 2013** - Bag 2School Textile Collection

Thank you for your continued support. For more information about any of the above, please call Sarah on 07791 807970.

Helen Edwards

Harbury NSPCC Committee

We are holding another Ladies' Lunch on Thursday 8th November in the Tom Hauley Room. Tickets cost £12.50 which includes a two course lunch plus coffee. Suzanne Evett, the florist from Southam is coming along to give us a flower demonstration based on a Christmas theme. Starting time is 12pm. Please ring Elaine Bruce on 614664 to book your ticket.

Elaine Bruce

Warwickshire Young Voices - Three performances within the first month of term!

Twenty singers from Warwickshire Young Voices travelled to Birmingham City Centre to take part in Birmingham ArtsFest last month. The city was alive with music, drama and dance. Warwickshire Young Voices took their place in the electric atmosphere to perform in the Round Room of the Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery to a full audience.



We performed a fresh and varied set of popular music set to a funny and moving slide presentation capturing the full range of the choir's not-for-profit, community based activities. The day was a fantastic start to the year. More photographs and some video from the day can be seen on our website or via our Facebook page.

We now look forward to the Chamber Choir performing at Chesterton Church for their beautiful candle-lit harvest festival and travelling to Birmingham once again to take part in the annual RSCM Festival Day at Birmingham Cathedral this month. Several of our Chamber Choir members will be receiving their



RSCM award medals especially for this day and should be very proud of their achievements. Annabel, Eve and Abigail will receive their dark blue medals and Anna, Eleanor J, Hattie W and Jasmine will receive their light blue medals.

Helen Iles

www.warwickshireyoungvoices.org

Harbury's Oil Buying Group

At a recent Community Forum meeting held in Southam, information was provided about the proposal by Warwickshire Rural Community Council to organise a county-wide service for the purchase of oil by householders. A member of our village community oil buying group attended the meeting and wondered whether this would be advantageous to those of us who currently group together to buy oil for a number of properties in the local area, so that the cost per household is kept to a minimum. Information has been received from WRCC about the idea and the information will be forwarded to all members by email, so that individuals can make up their own mind as to whether they should stay with the village syndicate, or whether they feel they might get a better deal by banding together with a much larger group?

It appears that it would cost £20/ household to join the scheme, which would have a central coordinator who would need to be contacted on a particular day in the month if a delivery was needed. As with our very local scheme, the best price would then be found by ringing a number of suppliers with the total fuel requirement and one distributor would service a large number of properties – maybe across the county? At present, the main supplier used by Harbury has always quoted the most reasonable price/litre, the advantage to our buying group is that the day of delivery is always known and, as far as the environment, is concerned the tankers are not driving long distances around the countryside to fill the tanks. The WRCC has provided details of the system, as used in Oxfordshire; with prices per litre shown up till March 2012 when the quoted price was 60p/litre. In Harbury at that time, our syndicate was paying 58.5p and even the most recent price was 59p even though prices were quoted as ‘going through the roof’ by several distributors. One of our oil community also checked the price with several suppliers for the last delivery around the village and agreed that the price from our supplier was the most reasonable. We will all probably need to do some research to find the best option – in terms of the household budget and the ‘carbon footprint’ based on the distance travelled by the tankers at any one time.

Chris Finch

Movement 2 Music

All the sessions of M2M arranged for September had to be cancelled, as the trainer from Kineton suffered a family bereavement at the end of August and it was thought that it would be better to start the programme on 4th October. All members who had shown interest in the taster session before the summer holidays were informed of the change in the start date and hopefully the message will have filtered through to anyone who would like to join the activity programme, which aims to increase mobility and coordination through exercises set to music. There will unfortunately be only two sessions in October – 4th and 18th, as the Blood Transfusion Service will be using the Hall all day on 11th Oct.. Thereafter, sessions will run each Thursday afternoon from 2.00pm – 3.00pm apart from the last week in the month; cost £2.50 for each session, payable on the day. We look forward to seeing you!

Chris 612305, Jackie 612750

Harbury Energy Initiative

It’s a pity we can’t make energy from rain. Our solar hot water panel is reliant on sunshine and we haven’t had much of that this summer. Through the bathroom roof light I have often watched the rain coursing down the tubes instead and running into the water butt. How about a mini-turbine fitted to the downpipe? Just a pointless thought on another rainy day. Last month I announced that HEI was setting up a web page for donations on www.localgiving.com, a site specifically developed by the Heart of England Community Foundation, who provided a small starting fund for us in 2011. Our pages are now live for you to view and we will currently receive match

funding from the providers for every £10 donated until their £500,000 pot is exhausted. Every month letters drop through our doors appealing for funds, many backed by heart-rending stories. HEI is not after your hearts but is appealing to your heads. Our aim is to benefit all the community through a range of gradually evolving ideas all founded on the principle of sustainability, low carbon, saving money and working with you for a future for our children that will be worth living in. Harbury Energy Initiative's pages explain some of our projects. If enough people give us just a small contribution we can begin our next phase of activity for the benefit of the community. Next in the calendar will be our end of year event and AGM on **Tuesday December 11th**. Further details in November's issue.

As one of their beneficiaries we were invited to attend their Showcase 2012 event with a display (see picture). Four of us represented HEI and set up the largest display in the room. The event was attended by Heart of England Community Foundation supporters, trustees and local dignitaries. We discovered in conversations with some of these that Harbury has a reputation for successful community activity (no surprise!) and that Harbury Energy Initiative's efforts have also already been noticed. We would be delighted to welcome more switched-on villagers (to help us get things switched off). Our meetings are informal and we are now looking for people with a range of skills to make our aspirations for a low carbon village a reality. Give me a call if you want to join in on 612277 or email bob@churchterrace8.freeserve.co.uk.



**HEI's Steve Dolley and
Bob Sherman at Showcase
2012**

I thought you might like to know about a new environmental reward card called ICE. They explain:

'Ice is a new, flexible customer reward programme. We identify sustainable products and services, present them to you in a one-stop shop and reward you generously when you buy them via Ice. Our mission is to mitigate climate change via mass consumer purchase power. By changing small things we do and buy every day, together we can minimise harm to the environment, help mitigate climate change and preserve the ice caps.'

www.myice.com already has quite a portfolio of companies signed up to giving Ice points with a product range varying from wine and groceries through gardening, mother and baby care to transport, holidays and energy suppliers. It includes some retail brands familiar to all of us. The card is biodegradable, by the way, so make sure you remove it from your back pocket before washing your jeans.

Bob Sherman

Uganda project



In August I was privileged to help children in Uganda make a future for themselves. I and 15 other students from Southam College flew out to Uganda with a charity called Teams4U. The charity enables groups of people, young and old, to make a difference to the life of someone less fortunate.

We set off from Birmingham Airport at 4am, which my

Mum and Dad were thrilled with! We arrived in Uganda 14 hours later, via a stop in the Netherlands.

Our first night was spent in a hotel where the room consisted of a bed and a tap; this was my first experience of the minimal life. Despite this we were offered a cool welcoming beer. The next day we drove another four hours to our destination.

The Jack Standard School



The school was more or less what I expected; dark classrooms, which doubled up as bedrooms. We were then introduced to Jackson, the founder of the school and a national football player, apparently the David Beckham of Uganda. He gave us a brief insight into what we were there for; he also explained with much passion how he and his wife felt they had become parents to over 1000 children.

Situated in Nangunga, the Jack Standard School has around 380 children, aged 4 to 16 years old. At present the school is mainly housed in rented buildings. These, however, are far from ideal, with extremely congested classrooms and very little in terms of educational equipment and resources.

Jackson and Teams4U have worked together, forming a plan to build a whole school, including various classrooms, dormitories, a dining hall, kitchen, and offices for staff, play area for the children and more. A site has been purchased and construction to build a brand new school is underway.

Jackson and his wife also stay at the school but their living space is barely suitable. Instead of living in luxury, they use their income to pay the rent on all the current school buildings. They have also saved money to buy a plot of land on which the new school is being constructed.

During the next seven days we helped build several classrooms and a medical room; we also spent time with the children, who were more reserved than I thought they would be. However, as they spent more time with us their shyness became less evident. They were fascinated with our cameras and took pictures of themselves, gathering gather around to see the result. They would also follow us around all day holding our hands at every opportunity - this I think was my favourite part.



We also visited another school, giving out clothes and toys which we took over for them. They were all very appreciative and couldn't believe that they were for them. It wasn't all hard work though - on our last day we went on safari, another experience I will never forget.



After returning home, my thoughts are very much with the children from Uganda, and what we were able to do for them. If you would like to do anything like this, the Charity is always looking for volunteers so please visit www.teams4u.com to see more pictures and information.

The cost of the trip was self funded, so many grateful thanks to the Old New Inn, Cana Wines, Miles of Tiles, The Door Store,

Flip in Hair, E.J. Bennett and the Harbury Charities Group whose help and donations enabled me to raise some of the money.

Molly Gladden

Funds in aid of St Giles' Church, Chesterton

Come and enjoy an afternoon playing boules (petanque) on Sunday 7th October 2012, 12.00 noon to 4.00pm. £10 per person. There will be light refreshments with a French flavour. Venue: Oak House, The Old Gated Road, Chesterton, CV33 9LD.

Jo Spurr



Safer Neighbourhood Contacts

- Southam Police cover an area of approximately 100 square miles.
- Almost 20,000 people live in the area.
- The Southam Safer Neighbourhood Team covers the following wards: - Long Itchington, Southam, Stockton and Napton, Fenny Compton and Harbury.
- The area is covered 24/7 by reactive Police Officers.
- The Safer Neighbourhood Team consists of Police Sgt Richard Thomas, PC Craig Purcell and PCSO's, Matt Hodgetts and Katrina Taylor.
- In an emergency, when there is a crime in progress or a life at risk, always call 999 or 112.
- To report less urgent crime and disorder call 101, the non emergency number.

101 can be used for:

- Reporting a crime that has happened
- Providing information about a crime
- Asking for information and advice
- Main switchboard telephone number for Warwickshire Police: 01926 415000
- Team email address: southam.snt@warwickshire.police.uk
- Team voicemail: 4984 if you wish to leave a message for a team member or discuss an issue with a member of the team.



Southam Safer Neighbourhoods Team



Harbury Heritage Room

These are the heads of each household listed in South Parade in 1881. Unfortunately we don't know which buildings they lived in. Can you match any of these people to present-day houses? Any information to nigel.chapman@hotmail.co.uk

Reminder: The Heritage Room, with hundreds of historical documents and photographs is open on the first Tuesday of every month from 6.30pm. We hope to see you there!

Nigel Chapman

Foreaname	Surname	Marital Status	Age	Occupation	Where born
Thomas	Beasley	M	49	Coal Dealer	Harbury
Abraham	Mann	M	71	General labourer	Harbury
Mark	Winkley	M	75	Agricultural Labourer	Harbury
Charles	Letts	M	50	Agricultural Labourer	Harbury
Charlotte	Hewitt	M	81	Kept by the Parish	Wardington, Oxon
Thomas	Thacker	Widower	80	Labourer	Harbury
David	Adkins	M	46	General labourer	Stoneleigh
A Levi	Alcock	Widower	49	Carrier	Epwell, Oxon
Arthur	Palmer	M	56	Agricultural Labourer	? Wilts
Charles	Mann	M	44	Agricultural Labourer	Harbury
Mary	Mullis	Widow	50	Charwoman	Harbury
Henry	Bedding	M	49	Engine Driver	Westbury, Bucks
Emma	Finch	Widow	44	Charwoman	Harbury
William	Turner	M	30	Agricultural Labourer	Harbury
Henry	Fletcher	M	29	Dealer	Chesterton
John	Smith	M	68	Agricultural Labourer	Harbury
Edward	Wells	M	40	Agricultural Labourer	Harbury
Hannah	Watten	Widow	76	Annuitant	Brackley, Northants
William	Smith	M	27	General labourer	Harbury
John	Downs	M	42	Merine Gather?	Meath, Ireland
James	Blackwell	M	35	Agricultural Labourer	Chesterton
Elizabeth	Cardall	Widow	46	Retird Coal Merchant	Harbury
Henry	Sheasby	Widower	65	Brick layer	Harbury
James	Gardner	M	28	Agricultural Labourer	Cropredy, Oxon
John	Parish	M	66	Agricultural Labourer	Chesterton
Anthony	Smith	M	49	Farmer, 46 acres	Ratley
Richard	Pettifer	Widower	61	Agricultural Labourer	Harbury
Samuel	Owen	M	70		Northend
Elizabeth	Whateley	Widow	85	Annuitant	Harbury
William	Padbury	Widower	65	General labourer	Harbury
Thomas	Tyler	M	24	Agricultural Labourer	Harbury
Joseph	Hunt	U/M	55	Builder	Harbury



Southam & District Lions

Southam Mop Night - Will you all be out enjoying the 'fun of the Fair' on 15th October? We really do hope the answer is 'YES!' since Southam & District Lions Club will once again be holding their famous '**HOG ROAST**' at the back of the Old Mint in Southam.

The Lions will also be selling their Hog Roast Raffle Tickets with fabulous prizes given by our many business friends in the area. The Tombola Stall, which is always popular particularly with the young people, will be there too. So mums and dads make sure you have some golden coins in your purses and pockets for the little ones!

The Lions are supporting local charities once again this year, but we intend some of the proceeds to be donated to the Foodbank Project being run by Bromford Housing and sponsored by Stratford District Council. This is in reaction to the Save the Children research published recently which stated that as many as one in eight children are now in poverty without even one hot meal a day. So please help us to do something about this dreadful situation by being as generous as you can by visiting us on 15th October.

Russian Choir visiting Southam - On Friday 26th October 2012, 7.30pm at Our Lady and St Wulstan Church, Southam, a concert will take place by the St Petersburg Voskresenije (Resurrection) Russian Choir. They came last year and the evening was so fantastic that we invited them back again. The event is free of charge, but there will be a retiring collection for expenses and we ask attendees to be as generous as possible. Refreshments will be available.

Annual Bonfire and Fireworks - This event organised by Our Lady and St Wulstan Church, Southam will take place on Saturday 3rd November 2012 at Southam Cricket Club. The Bonfire will be lit in all its glory at 7.00pm and the Fireworks Display will start at 7.30pm. Glow bands will be on sale and there will be delicious jacket potatoes, hot dogs and soup on sale. Soft drinks plus tea and coffee will also be available. For those requiring other liquid refreshment the cricket club bar will also be open. Entrance through the gates on the night: £7 for a family (up to 4 people) or £3 Adults and £2 Child represents excellent value. *Please note children must be accompanied by an adult. Please do not bring sparklers to this event as they are expressly forbidden.*

Poetry Competition 2012 - The Awards Evening for the Poetry Competition will take place at the Graham Adams Centre on Friday November 9th, 7.30 to 9.30pm. Entry is FREE. Cheese and wine (or soft drinks) also FREE. The winners in the three age categories will be presented with their prizes followed by an "open mic" session - read your poems to an appreciative audience. All the poems entered in the competition will have been collated into a book on sale for a low price with proceeds to go to local charities. *All are welcome but children should be accompanied by an adult.*

Peter Guy



National
Trust

Autumn at Upton House and Gardens

As autumn approaches Upton House and Gardens has a positive plethora of events happening for visitors. The list below outlines most of these events and much more detail is available on our website and our Facebook account.

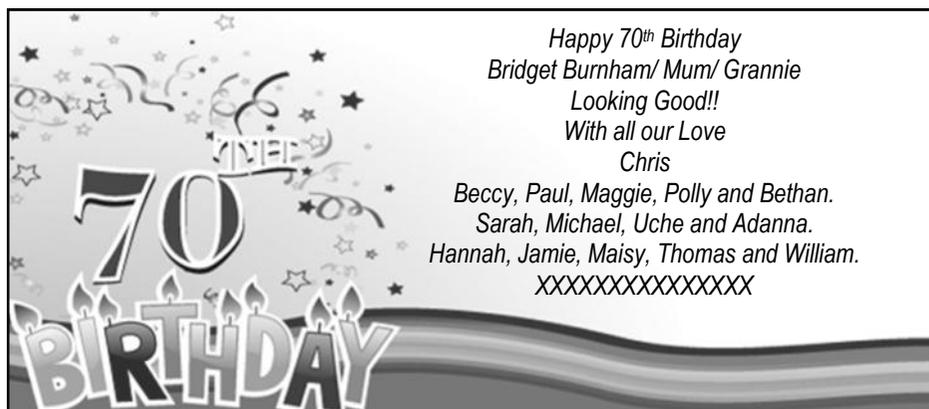
27 th October	Civil War Event
27 th Oct – 4th Nov	Enchanted Halloween Trail with Rags the Raven
27 th Oct – 4th Nov	NT Walking Festival and Competition
1 st & 2 nd Dec	Christmas Market - wonderful stalls for all
3, 7,10,14,17 & 21 Dec	Amazing Christmas Lunches with waitress service from only £15
1,2,8,9,15,16,22,& 23 Dec	Visit Father Christmas - £3.50 per child

Upton House and Gardens are now open 6 days a week and will be closed on Thursdays.

The Gardens, shop and restaurant are open from 11.00am until 5pm. The House is open from 1.00pm with taster tours available from 11.00am.

For further details call Upton House and Gardens on 01295 670266
www.nationaltrust.org.uk/uptonhouse

Andrew Overton





LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors

May I say a very big thank you to friends, neighbours and everyone who sent me cards, flowers, gifts and good wishes after my back operation in hospital.

I'm pleased to say I am feeling much better now and hopefully well on the road to recovery.

Again, many many thanks,

Peggie Middleton

Dear Editors

We would like to thank villagers and friends, particularly our immediate neighbours for all the help and support during the time we have both been recovering from hip replacement surgery. We are recovering quickly and Pat is now able to drive again with John following along four weeks behind. We are looking forward to resuming all our activities in the village in the next few weeks. Yet again, Harbury has shown what a caring community it is.

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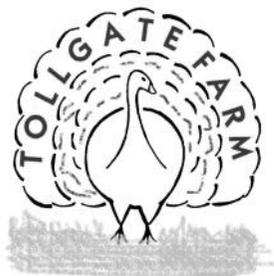
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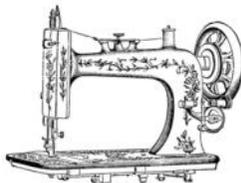


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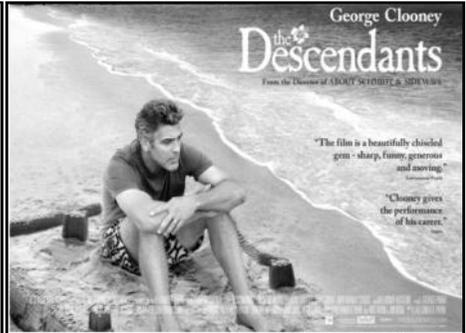
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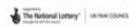
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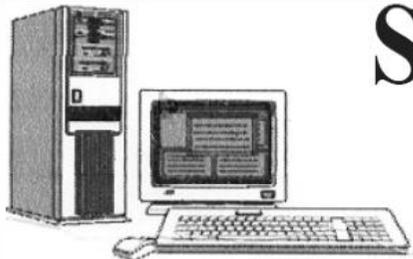


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