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Editorial

There are signs of Spring everywhere, Ladbroke lambs in Farmyard Field and hosts of golden daffodils around Harbury.



Unfortunately, both villages have suffered from crime in recent weeks. A burglary in Ladbroke and six cars vandalised in the first two weeks of March in Harbury. Villagers can help by joining their local Neighbourhood Watch schemes. Also, with cases of vandalism, these should be reported to the Police using the non emergency number 101 as this helps them to allocate resources to these issues.

We are pleased to report that Biblio's was awarded Highly Commended in the Rural Oscars. Congratulations to everyone involved in running the café.

The cricket season starts this month and you can support Harbury Cricket Club by joining their Fantasy League to improve awareness of cricket and raise funds.

Holy Week will start with a Palm Sunday procession with donkey from the school to the church. Then throughout the week there will be a church event at Harbury and/or Ladbroke each day - details in the diary.

A reminder that this month subscriptions are due. Again we have been able to maintain the reduced price of £6.00 for the year.

Finally we extend our sympathy to the family of Bunty Plant.

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Harbury Diary

APRIL

- Sat 5 Coffee Morning, 10.00am-12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Ladbroke W.I.
Harbury Village Cinema presents 'Saving Mr Banks', doors open 6.30pm, film starts 7.00pm
- Sun 6 **LENT V**
Sung Communion, 9.00am
'Messy Church', 2.00-4.00pm in Tom Hauley Room and Church
Celtic Service, 6.00pm
Zumba, 9.00am in Village Hall
- Mon 7 Lent Course, 7.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Tues 8 Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall
Youth Theatre Group, 6.30pm in Village Hall
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 9 Wednesday Walkers, meet 9.40am at Village Hall Car Park, Lowsonford to Yarningale Common with optional pub meal (3½ miles)
Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00-4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
Ballroom Dancing, 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Thurs 10 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee
- Fri 11 School breaks up
Harbury W.I., 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room – Wig Makers by Banbury Postiche
- Sat 12 Coffee Morning, 10.00am-12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of the PCC
- Sun 13 **PALM SUNDAY**
Holy Communion, 8.00am with distribution of Palms
Procession from School, 10.15am
Sung Communion with distribution of Palms, 10.30am
Zumba, 9.00am in Village Hall
- Mon 14 'Following the Footsteps of Christ', 7.00pm
- Tues 15 **ADVERTS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE TO 31 BINSWOOD END, HARBURY BY 5.30PM**
Poetry Mass, 7.30pm
- Wed 16 No Wednesday Walkers event today
'Service of Light and Shadows', 7.30pm
- Thurs 17 **MAUNDY THURSDAY**
Holy Communion, 9.45am followed by coffee
Holy Communion with the Washing of Feet, 7.30pm
The 'Watch' at the Altar of Repose, 8.00pm till Midnight

- Fri 18 **GOOD FRIDAY**
 Children's Service with Hot Cross Buns!! 10.30am
 'One Hour at The Cross'- devotional service with hymns & readings, 2.00pm
 'Lift High the Cross' at **LADBROKE**, 7.00pm
- Sat 19 **HOLY SATURDAY**
 Coffee Morning, 10.00am-12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Air Ambulance
 Blessing of the Easter Candle & Renewal of Baptismal Vows, 8.00pm followed by drinks in the Tom Hauley Room
- Sun 20 **EASTER DAY****
 Holy Communion, 8.00am
 Easter Holy Communion, 10.30am
- Tues 22 Holy Communion, 7.30pm
 Neighbourhood Plan Update, 7.30pm at Harbury Village Club
 Julian Meeting, 8.00pm
- Wed 23 No Wednesday Walkers event today
 Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00-4.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
 Village with a Vision AGM, 7.30pm in the Tom Hauley Room
- Thurs 24 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee
ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST OR EMAIL TO ARTICLES@HLNEWS.CO.UK BY 5.30PM
 Parish Council, 7.30pm in Farley Room, Village Hall
- Sat 26 Coffee Morning, 10.00am-12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Men's Group
- Sun 27 **EASTER II****
 Holy Communion, 8.00am
 Sung Communion, 10.30am
 Zumba, 9.00am in Village Hall
- Mon 28 Return to school
 Temporary closure of Church Street for approximately 4 days
 Village Hall AGM in Village Hall 7.30pm
- Tues 29 Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall
 Youth Theatre Group, 6.30pm in Village Hall
 Holy Communion, 7.30pm
 Harbury Society talk on Percy Greatheed by Anne Langley, 7.30 for 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Wed 30 Wednesday Walkers, meet 9.40am in Village Hall Car Park, Combrook to Compton Verney (4 miles)
- MAY**
- Thurs 1 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee
 Warwickshire Young Voices, 6.30pm in Village Hall

- Sat 3 Coffee Morning, 10.00am-12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Brownies
- Sun 4 EASTER III**
Sung Communion, 9.00am
Little Saints' Service, 10.30am, followed by food and refreshments in Tom Hauley Room
Taizé Service, 6.00pm
- Mon 5 MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY
- Tues 6 Youth Theatre Group 6.30pm in Village Hall
Harbury Heritage Room open 6.30-8.30pm at the school
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
Horticultural Society, 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room: Daisy Days with Helen Picton
- Wed 7 Wednesday Walkers, meet 9.40am in Village Hall Car Park, Chesterton to Checkleys Brake (4 miles)
Holy Communion, 2.00pm
Mothers' Union Meeting, 2.30pm in Tom Hauley Room: Ann Mulley – "God in Nature"
Harbury W.I. Group Meeting, 7.45pm in Village Hall
- Thurs 8 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee
Warwickshire Young Voices, 6.30pm in Village Hall
Annual Parish Meeting, 7.30pm in Village Hall

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| Refuse Collection Rota | | | | |
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| | Deppers Bridge | Harbury | Ladbroke | Collection Week |
| April | Wed | Thurs | Fri | |
| | 9 | 10 | 11 | Green & Blue Lid Bins |
| | 16 | 17 | 18 | Grey Bin |
| | 23 | 24 | 25 | Green & Blue Lid Bins |
| | 30 | | | Grey Bin |
| May | | 1 | 2 | Grey Bin |
| | 7 | 8 | 9 | Green & Blue Lid Bins |
| | 14 | 15 | 16 | Grey Bin |



From the Rector

Reverend Craig Grocock

The Rectory, Vicarage Lane, Harbury ☎612377 ✉ kankudai43@aol.co.uk

Dear Friends

As you know, Rev'd Craig is taking a sabbatical, and it falls to me – metaphorically speaking – to fill his shoes in his absence. And what a task that is – he is a very hard act to follow (and they are very big shoes!)

As I write, we are in the middle of Lent – I wonder how those of you who have chosen to 'give something up' are getting on? Hopefully you will be exhibiting wonderful levels of self restraint and will not have been tempted to touch your forbidden fruit! Personally I blame those little gold, chocolate bunnies that are everywhere at the moment for my not giving up chocolate – most of the year I can take or leave it, but those little bunnies....well, I just can't resist!!

For me this year, Lent has been a whole lot busier than usual, perhaps because among other things, I have had to give up working alongside a colleague and sharing responsibilities. Putting together all the various services and activities that will happen over Holy Week and Easter has been incredibly time consuming – but worth it I hope, as they each offer a variety of ways for us to meet with God, and I hope that many of you will come and be part of that. This time of working alone has made me realise that whatever we choose to do for Lent, it should not be just a casual observance but rather an outward sign of a genuine seeking of God's purpose for our lives, over and above our own. After all, Jesus didn't go into the desert to get himself a bit fitter and more toned, but to see if he could face the Father's call upon his life.

Easter is nearly upon us. As the most important festival in the Christian calendar, we will be celebrating it in some very special ways. From Palm Sunday when we will process from the school to church (hopefully along with our old friend from Christmas, the donkey) through to Easter Sunday, there will be something on every evening during Holy Week to help us to engage with this very special time.

Easter will bring an end to all of your fasting and you can once again enjoy chocolate, wine, TV or whatever it is that you have denied yourselves, but more than that – Easter brings so many promises of God to us – life is stronger than death, love can overcome hate, and goodness ultimately triumphs over evil. It is my prayer this Easter, that the love and peace of Jesus will fill all our hearts, our lives, our homes and our families, and I pray for God's blessing on us all.

Now thenback to those bunnies!

Rev Annie

From the Registers

Burial of Ashes

26th February Lawrence Sheasby

20th March Christine Turner

Thanksgiving

10th March Sylvia Burdett (76 Years)



From the Churchwardens

John, Will & Elaine

The Annual Parochial Church meeting took place on the 9th March at which a new Parochial Church Committee (PCC) was elected. Thanks were given to everyone who gave up their time so willingly over the past year to serve on the PCC and for the new members who have agreed to stand this year.

Vikki Hall was thanked for all her efforts over the past few years as Church Treasurer. Adrian Lewis was elected to take over this important role.

After several years of dedicated and loyal service, Will Jones will stand down as Church Warden and his huge contribution to the church was duly recognised. Congratulations to Elaine Barnden who was elected to follow in Will's footsteps.

See the Harbury Diary for the many and varied services taking place during Holy Week. There is something for everyone including a procession from school to church on Palm Sunday, a poetry mass on Tuesday (15th) and a children's service on Good Friday with hot cross buns!

Messy Church was a huge success last month and a magnificent Noah's Ark was built in church and great fun was had by one and all. The next Messy Church is on the 6th April (2-4pm) and we will be building a tomb/ cave so look forward to another fun and creative afternoon.



Mothers' Union

Gillian Hare

Two interesting meetings took place in March. On Ash Wednesday, Chris Rutherford shared with us some of the information she had obtained about Lent and how it had been observed through the centuries. She paralleled the practice of fasting with other faith groups, but also emphasized

that, far from being a time of doom and gloom, Lent is a time of joyful preparation for the ultimate Good News of Christ's resurrection.

Then, in the same week, we joined with many friends for the service for the Women's World Day of Prayer – movingly and thoughtfully put together by Christian women in Egypt.

When you read this, several members will have been inspired by the Lady Day service at Shipston and by Di Sliwinski talking about her trip to Madagascar.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 7th May in the Tom Hauley Room. After communion at 2pm, the Reverend Anne Mulley will speak on "New Beginnings". Do come along and hear her – there is no pressure to join if you just want to be a visitor.



Keith Miles was our speaker last month and he came along to talk to us about his trip to the wonderful Galapagos Islands. These are islands we have all heard about, mainly thanks to the world renowned giant Galapagos tortoises, but few of us have had the privilege of visiting.

The Galapagos are situated on the equator, 600 miles off the coast of Ecuador; they were created by volcanoes, which is reflected by the rugged landscapes with a backdrop of beautiful blue seas. There are 13 islands 5 of which are inhabited.

The first known visitor to the islands was a Mexican Bishop in 1535, then in the 17th century it was used as a base for English pirates and later in the 18th century whalers became regular visitors.

In 1835 Charles Darwin came to the islands where he noticed that the birds were similar but not the same as around the world and there were differences in species between the islands. Even some trees and plants had developed differently. This evidence helped inform Darwin's theory of evolution.

Still today, the wildlife on the islands is varied and spectacular. Albatrosses, red and blue footed boobies, penguins, frigate birds and flamingos, 13 varieties of finch, 15 species of giant tortoises and 6 species of lava lizards are all creatures Keith was able to get close and personal to!

On some of the islands, sea lions invade the town centres and are often seen lazing around on benches and seats. Keith said the whole experience was truly amazing and the breathtaking slides were testament to this.

Next month (3rd April, 7.45pm in the Tom Hauley room) Charles Baker, Senior Project Manager with the Canals and Rivers Trust (formerly the

Inland Waterways) will be coming to talk to us about the work in which he is involved in and around the Midland waterways.

Unfortunately, it is with considerable disappointment that next month's meeting will be the last for the Men's Group after 50 years of meetings, outings and dinners. During this time many members have come and gone and some life- long friendships have been formed. It is the intention that once the group has been formally closed, members will still meet for lunch once a month to continue to enjoy the fellowship and comradeship that has been so much the foundation of the group over the years.

John Guilford (614206) & John Stringer (613214) - (Co-Chairs)



Church Flowers

On 19th April (Saturday), Harbury Church Flower Ladies will be decorating the Church ready for the celebrations on Easter Sunday.

If anyone who would like to donate flowers or greenery for this event, would they please bring them to the Church on Thursday 17th April, in the morning if possible.

If anyone would like to come along and help on the Saturday morning starting at 9.00am, we would love to see you. No skill is necessary, only a love for flowers.

Thank you.

Jo House

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APRIL

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| Sat | 5 | Whist Drive, 7.45pm, Village Hall |
| Sun | 6 | LENT V Family Communion, 10.30am, followed by refreshments |
| Wed | 9 | Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting re HS2 Petition and Annual Village Meeting, 7.30pm, Village Hall |
| Sun | 13 | PALM SUNDAY |
| Tue | 15 | ADVERTS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE TO 31 BINSWOOD END, HARBURY BY 5.30PM Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am |
| Fri | 18 | GOOD FRIDAY Children's Service, 10.30am, with hot cross buns One Hour at the Cross, 12.00 noon |

- Fri 18 "Lift High the Cross", a meditation in words and music, 7.00pm
 Sat 19 Whist Drive, 7.45pm, Village Hall
Sun 20 EASTER SUNDAY
 Holy Communion (BCP), 9.00am
 Thurs 24 ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY PHARMACY,
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 5.30PM
 Sat 26 Whist Drive, 7.45pm, Village Hall
Sun 27 EASTER II
 Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am
 Tues 29 Yoga, 10.00am, Village Hall
MAY
 Sat 3 Millennium Green Working Party, 10.00am
 Whist Drive, 7.45pm, Village Hall
Sun 4 EASTER III
 Family Communion, 10.30am, followed by refreshments
 Tues 6 Yoga, 10.00am, Village Hall
 Photography Club, 7.30pm Village Hall
 Wed 7 Parish Council, 7.45pm, Village Hall
 Home Group, 8.00pm, Cherry Trees
 Sat 10 The Blooze Kings, doors open 8.00pm, Village Hall



Ladbroke Church News

Jackie West & Sue Lord

March has been a very busy month for Reverend Annie and everyone at Ladbroke Church. As well as our usual Sunday morning services there have been ones midweek too to mark Lent. We will continue to hold Morning Prayer, a traditional spoken service, at 8am on Wednesday mornings until Easter.

A number of us joined our friends at Harbury for the Women's World Day of Prayer service which this year had been written by women of Egypt. Two of us had speaking parts; Sue represented an ancient Egyptian and Jackie a student enthusiastic about recent events and the future. Another special service during March is our service for Mothering Sunday and thanks go to Reverend Ann Mulley for leading it, Mrs Rosemary Allington for again generously donating the posies given out and to everyone for joining us in church that morning and taking part.

At the church AGM, Jennie Barrett stood down as the PCC secretary and we welcomed Joan Perry to the role. As a token of our thanks for Jennie's 12 years as secretary, she was presented with a Rambling Rector rose bush, which appropriately had stood in the pulpit during the meeting! Churchwardens are elected annually; after 6 years in the post Sue Lord did

not stand for re-election and so David Rutherford was elected together with Jackie West for the coming year which officially starts after the "swearing in" service in May. As reports were read we were reminded of how many people contribute in so many ways to our church and thanks go to everyone, including Steve for his work as treasurer, Kate and Bill for music, Betty for all she does, Sue and David for hosting the home group, the bell ringers, cleaners, flower arrangers, those that provide refreshments and of course the clergy and lay readers who lead our services.

One thing mentioned at the AGM that readers of this magazine may be able to help with, is that there used to be two pictures hanging in church, both mid 19th century: one was of the church viewed from The Old Rectory and the other of the interior before Gilbert Scott changed it all. If you know the whereabouts of either of these pictures, or places we could look, please let us know.

The augmented choir have been practising anthems and hymns for *Lift High the Cross*, on Good Friday evening and, after a taster session back in February, several new bell ringers are learning the ropes, so to speak.

On 22nd March we held a Lent Lunch in the Village Hall. Those who came had a hard decision at first: which of the six tasty homemade soups to choose? But then they could sit at the long refectory table and chat to friends as they supped their soup and followed up with a cheese course. The cooks and organisers are to be congratulated on an enjoyable time which raised £155, to be divided between the church and Macmillan Cancer Support.

Looking forward, on Good Friday there will be three services at Ladbroke:

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| 10.30am | Children's Service (with hot cross buns!) |
| 12.00 noon | One Hour at the Cross |
| 7.00pm | Lift High the Cross (a meditation on The Passion in words and music, with the choir led by Bill Bosworth). |

All are welcome to these services.

As Easter Sunday is the third Sunday in the month, our service in Ladbroke at 9am will be based on the Book of Common Prayer (BCP). So, if you like this very traditional service, much of which goes back to 1662, please join us. Visitors that like a more modern service may prefer to go to Harbury on Easter morning this year.

From the Registers

Funeral

20th March Dacia (Bunty) Plant

Burial of Ashes

24th March Bryan Moore & James Moore



Ladbroke Flower Rota

26th April

Jane Rutherford

3rd & 10th May

Kate Todman



Ladbroke Parish Council

Jackie West

Three parish councillors and our WCC councillor were present plus six members of the public at the meeting on 26th March. As usual the formal minutes were taken by the clerk and will appear on the village website, ladbroke-pc.org.uk and the noticeboard by the pub.

Neighbourhood Watch (NW): During the early evening of Friday 14th March a house in Hedges Close was broken into and items stolen. A NW safety pack was delivered to nearby homes with various info including a NW application form and advice on being a good neighbour: keeping a watch out for things which look suspicious, e.g. the man in Hedges Close the next day offering to clean gutters who wouldn't hand over his business card for future reference and cars parked on the hardstanding in Ladbroke Hill Lane.

Finances: It was agreed to move to on-line banking and for the clerk to make the standard regular payments e.g. for street lighting under a blanket authorisation, just bringing the exceptional items to meetings for approval.

Planning: The new applications since last meeting were for demolition of a farm building and erection of a bungalow at Dovecot (behind Ladbroke Hall) and for felling of trees in the grounds of Ladbroke Hall and at Woodlands; no representations had been made on any of these. There was another application for change of use from holiday let to permanent dwelling at Manor Farm Barns and the same response as before would be sent by the Parish Council. Permission had been granted for changes at Folly Fields Farm (to finish building a home there before it is moved), changes at Brock Farm Stud (commercial equine facility), Yew Tree House (retrospective shed and enclosure of some of the garden) and Whiteways (tree felling) but there was no decision yet on the solar farm at Deppers Bridge. The application for nine wind turbines near Wormleighton has been withdrawn.

Flooding: An email has been received confirming the £50,000 grant to start work towards the balancing pond, so we expect to see Mike Green or one of his new deputies making progress on this soon. A car was damaged driving though the flood across Banbury Road (near Ladbroke Farm) on 7th February. Villagers removed debris under the water surface as best they could and WCC put up flood warning triangles. The Parish Council is still

waiting to hear what is going to be done to resolve the recurrent flooding here; when last chased for an update our contact in Highways Dept was still waiting for the results of a survey. The question was raised whether WCC would be liable if the cause of the flooding is not fixed and other cars get damaged.

Dangerous Trees: WCC had been notified (but not done anything yet) about one on Penfold Green. A tree inside the hedge on Ladbroke Hill Lane (approx 100y from the junction) may also endanger the public - the land owner and WCC will be notified asap.

Ladbroke Matters: The Ladbroke Rockers night had been very successful and the next events will be a film night (4th April) and The Blooze Kings (10th May). There will be no fete this year but the church is planning an event on the green in late September.

HS2: The second reading of the Hybrid Bill is expected to be around 28th April. This will trigger the formation of a Select Committee at which point there are just a few weeks to submit a formal petition. One cannot object to HS2 *per se* but can object to various aspects. The Parish Council can only submit a petition if this is decided at a well advertised, formal meeting. This meeting will be held on 9th April, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, i.e. immediately before the Annual Village Meeting.

Petitions have to be done in a specific way to be accepted: written in arcane English, delivered in person with a £20 fee - it's surprising that medieval costume doesn't appear to be compulsory too!! The Local Action Group (LAG) will be submitting one and have sent draft v6 to a professional adviser for review. Villagers will have the opportunity to see the latest draft ahead of the annual village meeting so that they can raise comments on it there.

WCC: The budget has been cut and there will be more job cuts but the government has provided £1M for repairing potholes in the county; there is also some central money to tackle flooding. Discussions about a Unitary Authority for all of Warwickshire (or Warks plus Coventry) have started - expect this to rumble on for years. A new chief fire officer has been appointed and there is a consultation about the workload between retained and other fire staff. Southam College has 240 admissions per year and is oversubscribed by approx 70.

Travellers' Sites: There have been various meetings about this in the area but our Parish Council was not invited and has only just received a 40 page document which needs to be replied to within the next two days! To determine the number of sites required, travellers have been asked about how many sites they need for their family, including relatives who would like to move to this area, and if they would like sites to be privately owned. This seems to be a fundamentally flawed method of analysis as most farmers or villagers asked a similar question would say they have children and relatives

who would like to live here but they don't get land, compulsorily purchased from others, made available to them.

Community Volunteers: The Stratford Volunteer Centre is co-ordinating offers from groups and requests for work. The workers are from large companies (it's part of their corporate social responsibility) and are seeking jobs that an unskilled team can complete in a day. Materials have to be provided but some groups will bring or obtain the necessary tools and equipment. Various maintenance jobs around the village were identified as suitable e.g. repainting the phone box, clearing footpaths etc. Repair of the noticeboards is probably best done by a professional odd job man.

Other: One member of the public raised his dissatisfaction at receiving a customer satisfaction survey from SDC. He thought it a waste of time and money to send these questions to 5000 people - surely SDC already knew the answers and anyway we had good lines of communication via our councillors. It is possible obtaining such feedback was not a local decision by SDC, but mandatory.

The Annual Village Meeting will be on 9th April and the next ordinary Parish Council meeting on 7th May.

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|  | <p>Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge Women's Institute</p> | <p>Carol Lane</p> |
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Sue Moore, president, congratulated the 17 members and a guest who came out in the rain and hail for the meeting on 27th March.

She gave out Dates for the Diary:

5th April - W.I. coffee morning. 10.00am – 12.00 noon at the Tom Hauley Room

6th April - Dedication of the altar rail in memory of Hazel Sharples, Stockton Church 4.00pm.

7th May - Group meeting of 7 local W.I.s in Harbury Village Hall.

21st September - Ladbroke Hope 14 Fun Day on the Millennium Green.

Thanks were given to Rachel Tomson on two counts. She had co-ordinated the giving from our W.I. to the Food Bank and we were able to see the beautifully crafted amulet bags which she has made towards the gifts for the delegates at the AWCC 2016 conference.

Sue then gave us a review of the Warwickshire Federation Annual Meeting which was a wonderfully organised event held at Chesford Grange. The National chairman produced very interesting statistics – for example there are 210,000 members currently – then various speakers talked on the following topics: The Brain Injury Unit at Heathcote; organising travel arrangements for

the Royal Family and the experiences of a midwife nun. Sue was then asked to give the vote of thanks.

After a short delay while an oil tanker misdirected by a satnav negotiated our parked cars, the speaker for the evening was introduced.



Mary Moore gave a very lively account of her life as a Blue Badge Guide. Her wish to become involved in this line of work stemmed from an interest in history and a wish to travel. She entered the profession later in life after she had brought up her four children.

My admiration for the guides we experience on coach outings, walking tours, at stately homes or travel abroad increased as she spoke of the rigours of the selection process and the intensive course she had to undergo to become a registered guide for the Heart of England Area.

Despite her local knowledge her first mission was to take a party of 48 on a tour of Vienna, Prague and Budapest which was made more difficult as it coincided with the 9/11 disaster of the Twin Towers and hotel beds had to be secured early as Americans unable to get back to New York needed them.

She concluded with some anecdotes of the funny utterings of the people she was showing round. My favourite was the American lady outside the Tower of London when told that Elizabeth was imprisoned there by her sister said 'I never did trust that Margaret!'

The Blue Badge Guides are self employed and Mary is happy to tailor any excursion according to the client's wishes. Her web site is at <http://birminghamtouristguideuk.com/>

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 24th April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall when we will be entertained by the Appalachian Dancers so put on your dancing shoes in case we are invited to take part.



Ladbroke Matters

David Wright

The Ladbroke Matters team is responsible for planning fundraising events for the Village Hall and Millennium Green, and assists with their upkeep.

Our recent events:

- A concert by the Ladbroke Rockers on 8th March which raised £679.35. There is review of this event on page 18

- A film night on 4th April featuring the film 'Captain Phillips'.

Our forthcoming events:

- A concert by the Blooze Kings in the Village Hall on 10th May.
- A fun Music Quiz in the village hall on 23rd May.

Please put these dates in your diary now. More details will be available later this month.

Millennium Green Working Party

We are hoping to put together a working party to tidy up the Millennium Green on 3rd May. If you can spare an hour or two to help please contact any of the trustees.

The Ladbroke Matters team serves and supports our village community. If you do not have a copy of our information leaflet, they will soon be available at The Bell and at All Saints Church. If you would like to join the team, have any suggestions for future events, or any other comments please contact the trustees - contact details in our leaflet and on the Ladbroke website, Ladbroke-pc.org.uk

Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club

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| £80 | Andy Bendzak | £50 | Brian and Margaret Whitehouse |
| £25 | Gwynne Badman | £10 | Sheena Healey |
| £10 | Pete Edgar | £10 | Peter Baker |
| £10 | Deb and Seth Brown | £10 | Mike Connon |

I apologise for giving an incorrect list of the future prizes in last month's edition. There will be two prizes of £50, three prizes of £25 and five prizes of £10. This gives ten people the opportunity of winning a prize. Again, good luck.

Margaret Bosworth



Ladbroke Photography Club

Kip Warr

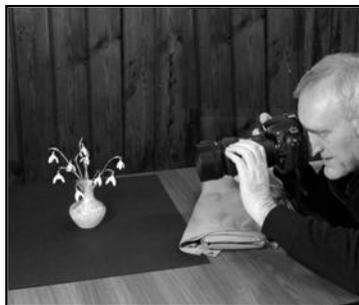
Constructive discussion has always been part of our ethos and last month we tried a new format. Several members brought along photos featuring textures; they were projected onto the screen and we all discussed the effects, how they were created, whether they might be improved and so on. The pictures varied from silk to concrete and algae to cat's fur and I think we were relieved to find that the discussion was not at all intimidating!



Duster by Jackie West

Jackie introduced a session on black-and-white photography which was followed by a practical session. We had snowdrops and boules and two live models - a brave man and a patient dog! We shall bring our results, and any others we take in the meantime, to our April meeting, where 'Black and white' will be the next topic for discussion.

Our meetings are on the first Tuesday of the month, usually in Ladbroke Village Hall, and visitors are welcome. On 1st April, we shall welcome professional photographer, Sue Dudley, and on 6th May we shall be taking cameras off automatic. For further information see tinyurl.com/ladbrokephoto or email jackieszone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk



Mike photographs a snowdrop by Kip Warr



Ladbroke General Section

HS2 Action Group

The Ladbroke Action Group (LAG) committee held an open meeting on 18th March at which it was agreed it would submit a formal petition against the HS2 Hybrid Bill at the appropriate time. An update on this will be given at the Annual Village Meeting on Tuesday 9th April.

Jackie West

Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council to Authorise Opposition to a Hybrid Bill

Notice is hereby given that an extraordinary meeting of Ladbroke Parish Council will be held in the Village Hall, Ladbroke on Wednesday 9th April 2014 at 7.30pm. It is the intention of the Parish Council to pass a resolution to oppose the HS2 Hybrid Bill.

Jackie West

Ladbroke Neighbourhood Watch

Following the recent burglary in Ladbroke, I would like to take this opportunity to remind residents of our Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and in particular, those residents who have not, as yet, signed up to the scheme. Neighbourhood Watch is a popular way for people of all ages to get involved in local crime and community issues. This usually begins with people sharing crime prevention advice and activities, keeping an eye on each others' property, improving home security and building two way communication with the police - it's all about being a good neighbour!

More information about the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme can be obtained from the Ladbroke website <http://www.ladbroke-pc.org.uk/>. Additional information including, police crime reports can be obtained from www.safer-neighbourhoods.co.uk and <http://warwickshire.police.uk/>. Alternatively, please get in touch with me at david@thehalsalls.com or Tel: 811838.

David Halsall

Ladbroke Neighbourhood Watch

Gig Review: The Rockers Return!

The Ladbroke Rockers – Ladbroke Village Hall - Saturday 8th March 2014

Rating: ★★★★★



The Ladbroke Rockers consist of lead singer Mike Took, back-up singers Helen Ballard and Deb Middleton, Simon Broke-Smith on drums, Allan Ballard on percussion, Kevin McKeowan on lead guitar, Alan Lochhead on rhythm guitar, Kip Warr on bass guitar, and Kate Pickin on keyboard. If you were unfortunate enough to arrive even one minute late for this Ladbroke

Rockers return concert it was standing room only for you as this was a sell-out gig.

From the opening bars of the first number - 'Let's Stick Together' made famous in the seventies by Bryan Ferry, we knew that the Rockers had not lost their touch. Soon the small dance floor was filled to capacity with an amazing array of dance styles performed by an appreciative audience as the Rockers took us effortlessly on a tour through the best feel-good music that the previous century had to offer. The highlight for me from this set being a stunning version of Norman Greenbaum's 'Spirit in the Sky' – dare I say better than the original?

All too soon it was end of set one as the Rockers took a well-earned break. Set two gave us more of the same but included some breathtaking rock medleys. For instance, managing to segue Bolan's 'I Love to Boogie' into Elvis' 'Hound Dog' was a masterstroke. Deb Middleton took the mike for Duffy's 'Mercy' (a modern number!) brilliantly showcasing her rock chick credentials. During this second set they were augmented on a couple of numbers by Andy Pittaway, the energetic harmonica player from the Blooze Kings (another local musical combo).

Well done Rockers for not only giving us outstanding entertainment but also organising the whole event. Thanks too to Martin and Debra Neal for efficiently manning the bar during the evening, and to Tracy Lochhead for providing the sound mixing. I must mention too her husband Alan, one of the band's founder members and main driving force. His sheer



determination and perseverance was very much in evidence the whole evening and totally deserved the thunderous applause he received during the closing number.

As this event was part of the Ladbroke Matters programme of social events all proceeds go to the upkeep of the Millennium Green and Village Hall. If you like good music (the sort that soul man Arthur Conley sings about) and you've not yet been to a Rockers gig you've missed a real treat. I have no hesitation in awarding them a full five stars!

David Wright



Harbury Parish Council

Linda Ridgley

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

Never seen people so passionate about Planning!

About forty villagers attended the Parish Council meeting and protested at the lack of publicity for Gypsy and Traveller Site Consultations. Warwick District Council didn't alert Harbury to three potential sites nearby and Stratford District Council insists on putting its Statutory Notices in newspapers we don't read.

Most of the protestors attended WDC's Gypsy Site Public "Exhibition" in the Village Hall and asked why our Parish Council were so supine. Their main concern was the potential site at the Football Ground on Harbury Lane. Led by Ken Stephenson and Rob Darlison, they queried the statistical need for sites for Gypsies and Travellers; the way sites were chosen and demanded both Local Authorities abandon the search for sites.

Protestors claimed that the needs data WDC used was outdated; that one section of the community (Gypsies and Travellers) should not have special planning status; that there were empty pitches all over Warwickshire and that MPs were calling for the present legislation to be "kicked out".

Chairman Tim Lockley explained that the Parish Council had neither originated the policy (that was parliament) nor were they implementing it (that is SDC and WDC). The Parish Council had asked Stratford and Warwick Districts to co-operate and had been told that if WDC chose the Brakes site, SDC would not also suggest a site near Harbury. Stratford's Consultation was asking landowners if they had land available for sites, as they are required to do in the initial stages. Warwick is further ahead and has eliminated some sites and is consulting on its preferred options. The Parish Council agreed to make its draft response to WDC available to the public before the April meeting.

Other Planning

The Parish Council made "No Representation" on plans to demolish a Victorian Shed at Phoenix House, High Street, but expressed disappointment at its loss; they made "No Representation" on the application to remove two small Limes at Crown Close and reduce four Limes in height (*unfortunately all the Lime trees have been felled – see picture*).



Plans for a cottage style dwelling to the west of Walnut Tree Cottage in Hall Lane met with the Council's approval although the Chairman suggested an additional street light could be added to the application. Other councillors disagreed. Railtrack has already raised concerns about drainage from the site due to its closeness to the cutting but the Architect wants to be allowed to position the house northwards by 1.5 metres.

The PC was minded to make no objection to planned work at the Telephone Exchange which would include placing a shipping container there to store cable. The owner of The Old Orchard in Mill Street said it was close to his boundary and would affect an old hedge-line. The PC therefore agreed to re-examine this application.

Both Harbury and Bishops Parish Council's will be supporting the Cement Works development at SDC's Planning Meeting. They have been promised substantial sums of money for village improvements by the developers, as the planning rules now allow and encourage.

Similarly our Parish Council has been offered money by the proposers of the Solar Farm but Councillors decided not to respond until after SDC's Planning Committee made its determination. At the previous Parish Council meeting Deppers' residents were vocal in their determination not to be "bribed".

Stratford District Council approved extensions at Abberley, Hall Lane and at 43 Mill Street. The Knightcote Windfarm will now be decided on appeal by the Secretary of State.

The Parish Council has held its Second Neighbourhood Development Plan meeting and will look at the questions to be put to villagers. Councillor Ekins urged NDP Chair, Councillor Summers, to apply for funding as there would be costs for professional fees and the consultation with the village.

Crime - The village suffered a spate of night-time attacks on cars in early March. Police investigations are on-going.

Stratford Councillor Bev Mann reported that the Boundary Commission changes to the Electoral Divisions for Stratford have been published (we are put together with Lighthorne Heath, Gaydon etc) This will be ratified by Parliament in time for elections in 2016.

Parish Council Properties

Playing Fields - The Parish has applied for a grant of £5,000 from SDC for the new zip-wire. Moles are again attacking - there may be one or possibly two.

Cemetery - Chairman Tim Lockley has replied to the recent criticism of the maintenance of the Cemetery which appeared in last month's Harbury & Ladbroke News.

The Village Hall - Railings are to be repainted by those undertaking 'community service' with materials paid for by the Parish Council.

Lighting - An order was placed to replace mercury lamps in ten street lights.

Highways - There was great concern at the number of accidents at the Bendigo Mitchell Crossroad (Harbury Lane/Fosseway). Traffic is much increased and District Councillor Mann said that Bishops residents were coming through Harbury to use Middle Road instead. Councillors did not believe a roundabout was feasible so will reluctantly ask for traffic lights to be installed.

Councillor Patrick reported the "No Entry" sign by the Club was illegible as was the wording on the road.

Councillor Knowles reported that the refuse lorry reverses up Church Terrace. Villagers should note that Church Street will be closed for a few days at the end of April for work on the sewer.

World War I Commemoration

Ken Stephenson asked what Harbury was doing to celebrate the hundredth Anniversary of the start of World War I. Cllr Hancock reported that the School is to run a series of special assemblies where the village fallen will be remembered. It was agreed Councillor Hancock's research into the lives of those named on the War Memorial could be published as a commemoration.

Next Meeting: The next Parish Council meeting takes place in the Village Hall on **Thursday 24th April, 7.30pm.**

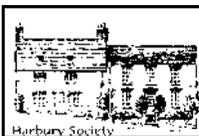
May Meeting: As the 22nd May is the Local and European Elections day, the Parish Council agreed to postpone the meeting until Thursday 29th May. The Annual Parish Meeting for which a speaker has yet to be found is on 8th May.

Neighbourhood Plan Update

Our third meeting is on Tuesday 22nd April at Harbury Village Club, 7.30pm. We have a core committee of 15 volunteers, but the more residents who show an interest the better. Please just turn up and you will be made welcome.

The next task is to look at producing questions regarding areas for potential development in the parish and infrastructure requirements for the future. Feel free to contact me with questions or queries.

**Councillor Pat Summers - Email: patsummers1@yahoo.co.uk
on behalf of Harbury Parish Council**



Harbury Society

Linda Ridgley

We held a quick AGM where the Committee was re-elected en bloc and then had a wonderful talk by Henry Marriott about the Thornley Kelsey Brewery in Radford Semele that was started by his great-grandfather.

Henry Edward Thornley had a 500 acre farm where he brewed beer for his workers. His beer was so successful he began to supply his neighbours and expanded his brewing into the farm buildings. By 1898, at considerable capital expense, he had built an entire brewery!

The brewery site appeared ideal. It had road access, a wharf on the canal, the railway and a spring nearby – for breweries use copious amounts of water. Unfortunately the spring water proved much too “hard” to produce

palatable beer despite several boreholes being dug. Every day, for the whole life of the brewery, water was imported from the Campion Hills by lorry!

By the late 1950's the Brewery had 22 tied pubs, including the White Lion at Radford Semele, the White Hart at Ufton, the Virgins and Castle in Kenilworth and the Napton Bridge, but there were others much further afield – Fillongley, Coleshill and Ward End in Birmingham. In addition they supplied their products to other pubs and free houses throughout the area.



With such a wide-spread clientele the Brewery switched to motor lorry for deliveries. Mr Marriott stressed two important facts – beer now is generally 3.8% alcohol but at the end of the nineteenth Century it was much stronger at 8% and of course there were no drink/driving laws.

He then went on to reminisce about the draymen and their capacity for beer. These tales were augmented by fascinating stories from members of the audience who had worked at the brewery!

Thornley Kelsey's site was sold in the late 1960's to EMEB who demolished the Brewery buildings. Since then high-technology engineering companies have been based on the site which now houses the Ricardo company.

Our next events are: Tuesday 29th April Anne Langley - "Percy Greatheed & his Grand Tour", 7.30 for 8pm in the Tom Hauley Room, followed on **Saturday 17th May** by a morning walk and pub lunch at Claverdon.



Harbury Women's Institute

Jeanne Beaumont

A full meeting in March.

Members attended the funeral and memorial service for Sylvia Burdett, a member of long standing. She was a person who did not enjoy good health, but wasted no time in achieving a marvellous line of achievements. We joined Helen and family afterwards in the Tom Hauley Room to reminisce. Members helped with refreshments.

We had a super day at the Houses of Parliament. A foggy journey down, but it cleared as we reached London. The Houses of Parliament are so historical and interesting. The House of Commons was sitting so we were shown around the House of Lords and adjoining rooms by excellent guides.

Afterwards, we went our separate ways, walking and sightseeing. Many thanks to Ann Mayer for organising the tour and to Peggie for the coach.

Lin Hayes gave a good report on the Warwickshire Federation Spring Council meeting in March. The Chairman in her speech welcomed the three new W.I.s who had opened during the year.

The Centenary baton has left Anglesey and is expected in Warwickshire in September. Janice Langley, from National, informed the meeting of the hopes for the Centenary. National have applied for a stamp to be printed. Hopefully, there will be a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace, a new rose and the usual cups and saucers etc.

Sue Bleasday was the morning guest speaker who hoped the W.I. will be involved in fund raising and supporting The Brain Injury Appeal, which is based at Leamington Rehabilitation Centre. Then Group Captain Tim Hewlett O.B.E. entertained with stories of his ten years as Royal Travel Officer.

Barney from Collect Travel advertised a trip for W.I. members going out on 5th October to Stoney Creek, Montreal and Niagara Falls.

The afternoon speaker was Eleanor Stewart, author of the book, 'Kicking the Habit'. A very interesting life she has had and sounds a good read.

The speaker at the March meeting was Ray Allan with 30 years experience in the Police force, talking on Drugs and Drug Abuse. What he knew about drugs was amazing and surprising to us. Each drug mentioned was described and we were told the different ways to use it. Dealers have no concern what is mixed with drugs, only the money. Parents have no idea and this talk would have opened their eyes. This reminds me when the W.I. was clearing rubbish in the playing fields and found different things in the hedges.

We will soon be meeting about the Carnival and deciding arrangements.

Our Group Meeting evening is at Harbury Village Hall on 7th May.

Next meeting is on Thursday 10th April at 7.45pm at the Tom Hauley Room. The speaker will be Lady Marie Stubbs – Ahead of the Class.



Folk Club

Doug & Janny Freeman

Peter Bones had kindly stood in for us last month, and he gave us a Celtic theme for this month. The Celtic nations are Ireland, Scotland, Isle of Man, Wales, Cornwall and Brittany, and so this gave the performers plenty of scope in selecting their material.

The evening opened with Janny and Maureen, and then Margaret joined them singing a Hebridean Cradle Song. This set a delightful standard for the evening which was maintained by all the performers.

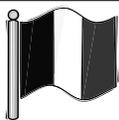
In this first half Rik, Pete and Liz, Mick, Martin, and Keith Donnelly weaved their way through Scotland and Ireland. Their songs covered drinking whisky, hay making, lovely hair, Dublin, religious divide, foretelling powers of the yew tree, Irish music sessions, and an American wedding at a Scottish castle.

The Harbury Folk Club choir got the second half under way with a sad Welsh love song and a Robbie Burns song. They were followed by Peter McDonald, Des, Pete Grassby, Ted and Sue, and Ian and Sue. The songs were mainly from Scotland and Ireland, but Des did manage to steer us to Cornwall with the Padstow Drinking Song. Their stories covered a Carmarthen Oak, a Silkie, a Poor Old Horse, County Down, Wondering Aengus, and a fine daughter being encouraged to step it out.

The final half was opened by Sue Harris accompanied by Ian, and she was followed by Pete Mason, Tony Thomas, and Keith Donnelly. Their lyrics mentioned Sligo, Kilkenny and a Tinkerman's daughter. Tony gave us a rousing version of Sosban Fach, but it failed to lead his rugby team to victory on the following Sunday.

The raffle raised £65 which was donated to Janny's "week without sugar" fundraising for "Christians Against Poverty". Steve Darby auctioned two tickets for a concert he and Maureen could not attend, and that resulted in a further donation of £30 to "Christians Against Poverty". There was also a matching raffle donation of £65 to the "Caring for Life" charity.

It was a delightful evening and our thanks go to all the performers, audience, and the Village Club's staff. Peter McDonald will host the next Folk Club on Thursday 3rd April when the theme will be "Precious".



Harbury Twinning Association

Andrew Patrick



Here you have seven Harbury residents determined – despite advanced age, dodgy joints and loathing of punctures – to cycle from Portsmouth to Samois-sur-Seine in time for our next Twinning weekend at the start of May.

From the left: Jan Freeman, Celia Neill, Peter McDonald, Derek Price (the

Dave Brailsford of the group: Hon Cycling Guru but not yet signed up for the trip), Moira Rollason, Jenny Patrick, Richard Marshall-Hardy, Andrew Patrick.

Seven of the group (including three not in the picture) intend to cycle all the way from Harbury – 140 miles in 2 days. Guess who the mad seven are? The first correct answer received might qualify for an unwashed cycling shirt!

In the meantime, do you want to join us on Saturday mornings? You would be very welcome!

By the time you read this, we shall have had a Skittles Evening at the Navigation Inn, Wootton Wawen, and our annual Quiz Night at the Harbury Village Club. In both events, may the best team win!

We've already mentioned the opportunity to join us in the coach out to France on Friday 2nd May and back on Tuesday 5th May, at a cost of £100 (exactly the same cost as for Twinning members). You will understand that it's probably too late to request accommodation with a family in Samoia. But if you'd like us to drop you with easy access to Paris and pick you up from the same spot, it can be done. If you're interested, please let us know soon.

For events later in the year (including the old favourite cheese and pate baguettes at the Carnival), please look at the May Harbury News.

Or contact us!

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1st Harbury Guides

Jane Minchin

Harbury Guides have been taking part in an active and varied programme that, for the majority, has been organised by the Guides themselves with a bit of help from leaders along the way.

This term, they have all completed Go For It which are activities that they choose from a resource, plan for, and carry out themselves in patrols. Activities ranged from public surveys to baking and from sensory testing to animal welfare!

The Guides who are completing their Baden Powell challenge badge have run a cooking competition which went down well, as the Guides all produced their own imaginative take on rock cakes.

We took a minibus full down to Alexandra Palace on 23rd February to celebrate World Thinking Day with 4000 other Girlguiding members. The Guides had a great day exploring international themes, creative activities, and physical adventure such as bungee trampolining and zorbing! Most of the girls were fortunate enough to meet and have a chat with the current Chief Guide, Gill Slocombe.



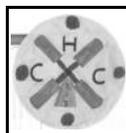
Guides playing table football with Chief Guide, Gill Slocombe

A team of Guides took part in the Sport Relief Mile and our total raised so far is well over £110 with more coming in!

By the time you read this, we'll have pampered and celebrated the special ladies in our lives (mums, aunties, grans etc) during a pampering evening, with homemade facemasks, nail painting, hand and neck massages and of course, a relaxing cup of tea!!

We're looking forward to outdoor summer adventures including camping, dragon boating and participating in celebrating the big Brownie birthday by doing our part to walk some of the Centenary Way, as well as a trip to Harry Potter Studios and then Drayton Manor Park in the autumn!

Guides playing table football with Chief Guide, Gill Slocombe



Harbury Cricket Club

Jez Hunt

The cricket season is upon us again and the team are getting ready with weekly indoor nets to be followed by outdoor nets down at the ground starting mid-April.

Before we get into what's coming up this season I would like to congratulate the players on a good fun season in 2013. This is highlighted by those who won awards based on their performances. They are:

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| Player of the year: | John Robbins. |
| Young Player of the year: | Henry Steele. |
| Most Improved Player: | Tom McKenzie. |
| Best Fielder: | Andy Morgan. |

And the most keenly fought and coveted award: Most Ducks in the season went to JT.

It is worth noting that both John and Andy joined the club in 2013 and it is fantastic that new players can come into the club and make an impact straight away.

Overall throughout 2013 we lost more than we won, but with many new to the game or having not played for years, we all enjoyed it. The weather was a real bonus meaning that we played all but two of our fixtures.

At the beginning of this season we have great news. We have a new Club President: Les Sollis. Les used to be a keen cricketer for Harbury, most notably as a batsman; playing off the back foot and almost never getting out LBW! He also used to be a useful medium pace bowler and in one match against Stockton in 1986 he had a great day taking 6 wickets for 34 runs. Les, welcome, and many thanks for taking on this position in the club.

A special note to Rex Humphreys, who reformed the club in the 70's and continues to be our Honorary President.

Each year the club is indebted to the consistent support of the club's Vice Presidents. All the players are very thankful for this. If there are any ex-players or cricket fans in Harbury who would like to become a VP of the club please contact us on email or the number found at the end of this article.

So our season will start on the 4th May, a tricky home fixture against local rivals Southam. Our games continue throughout the season and finish against Long Itchington on the 7th September. As always we love to have support, so if you happen to be driving past the Rugby Club, pop in and watch a few overs; all home games are played on Sundays from 2pm onwards. The club also welcomes any new players who are interested in having a go; please contact us.

As always, Harbury play a fun competitive style of cricket and this year we are introducing a Fantasy League open to all to help raise awareness of cricket in Harbury, challenge the players and raise funds for the club.

The aim of the game is to score as many points as you can throughout the season. The six players you choose score points for you depending on their batting, bowling and fielding performances for Harbury Cricket Club as listed:

Batting:

- 1 point per run
- 10 point bonus for a not out
- 20 point bonus for scoring 50 runs
- 50 point bonus for scoring 100 runs
- Minus 20 points for a duck

Bowling:

- 15 points per wicket
- 30 point bonus for taking 5 wickets
- Minus 20 points for 0 wickets for 50+ runs scored off the bowling

Fielding:

- 10 points per catch

- 10 points for a stumping
- 20 points for a run out
- 15 points for being best fielder
- Minus 10 points for a dropped catch
- Minus 25 points for pulling out of a catch

Select six cricketers from the players' list – see Harbury information boards, ask in Mugleston's Country Fayre or by email. Each player has been rated from 50p to £3.00 based on how many matches they played last year, their total runs and total wickets. The combined value of your team must add up to £10 or less.

Register and join in:

Registration forms are available from Muglestons Country Fayre or by emailing harburycc@hotmail.co.uk. All you need to do is give your team a name, supply an email address for weekly post match updates and pay the entry fee. Teams will not start scoring points until the £10 entry fee has been paid to either Paul and Mary Mugleston or Jez Hunt and your completed team has been submitted.

Half way through the season there will be one opportunity to transfer players at an additional cost of the player's value. This must be done during the week 30th June - 5th July.

This competition is very much a device to raise money and to attract new players to the club; however there **is a cash prize of £50 for first place, £30 for second and £20 third**. Other proceeds will go to the club and the winners will be presented with a trophy and their prizes at the end of season presentation night.

We hope you are interested in supporting Harbury Cricket Club as we look forward to the coming 2014 season (fixture list to come next month).

Harbury Cricket Club

Email: harburycc@hotmail.co.uk

Tel: Jez Hunt on 07801105994



Harbury Juniors Football Club

Ian Jones

Chairman's Report: Ian Jones

Thanks to all who supported our recent Skool Disco II event, it was a great night and lots of fun was had by all. The HJFC annual presentation night will be on the 7th June at Harbury Village Hall: more details to come. Congratulations to Malcolm Tanner who recently successfully completed his

FA Level 2 Coaching Award, as did I. Finally, good luck to our U13's who have a cup final coming up on 6th April.

Under 9's Match Reports: Malcolm Tanner

6th March: Harbury Juniors 0 v Byfield 5

Due to the weather, this was the first match Harbury had played for six weeks and the lack of football showed with a lacklustre performance in the first half against league leaders Byfield who were leading 3-0 at the interval. However, Harbury improved in the second half which was much more even, limiting Byfield to two more goals with Rebecca H outstanding in goal and all the team giving 100% effort.

8th March: Harbury Juniors 0 v Kineton 3

Harbury continued from where they left off the previous week with Jamie S playing a sweeper's role behind Gethan B and Arthur G who played well in defence. The match was very even with few chances but Kineton managed to edge the game with a 1-0 lead at half time.

Ben H made some good runs and nearly scored a long range shot following intelligent play by Harry L with an excellent pass. However Kineton scored two more goals which did not reflect the close encounter.

22nd March: Harbury Juniors 5 v Fenny Compton 1

Managed by Toby P and Ro F who motivated the team to a superb victory over Fenny Compton who had beaten us earlier in the season.

The game was very close in the initial session and, although Fenny scored first, Harbury responded with two goals from Josh C and Thomas M, who scored with an excellent volley. From then Harbury took control of the game with man of the match Ollie S making darting runs from defence, and with further goals from Ben H, 2 and Harry L, giving Harbury a comprehensive victory with the best display of the season.

Under 10's Match Reports: Bob Church

Harbury Juniors F.C. Under 10's cemented second place in their league with three wins from their final three matches of the season.

29th February: Leek Wooton 2 v Harbury Juniors 5

Ben HB with a hat trick, Charlie C with one goal and Sam C with a volleyed wonder strike and goal of the season contender securing a deserved 5 - 2 victory. Charlie C picked up the MOTM trophy.

8th March: Harbury Juniors 4 v Snitterfield 2

A very competitive match saw Harbury edge out Snitterfield by 4 goals to 2 with Ben HB and Charlie C with a brace each. Seb P picked up the MOTM.

15th March: Hillmorton 2 v Harbury Juniors 8

Harbury were dominant from the first whistle in this final match with Sam C firing Harbury into an early lead with another contender for goal of the season. Ben HB and Charlie C both collected well deserved hat tricks and Seb P with a goal direct from a corner made the final score a comfortable 8-2 win. The players were all awarded the 'MOTM' trophy for a solid team effort during which it was impossible to single out one individual.

Next season sees Harbury move up to 9-a-side matches with fixtures reverting to Sunday afternoon kick-offs and home games remaining at Bishops Itchington School.

Overall Harbury Juniors enjoyed a very competitive season and fully deserved their second place in the league. The team has come on such a long way since last season, implementing the pitch skills they have learnt and practiced in training. The players have further gelled together and there is a real sense of team spirit. The players have been a joy to coach over the course of the season!

Under 11's Match Reports: Ian Jones

2nd March: Cubbington Albion 0 v Harbury Juniors 5

A good win in terrible conditions on a poor pitch. The team battled well in all areas and were deserved winners. Great to see Jared R getting on the score sheet for the first time to cement his MOTM performance. Morgan J made a valued contribution with a hat trick and Daniel C also scored. A good solid performance in the wind and rain.

9th March: Harbury Juniors 1 v Kenilworth Town Colts 3

A disappointing performance today. Having secured a good away victory earlier in the season the team must have thought this would be easy. As a result, the team was slow to get going and allowed Kenilworth to get on top and stay there. When Harbury did finally get going, the challenge was too hard. Josh B stepped up and took his goal well.

16th March: Harbury Juniors 6 v Balsall and Berkswell 1

After the disappointment of the performance and result against Kenilworth, the team needed to bounce back with a solid performance. The team was fantastic today, the desire and determination to win the ball and play football was there for all to see. By far the best performance of the season. The team members showed the coaches and spectators what they are capable of when they apply themselves.

Two goals from Morgan J, two for Josh B and one each from Jack D and Liam O were all well deserved. Jack D won the MOTM today for his work-rate leading the line and sheer determination to chase everything.

A brilliant performance; the challenge now will be to replicate this level of performance every week to be consistently good. Well done Harbury!

23rd March: Harbury Juniors 1 v Hillmorton 3

Will the real Harbury please stand up? Expectations were high for another good performance following the great game against Berkswell the week before. However, it was a case of one step forward two steps back as Harbury were slow to get going and the levels of commitment and desire to win the ball were poor in the first half.

A stern talking to at half time worked and the performance level was upped in the second half. Harbury got it back to 2-1 early in the second half with a Cameron D goal and were having most of the possession now. Lady Luck wasn't about as the ball just wouldn't drop to allow Harbury to capitalise on their possession. Hillmorton scored from a free kick on the edge of the area and it was always going to be hard to get back into the game from 3-1. Harbury showed courage to keep on pressing until the final whistle. The team showed up in the second half but it was too little too late. Oliver K won MOTM match today for his good battling and carrying of the ball.



Harbury 58 Barton-under-Needwood 0

Midlands 4 West (South)

Harbury produced probably their best performance of the season with a comprehensive destruction of fourth placed Barton, who had defeated them earlier in the season. The result not only put the visitors out of the running for promotion but, with Redditch's defeat of Atherstone, ensured that both Harbury and Woodrush are promoted.

Harbury were well aware of the threat that Barton could bring, particularly through their sharp backline. They took advantage of a strong wind and took the game to the visitors. Harbury's total dominance in set play and at the breakdown provided an uncomfortable first half for the visitors.

The pack drove Barton back at a set scrum after just five minutes of play and were unlucky not to score. This was quickly resolved as Gaz Evans took a sharp pass and crossed for a try after eight minutes. Quick thinking by flanker Chris Milburn saw him finish off some excellent work by the pack, outside half Russ Clarke adding the conversion. The superb display by the forwards provided quality ball for the backs and wing Ricky Alford cut through to score a third try - and all this in the opening quarter. Another excellent line out steal saw Milburn adding his second try, converted by Clarke for the

fourth try and bonus point after just 30 minutes of play. Evans too added to his tally with a further forward try to put his side 29-0 ahead at the break.

Barton may have thought that with the wind in their favour they could stage a comeback. Harbury though had other ideas and used their rampant forwards to provide excellent ball for the three quarters combined with excellent offloading proved to be just too much for the opposition. A classic backs' move with the ball, moved quickly to right wing Mark Anderson, enabled him to use his pace to go round the cover and score. Centre Steve Alford took an excellent offload from the back row and chose a fine line to score beneath the posts. Clarke added the conversion. Rob Shuttleworth showed pace and clever footwork to add a fine individual try. This was added to through another excellent try from Andy Sandford, converted by Clarke.

Barton tried to rally their game in the dying minutes, but superb defence, (typified by man of the match Shane Dunne who showed great form following his gradual rehabilitation), prevented this and left the visitors scoreless. An outstanding and thoroughly deserved victory which takes Harbury level with Woodrush on league points. Harbury though will rue not preventing Woodrush a try bonus point as they both enter the final two matches of the season. Whilst both sides need to win their remaining matches, should they remain on the same number of league points, then Woodrush's superior points for and against difference is so significant that there is absolutely no likelihood of them being overhauled for the championship, unless, of course, Harbury gain maximum points from both games and Woodrush fail to gain a bonus point in their games - which with their present momentum is unlikely.



Harbury Tennis Club

Colin and Sue Mercer

www.tennis-today.net/harbury

For various reasons the Club's singles and doubles tournaments weren't completed in 2013 but we've managed to get enough decent weather to put that right. Caroline Morland won the ladies' singles title with Sue Panton runner-up, with Helen Cooper and Angie Clifton lifting the ladies' doubles title. In the men's tournaments Steve Fitzgerald had an excellent month partnering Robert Stockdale to win the doubles and then beating Colin Mercer to win the singles - well played Steve!



Mens & Ladies Singles Winners

In the Banbury Leagues Harbury completed a very successful season winning Division 4 of the weekend league and coming second in the floodlit league, also Division 4. The weekend format really couldn't have been closer with Harbury (Caroline Morland, Sue Panton, Geoff Prince and Colin Mercer) going into the final match against third placed Byfield needing to win 3 of 8 sets to secure enough points to overhaul leaders Middleton Cheney. Byfield were also in with a chance of promotion and did their utmost to make things complicated by winning 6-2. That left Harbury and Middleton Cheney on level points with Byfield just one point behind. The title was therefore decided on the basis of number of games won which went in Harbury's favour!



Ladies Doubles



Mens Doubles Winners

The outcome of the floodlit league was also between Harbury and Middleton Cheney. Three matches were played in March the first being against Deddington, and the Harbury four of Debs Brookes, Karen and David Bristow and Colin Mercer were too strong for the visitors winning comfortably 8-0 to consolidate second place in the league. The next match was at Middleton Cheney with Harbury needing to win to stand any chance of taking the league title. It started off well with Caroline Morland and Sue Panton completing a 6-2, 6-2 win. Steve Stark and Colin Mercer were going well in the men's doubles set but unfortunately Steve suffered a very painful knee injury in the first set which prevented him from taking any further part in the match. In the mixed doubles Sue and Colin won their first set but narrowly lost a long and close tie-break in the second set which gave the home team a 5-3 win to remain unbeaten and deservedly win the title. Harbury finished the winter season in fine style with Caroline, Debs, Geoff Prince and Colin overcoming Towcester by 8-0 to clinch second place and promotion. We now have a two week rest before the summer season starts!

April is **National Mini Tennis Month** and as our contribution the Club is running a **Parent & Child** session on Wednesday 23rd April between 3.30 and 5.00 pm with Sue Panton leading. Mini Tennis is the perfect family introduction to tennis and a fun way to develop your child's/grandchild's (and your!) co-ordination, ball awareness and basic tennis skills using smaller courts and lower bouncing balls. It's free, no booking required and all equipment will be provided - just turn up and wear something comfortable, no heels or flip flops!! For more details contact Sue Mercer on 01926 613284.

Still on the Junior front, Tennisolutions are running Easter Tennis Camps during the school holidays between 14th - 17th and 22nd - 25th April. For more details of the camps and the summer programme please contact Lucy at admin@tennisolutions.co.uk or call on 07966 665291.



Harbury Toddler Group

Lynne Barton

We are delighted to meet lots of lovely babies, children and families from the village and beyond; it is a great privilege to be a small part of their growing and learning.

We continue to try and have lots of different activities available, cardboard dens providing a hidey hole, cake decorating and dinosaur music shakers. We are always looking to increase and refresh our toy store so if you have any toys that your child has outgrown we will be pleased to give them a home or raise money by selling them at local table top sales.

On **Monday 14th April**, we have a **Tumble Tots** session. For the first hour our room will be transformed, by the Tumble Tots Co-ordinator, Laura through the use of specifically designed equipment to help your child climb, crawl, wriggle and hop.

This session will be tailored just for our group and Laura has already been to visit so that she can plan what to bring. The session will help boost confidence, develop coordination and balance skills and be generally physical, playful and fun.

Please note that we will not be opening on **21st April, 5th May and 26th May**.

But as always, we warmly welcome mums, dads, grandparents, childminders, carers and children under five. We open our doors every Monday at 9.30am and finish at 11.15am.

Need more information or would like to just say hello before you come? Then please do ring Lynne Barton on 01926 612748 or email lynnebarton@btinternet.com



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New Starter: We are delighted to welcome Hugo, who joined us during March and settled in very quickly with his new friends.

Shopping: At the beginning of the month, the children took it in turns to go with their keyworker to the village shops. Before setting out, they each made a shopping list at the graphics table and were encouraged to search in the shops for the items on their list, before taking them to the checkout and paying for them.



Warwick the Bear: We were very pleased when Caroline McCluskey came with Warwick the Bear, to talk to the children about road safety awareness. The children then put into practice what they had learned, as they stopped, looked, listened and thought each time they needed to cross a road between the shops and also at our own road in the outdoor classroom.



Buildings: While out and about in the village, the children were able to look at the environment and various local landmarks. Later they recreated what they had experienced with some fantastic 3-D models of buildings, further inspired by photographs of their own and other homes in the village.

Their ICT skills were demonstrated as they created their own buildings on the computer.

Role Play: Continuing with the shopping theme, a role play grocery shop was set up, where the children made lists and selected their groceries before taking them to the till to be scanned and paid for. Their ideas for the shop were enhanced by their earlier visits to the local shops and they enjoyed working as shop assistants and at the checkout, as well as doing the shopping.



Mothers' Day: As spring started to make an appearance outside, the children learned about spring flowers and produced some beautiful observational paintings of fresh flowers. They then continued these paintings on cards, before adding a message about why their mummy was special and "writing" their own message for Mothering Sunday. To go with the cards, the children decorated small boxes into which they put a specially chosen chocolate treat. We assume that these all reached the intended recipient!



Story Tent: A pop-up tent proved a popular addition to the book area, encouraging the sharing of books, quiet reading and the use of our story bags.

Shapes: Circles, squares, rectangles and triangles, as well as other shapes, came into many of the activities and the children particularly enjoyed using a variety of different shaped objects to make prints in both large and small scale.

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 07907 598461 or look at the website www.harburypre-school.org.uk



In Nursery

At Windmills we've celebrated Pancake Day and World Book Day. In French the children have been learning about colours, fruit and vegetables. Nursery activities have included making mashed potato snowmen and producing a gift for Mothers' Day. With Easter just round the corner the children are now involved in lots of Easter activities in preparation for the Easter egg hunt and Easter party at the end of term.

Some comments from our children:

World Book Day: James (discussing his book *The Tiger Who Came to Tea*) – "I'm a tiger. There are no more tigers in London. They got big teeth and they go RAH! My tiger, it got stripey bits. The tiger is drinking a cup of tea! Now he eating the cakes! He looks like me – that stripes".



Mashed Potato Snowmen: Amber – "Look at my snowman. I got buttons on. One, two eyes. Raisin eyes. That nose is like a bit of pepper (orange peel). He will melt soon, my snowman, but it not real snow, it 'tending".



Mothers' Day Flowers: Jack – "My Mummy will say wow, wow look at that. That's beautiful. Thank you". Trip to Japan – "I saw lots of friends in Japan. It's a long way. I was on the aeroplane for a long time".

Pets: Evan – “I’ve got two kittens at my house – a tabby one and a black one. They are friendly kittens. They sleep on their new blankets. I play with them with a wind-up mouse”.

Pancake Day: Luke (sprinkling sugar) – “Sprinkles, sticky. I eat it”.



Dates for the Diary

Easter Party – Monday 7th April in Nursery.

Easter Holidays – Windmills closes on Thursday 10th April at 3pm and reopens on Monday 28th April at 9.05am.

Bag2School – w/c Monday 30th June. Please bring filled bags to Windmills Nursery or 10 Constance Drive. Please ring 613084 if you need help collecting.

To register a nursery place for your child ring the administrator on 01926 613084, email info@windmillsnursery.co.uk, visit our website www.windmillsnursery.co.uk or call the nursery on 07906 519148.



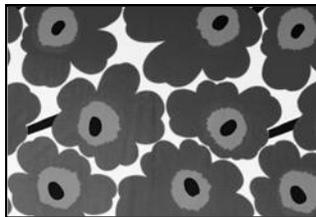
Harbury Primary School

David Cousens

It has been a super couple of weeks. The sun has been shining, all of the hard work from the Earthworms club has begun to bloom and last week we had our International week in school. This week celebrated the links we have with our Comenius partner schools and meant that we could learn about and celebrate different aspects of their countries and culture. For example Reception made models of buildings in Paris including a fantastic Lego Eiffel Tower, Year 1 created some fantastic wintery pictures based upon Finland,

and experienced a French breakfast. Year 2 learnt a wonderful French song in which they not only sounded very musical but they now also know the French words for different parts of a lark!

In the Juniors, Year 3 studied the art work of the Finnish design house Marimekko and created their own designs based upon this – these can be found outside my office. Year 4 performed a brilliant and very cheerful German song and also found out lots of geographical facts about the country. In Year 5 they produced some wonderful Gaudi inspired mosaics and created PowerPoints about different aspects of Spain. Year 6 studied Finnish Folk art and created some excellent images based on this. Throughout the week lots of fantastic work was completed and the children had a lot of fun learning about some of our European neighbours.



An example of art work from the Finnish Design House Marimekko

Earthworms

A massive thanks to Mr Chapman and all the Earthworm's volunteers, as last weekend a lot of work was done to improve the green areas of the school and, now spring is blooming, it looks fabulous. Thanks to Mr Taylor who helped sort out the Y6 garden and his daughter Bethany who cleared part of the area outside Windmills as part of her Duke of Edinburgh work. Mrs Lines and Eloise tidied the willow tunnel area whilst the Frenndt family weeded and dead-headed the herb garden, and made inroads into the Infant woodland area. Once again many thanks to all of the volunteers who help to keep the school looking as fantastic as it does. If there are any other adults who would like to volunteer please let me know

Cross Country Report by Eleanor G and Katie C

On Saturday 15th March the School's Cross Country team ran at Newbold Comyn. With the top 20 getting the chance to run for the Central Warwickshire Cross Country Team. The top 20 included three from Harbury; Seb who came 16th, Jacob who came 20th and Millie who amazingly came 3rd in the girls' race. We all ran really well and luckily the weather held out. We couldn't have done it without the help of Mr Cousens and the brilliant Mrs Tawney.

The School Kitchen

Recently the Health Environment Officer visited our school kitchens and awarded them a 5 star rating—the highest award possible. A huge well done to all of the kitchen staff for this and all the work they do providing lunches for the children of our school.

Holiday Club at Harbury School

From July 2014 Kids Club will be running school holiday clubs for children aged 3 - 12 years. The holiday clubs will be open 8am - 6pm,

Monday - Friday, and will be open during each school holiday. Kids club will also be open 8am - 6pm for all teacher training days.

For more information contact Lynn Hill 07702 898171 or email lynnhill7@hotmail.com



Village Hall Update

Chris Finch

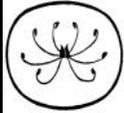
Sometimes NO NEWS is GOOD NEWS, but at other times, it would be useful to have a bit more updated information about the sources of funding, which might be available in support of the Village Hall's development plans. There is a CHANCE that we might be in line for support from a Section 106 grant, which could then lead us on to apply for additional funding on the basis that we have secured a significant promise from one source. It's like playing a waiting game where someone else holds all the vital cards and we are just hoping for the one ACE, which could propel us further towards our game plan and ultimate success?

According to our Chairman, the past month has seen a 'quiescent period' on the funding front and everyone is holding their breath that the NEWS we would love to hear might shortly be forthcoming? In the meantime, it is encouraging to know that income from hirers of the Hall in 2013 was **14% up on the previous year** and the Feed in Tariff received from the solar panels has resulted in double the outlay for energy, so they have proved an excellent investment. For every 'upside' there is sometimes a 'downside' and the Hall will be losing its income from the ORANGE mobile phone mast, in the near future, as the company will be removing it, as a result of reorganisation.



The Village Hall is obliged to hold an AGM every year, to explain the decisions taken about the building on behalf of the community and the existing committees would be most encouraged to find members of the public attending the AGM on **Monday 28th April at 7.30pm**. If you want to learn more about the running of the Hall and proposals for its future, please attend this meeting and give your views.

The next major fund-raising event will be the **HARBURY GAMES on 28th June** on the playing fields. The organisers guarantee a very enjoyable event, if previous years are anything to go by, so note the date in your diary and come along to witness incredible performances in all manner of 'sports' from a complete cross section of 'village people'. There could even be a group which chooses to reprise the song YMCA during the day???



Again almost 50 members came to the last meeting in March. This was the second visit from Rob and Diane Cole who own Meadow Farm near Feckenham. The last time they came they spoke about moving to their present location and the birth of a dream. They have been there for over 10 years now and have changed a once empty field into a paradise of plants together with a nursery.

The topic was summer perennials and we were shown how these plants developed during June, July and August. The vibrant colours of aquilegia crimson star contrasted with hardy geraniums in all shades of blue. Then there was a backdrop of tall alliums and oriental poppies. The under planting of violas, a strain they developed, had companion plantings of campanulas.

The whole of the garden is planted in huge drifts of plants you would not think would go together but do, with something different around every turn to tempt you on. Clematis, a white variety interwoven with shrubs. My favourite, the foxglove, stood very regally and such lovely colours from pink to red. Mixed in we saw tall wavy spires of bronze fennel, very effective. All colours of penstemon and irises were combined with lychnis. Tall kniphofias, of which they are both very fond but I must admit I struggle to admire, did look stunning with phlomis, the Russian sage. Also tall spires of delphinium and salvias stood out well amongst shorter plants such as galega or goats root, a member of the pea family (a new plant to me but worth a try). Lots more campanulas and red monardas together with a variety of colourful phloxes was a very good combination. The hostas we saw were in splendid shape with no hint of snails chewing leaves etc. The large variety Frances Williams, a favourite of mine, with huge showy greeny blue leaves was very striking.

On a west facing slope there were very many day lilies with some lovely primulas, the florindae variety like the candelabra ones. These are near to a stream so have the best possible conditions to thrive. A bridge has been built which just fits in so well with the plants. There are dry beds too. Groups of grasses fitted in with achilleas, eryngiums.. incidentally the stories about Ellen Wilmott scattering seeds of this plant whenever she visited gardens are not true as the plants are very spiky and therefore not possible to take out the seeds..... another little snippet we learned!! Half way through summer and the garden is overflowing with shape, texture and colour. Rob and Diane are continually cleaning out old flowering plants and cutting back, where do they get their energy from? It obviously pays dividends as the colours continued for many more weeks right through to September and in some cases October.

Another lovely combination was silver leaved artemesia with acanthus otherwise known as bears breeches!!!! Again more clematis and grasses. The garden photographer, Clive Nicholls on his way to another garden, arrived at Meadow Farm by mistake and ended up staying most of the day to photograph the garden. These photos were included in the RHS magazine The Garden a couple of years ago.

By August the dahlias have come into their own. A new introduction is Arabian night and is becoming very popular. The dahlia has come full circle as it went out of fashion for a while but with the introduction of the Bishop of Landaff and other similar names it is here to stay. The heleniums are by now a mass of yellows and oranges with more day lilies and ligularia. The bronzes mix so well with the sun flowers. Phlox are still in flower and mix well with golden rod. Rob stressed that it is very important to be continually dead heading. Throughout the garden there are statues and pots to give focal points.

This certainly is a garden well worth visiting and I feel a trip next year would be very well received. Rob took questions after his wonderful talk and I look forward to inviting him back again.

Talking of trips I have plenty of spaces left for both of this year's days out. The first one on Wednesday 11th June is to a National Trust property, a hidden gem, Dudmaston Estate near Bridgnorth then after lunch onto Bodenham Arboretum just a few minutes away. I have arranged for a short guided tour by the owner James, it does look lovely. The cost for this is £22 and we leave the Village Hall at 9.00am. The second trip is now on Wednesday 16th July, to the Sir Harold Hillier Gardens near Romsey. I had booked it for the next day Thursday 17th but I received an email to say that on 17th there were celebrations to mark a 150th anniversary and there would be 12 coaches and half of the catering facilities would not be open to visitors. As they were expecting huge crowds I contacted the gardens and the person I spoke to was very apologetic, he did not know about these planned celebrations when I booked so, after talking to Cheney Coaches, I re arranged it to the day before. This happened after my last article and after our meeting; I have managed to contact most people who have put names down to go, so I apologise for the slight alteration. Anyway this will be a full day there, leaving the Village Hall at 9.00am and the cost is £23. If you are interested in joining us, please phone me and I shall be delighted to include you.

Our next meeting is on 6th May, the last of the season, where has the time gone? The speaker will be Helen Picton from Old Court Nurseries, Colwall near Malvern. The nursery specialises in Michaelmas Daisies and the title of Helen's talk is Daisy Days. A first visit from her and it would be lovely to see everyone.

Just a few suggestions for visits etc. On Friday 25th April from 10.00am to 1.00pm there will be a specialist plant fair at the Coach House,

Ampney Crucis (3 miles from Cirencester on the A417 to Lechlade). Admission is £5 but the money raised is for a local charity, The James Hopkins Trust. In the past they have raised over £7000.00 for Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital. Just a little further away there is a massive plant sale on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th April at West Kington Nurseries, West Kington, Chippenham. Follow the signs from A420 near Marshfield. Here are a huge range of plants covering 10 acres, perennials, roses, shrubs, trees etc. Hot food available and expert plant advice. Entry is free so make a day of it.

There will be a spring garden Festival at Coughton Court on 19th and 20th April between 12.00 and 5.00pm. The National Daffodil Society is hosting the event here for the first time. It is a super place to visit and where my brother and I used to play as children when we could avoid the Dowager Lady Isabel Throckmorton.

There are two villages nearby having open gardens: the first one is at Blockley very close to Moreton in Marsh, on Sunday 27th April, many diverse gardens will be open plus refreshments between 2.00 and 6.00pm. The second on the same day, Stretton on Fosse are hosting many open gardens with refreshments the same opening times so you are spoilt for choice.

Let's hope the warm weather soon comes back, it was lovely to be able to dig over soil and have the pleasure of planning where to plant various vegetables etc. Whatever you do in the next month, enjoy our lovely gardens be it at home or on garden visits. I look forward to seeing everyone at the last of the meetings in May.



Nature Notes

John Hancock

Sharon and I visited our old Harbury neighbours, Walter and Elizabeth Bitterli, in early March. They had moved back to Switzerland some years ago and were living in the Bernese Oberland close to the village of Lenk. The train journey from Geneva, including two changes, went seamlessly in typical Swiss fashion. The alpine scenery was magnificent, helped by the blue sky and sunshine. Lenk is the end of the line which climbs through the woods and snowfields beside the River Simme. Beyond is the main ridge of the Pennine Alps with the Wildstrubel and a clutch of other 3000 metre peaks as a backdrop. Luckily our stay coincided with perfect high pressure weather which Warwickshire enjoyed as well.

We saw some of the Simmental cattle for which the area is famous. Later they will leave their winter quarters and climb up winding tracks to the lush upland pastures at present deeply covered in snow. Using funiculars to access feasible walking areas on each side of the valley we managed a decent walk on each day we were there. Some natural history highlights included a pair of deer seen in a forest clearing, several Small Tortoiseshell

butterflies and a patch of Coltsfoot pushing through the ground on a sunny bank.

On Monday 17th March, Warwick District U3A Natural History Group paid a visit to Broughton Grounds Farm near Banbury. Many of you have visited Broughton Castle, a 14th century moated manor house which featured in the film 'Shakespeare in Love'. The farm lies north west of the Castle Park, a little further up Sor Brook at map reference SP406395 (OS sheet 151). We were made very welcome by Andy, Margaret and James Taylor who run the farm as tenants, it being part of the Castle estate. We timed our visit between two phases of lambing. About 100 ewes had already given birth and, at the end of March, the remainder of the flock were due to produce. Lots of chickens were free-ranging around the farmyard. Down near the brook, a stand of poplars gave off an orange glow from their mass of flowers. They had been planted as a crop to provide pit props. With no coal mines to service, the plan now is to use the wood for matches. Across the brook, marshland was planted with willows which in 20 years will be cut and used to make cricket bats.

A fast flowing leat led to the site of a fulling mill at the deserted hamlet of Hazelford. Margaret Taylor had done some research into this vanished community. On the way were some steepish banks which will be worth visiting in June when they are a cornucopia of wild flowers. Large areas of the farm are open access countryside and in 2006 it was awarded Higher Level Stewardship Status. The last residents left Hazelford in 1914. We wandered over to look at the millrace. Just two ivy clad walls remain of one of the buildings. When in its prime in the 18th and 19th centuries as a paper making complex, it would have been a noisy place but now it is a quiet corner of North Oxfordshire. In the 1841 census, the population was 17. There were 4 households, 3 of which were papermakers. In those times, paper was made from pulped rags which were cleaned using Fullers Earth and then pressed to remove water. Today's surnames, Fuller, Walker and Tucker all date back to the cloth and paper industries of olden times.

Today, 23rd March, a cool north-westerly breeze continues. It has been generally dry after heavy, if fleeting, showers during the past week. The display of spring flowers - primrose, violet and daffodil in Harbury churchyard is now at its best. Some hedges are leafing up and the shades of green are a delight to observe. Frogs are on the move though I have only as yet seen those killed on the roads. Despite searching several country ponds I have no frogspawn to report. Garden ponds are a great sanctuary for amphibians and I am sure soon someone will tell me that they have frogspawn to view.



A Harbury garden following a recent severe hail storm

I searched for Spurge-laurel at Harbury Spoil bank on my way back from Southam this morning. This small shrub is one of our two native Daphnes. It has evergreen fleshy leaves and flowers which are clusters of small, greenish yellow blooms. I found two specimens but they were just out of reach over a fence on private land. Spurge-laurel likes shade and calcareous ground. I resolved that I would walk through Harbury Spinney which grows on spoil from the cutting and would fit the bill. Sure enough, I found two substantial specimens for all to see. The flowers give out a scent in the evening which is said to attract pollinating moths.

Rooks south of Holmes House were noisily renovating their nests yesterday. I noticed a pigeon's egg had been predated beneath the cypress trees near Bury Barn so nesting and egg-laying have commenced. Several villagers have reported seeing red kites near Harbury. They must compete for carrion with buzzards which are well entrenched locally.

Now, a mystery. Alan and Betty Barr handed me a plastic container. In it was a fibrous ribbed mat which I would describe as a cocoon. They had found this between two pieces of wood in the garden shed. A large maggot had emerged from it. The word 'maggot' is a rather non scientific name generally attaching to the larvae of flies. It is likely the larvae (more emerged over the next few days) are of a wood boring insect. I shall see if an entomologist can shed any light on the subject.

Around bridge 28 on the Grand Union Canal, close to Bascote top lock, is an extending patch of white violets. No need to go even that far as violets of both colours can be seen on verges approaching both Ladbroke and Harbury. Spring lies ahead in all its wonderful variety. Enjoy the unfolding colour in our landscape.



General Section

Remembering Shirley

On a bright sunny morning, David and I arrived at an East Riding village church, for a service to celebrate the life of Shirley Petch. Many will remember the influence Shirley, her husband Howard and their three children, Craig, Tracey and Gavin, had on Harbury. Howard brought his family to live here after he became Vice Principal of Moreton Morrell Agricultural College in 1979. They lived in the centre of the village in Corner Cottage. To start with all was well. They settled in happily, then when Tracey was three, tragedy struck. Tracey was diagnosed with a large brain tumour. Surgery and the added complication of meningitis resulted in severe brain damage. The family was devastated. However, anxious to do whatever they could to help their daughter, Howard and Shirley felt that some aid with suggested therapy sessions might help Tracey to make progress. A rota system developed when, from Monday to Friday, twice in the morning and

twice in the afternoon, volunteers with some training from professionals, would work with Tracey. Whilst Shirley only ever needed to ask the first person, over the next four years, more than two hundred people took part. Harbury showed its supportive spirit in a very caring and practical way. Soon after Tracey's surgery, Shirley and Howard, independently, found a deeper and life changing Christian faith. This has sustained both of them and their ability to share it with others has been a real help to many, including myself. In 1985 Howard moved to Yorkshire to become Principal of Bishop Burton College and the family moved to the small village of Cherry Burton nearby. Many of us have kept in touch and have been inspired by what we've heard through the years. Shirley was a strong and devoted wife and mother to her children, totally supporting Howard in his professional and Christian work, as well as a full time carer for Tracey. Once Tracey became a young adult, it was decided she needed the care from a special home. Shirley had become increasingly incapacitated from a painful medical problem, which necessitated her remaining at home for much of the time. There she developed a deep prayer life and her help and counsel were sought by many. Howard told me that the love she showed others and the wisdom and discernment she displayed were amazing. It was obvious, from the many attending the service, that Shirley was much loved by all her knew her.

Shirley, aged only 65, died from a sudden and unexpected heart attack, in the middle of the night. I spoke to Howard three days after and he told me something that happened the night Shirley died, that he would like to share with people he knew in Harbury. The inclusion of it in this article seems a good way to do this.

The night of Shirley's death, the night staff looking after Tracey reported that she had been unusually disturbed, even distressed to the point of shedding real tears. In their experience, no one had seen that happen before. Tracey didn't cry real tears. In the morning following Shirley's death, Howard phoned the home to speak to Tracey's day time carer to tell her that Shirley had died. He told me she broke down in tears and it was some time before he could speak to her. She then told him about Tracey's tears and about a dream she had had that night. I met this lovely young Filipino woman at the service and in her words, as accurately as I can recall, this is what she told me. "It must have been a dream, but Mrs. Petch came to me in my room. I saw her and I said, 'Mrs. Petch.' She said 'I'm so sorry to wake you, but I want to thank you for looking after Tracey.' Then it was 7 o'clock and I had to get up quickly for work." No wonder she was moved so much when Howard phoned to tell her what had happened. The service arranged for Shirley was a fitting tribute to her, sincere, moving and faith filled. Howard is surrounded by a caring village community and a wonderful church; his sons and daughter-in-law are strong family supports and Tracey will continue to be loved by her family and many others and be cared for by her devoted carer. To all those who knew them, please let us hold them all in our thoughts and prayers.

Jill Winter

Temporary Closure of Church Street

Church Street will be closed from 28th April 2014 for approximately four days to safely facilitate a new gas connection. It is anticipated that work will be completed by 1st May 2014. Pedestrian access to and egress from properties and land situated adjacent to the length of road will be maintained at all times. Vehicular access will be maintained where possible.

The contractor is Balfour Beatty on behalf of National Grid Gas (0800 121 4444). The contact at WCC is Julie Ashley, Transport Planning (01926 412515).

WCC apologises for any inconvenience.

Harbury Parish Council (on behalf of WCC)



Blood Donors

Last month's session produced 94 units – 16 fewer than last time but nonetheless a very welcome contribution to the 7,000 a day used nationally. The West Midlands region alone uses 230,000 units a year!

If, like me, you tried to make an appointment and were told the session was full, could you please let me know? I am trying to convince the Birmingham centre that we have enough support to warrant a bigger team coming to Harbury. Incidentally, I went without an appointment and only had a short wait – worth trying. The next session will be on Thursday 10th July.

Gillian Hare, 614809



Ballroom Dancing

The Harbury Ballroom Dancing group ventured out to a charity dance at the Assembly rooms recently. We all had a great evening - just about held our own, but there were some very good dancers there on the night. Very inspiring. If anyone would like to join us, we dance on Wednesdays at the Village Hall, 7.30pm. We are always keen to have new members, so come and try it out. (You do need to bring a partner though.) Anyone interested contact Jo Marston 613341.



Jo Marston

Running the London Marathon for ELF

On the 13th April, I will run the London Marathon and, in the process, I'm hoping to raise as much money as possible for a charity called The Elimination of Leukaemia Fund, or ELF for short. It is a fairly small charity, focused on the support of patients with leukaemia, through funding of research and facilities, and improving the lives of patients with leukaemia – <http://www.leukaemiafund.org.uk/>

It has been a long wet winter, and I seem to have spent most of my evenings trotting around the streets of Harbury in a high visibility jacket in preparation. The recent longer days and drier weather have come along none too soon, especially welcome as my weekend long runs have been creeping up towards marathon distance. By all accounts, the crowds along the route of the marathon really help keep you going, even when you're flagging. Despite that and all the training, it is still going to be a long old 26 miles.

There are a few ways to contribute if you wish.

- I have set up a charity collections page <http://virginmoneygiving.com/waynemcelfatrick>
- Rob and Libby at Cana wines have agreed to have a sponsorship form, so you can pop in there to sign up
- Alternatively stop me in the street, give us a knock at Bull Ring cottage, or just shout some encouragement if you see me running past!

Thanks – and wish me luck.

Wayne McElfatrick



Harbury Art Group

Having had a couple of months without any meetings, we are looking forward eagerly to a Nick Baldwin workshop on **Thursday 3rd May**.

Nick is going to demonstrate an acrylic or oil painting at this session, and it's always interesting and sometimes surprising to see what subject he has chosen for us to try. If you would like to come along, the cost is £15 per person for this tutored session, which includes tea and coffee – bring your own materials and a packed lunch. We start promptly at 10am in the Tom Hauley Room, so please come along at about 9.45am to set up, and we finish at around 3pm.

Our untutored 'social' painting mornings will in future take place 'ad hoc' on those first Thursdays of the month when there is no tutor-led 'Nick' session. We are meeting for the first time this year on **Thursday 3rd April**, 9.45am to 12.45pm and have chosen the theme 'Reflections'. At these informal sessions you paint in whatever medium you choose, and you bring your own materials

and subject. The cost is just £5 per person to cover the room hire and tea/coffee. We are a small friendly group with a mixed level of abilities, and new members are always very welcome to join us.

If you would like more information about either the tutor-led workshops or social painting mornings, please contact Pam on 01926 814923 or email harburyart@hotmail.com

Pam McConnell



Harbury Village Library

Recently, Warwickshire Library Services have visited Harbury library and taken away any book which hadn't been loaned out in the last two years. So, we are due for a delivery of other books to replace them, which should arrive in the near future.

We've also had another delivery of brand new books for the Harbury Collection, bought with money from the Buy a Book Fund.

If you have read a book which you really enjoyed, why not tell others about it too, by participating in the Reader Recommendation scheme? Fill in a card saying why you liked the book and this will be put on display along with the book.

Date for your diary Wednesday April 23rd at 7pm when there will be a Literary Quiz, to be held in the library, to raise money for the Buy a Book Fund. The evening will cost £2 per person and consist of teams of four. Come as a team or we'll find you one when you arrive. Tickets will be available from the library.

Sue Wurr

Rural Oscars

The news is in! Bibilio's Café received a Highly Commended 2013 Start-Up Award in the Countryside Alliance Awards. We are delighted to have done so well amongst stiff competition and congratulate the regional champion Lechlade Festival, a much bigger operation and annual event. So, the question is; do we see if we can get even further next year... or wait awhile?

Easter holidays

As the Library will be closed in accordance with Warwickshire County public buildings, Biblio's will



not be open on Good Friday 18th or Saturday 19th April – but we will be open as normal during the rest of the school holidays.

Join us

We are always open to new volunteers to join the team. Please email: lynnbiblioscafe@gmail.com or leave your contact details with the café team.

Lynn Macwhinnie

Village with a Vision

No, we didn't go into hibernation over the winter! But things have been pretty quiet over the past few months. Hopefully this will change in the near future. In the meantime we'll be holding our AGM in the Tom Hauley Room on Wednesday 23rd April at 7.30pm; to which you are invited.

Tony Stubbs

Harbury Senior Citizens Committee Update - Summer Outing

This year we will be going somewhere further afield. We have chosen to go to Southsea on **Wednesday 18th June** and we will be leaving the Village Hall at 8:15am.

Quoting from the Southsea website it says:

“Southsea is a place that you'll never tire of; it's exciting, vibrant and entertaining. Southsea offers great museums, exciting places to visit and is home to some of the south coast's most historic sites. The shopping area provides a great mix of specialist, unique and boutique style shopping together with Debenhams and John Lewis department stores. When you add the beach and the great sea views to a great shopping experience you will certainly want to visit again and again.

Southsea provides two distinct shopping areas in close proximity to each other. The town centre shopping is located in and around the Palmerston Road pedestrian area. It is home to well known brands and has lots of places to enjoy a meal or take a break for coffee (and cake). The area is well served by public transport. Less than 5 minutes away from the Town Centre shops you'll find Albert Road which is home to the Kings Theatre. Albert Road provides for a different shopping offer. This area provides a wide and varied range of eateries and bars.

Between the sea and the shops you'll find the great and green open space 'Southsea Common'. Many of the major events that take place in Portsmouth are based on and around the Common and when not hosting an event it's a great place to stroll and take a break.”

Hopefully that says it all and if the weather is sunny then a day by the seaside sounds ideal.

We will be sending out invitations in April or early May. So we can get a good idea of the numbers of people who will be coming we would like you to return them to Mugleston's Country Fayre by **Friday 16th May**.

If you want to know anything about the outing please contact Julie Clarke on 612066 or me on 612421.

We will also be fundraising at the Carnival again this year by running a tombola stall. If you have any prizes we could use for the tombola we would be grateful for your donations.

Mike McBride

On behalf of the Harbury Senior Citizens Benefit Association



Harbury Pre-School Fundraising Group

Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who came along to our coffee morning on the 8th March. With your generosity we managed to raise a fantastic £284.

Upcoming events:

Bags to School Textile Collection - 17th June

We would be very grateful for any unwanted textiles such as linen, children's and adults clothing, paired shoes, soft toys, curtains, towels, handbags, belts etc.

BBQ at the Harbury Carnival - Saturday 14th June

80's Disco - Friday 11th July 8pm until 12pm in the Village Hall

Keep the date free and book your babysitter. Come and dance the night away reliving the 80's! Details available soon.

New members of the Fundraising group are always welcome. Please contact rosemaryscott4@gmail.com for more information.

Rosemary Scott



Bumps and Bundles

In celebration of Mother's Day at the end of the month, the mums had a special treat on the 25th March. There was Bucks Fizz (or Shloer), food and a hand or shoulder massage courtesy of Sarah Terry from Top to Toe Beauty (based in Chapel Street). Sarah was able to provide a really lovely treat for the mums with a bit of pampering while the children

played or slept. Everyone had a great time and it was such a lovely atmosphere.

If you have a bump, or a child up to about three years, do come along and join us; we meet every Tuesday in the Tom Hauley Room (behind the Church) from 10.30 - 12 noon, a great opportunity to meet new people and catch up with your friends. Dads and grandparents also welcome.

From all at Bumps



Prepare for Carnival – Saturday 14th June

It's not too soon to be thinking about the Carnival and how you might dress up.

The Big Parade assembles at 12 noon in Sutcliffe Drive to judge your entries.

There are coveted ribbons to be won for the first three places for most categories that include:

Trade Float

Independent Float

Children's Float

Decorated Bike/Pram/Car

Horse Drawn/Mounted/Lead

Walking Tableau Children 2-8 persons

Walking Tableau Children more than 8 persons

Walking Tableau Family

Walking Tableau Adults

Walking Adult

Walking Child

You too could have a 'wizard' of a time like the Float winners of last year (see photo).

Get your creative ideas up and running and prepare to make this a Parade to be hoorayed.



To book a stall/pitch on the field, please call Mike McBride on 612421.

To advertise in the Programme, call Julie Linforth on 613355.

To support the Raffle, (we would be delighted to receive any raffle prizes), call Haidee Powell on 612044.

And, any questions about the Carnival, John Broomfield, Carnival Committee Chairman, on 614258. He will be happy to provide whatever help he can.

And get your Barrows in!

As we are probably the only Carnival in the world with a Wheelbarrow Race, you can take part on Sunday 8th June, scheduled to start at the Gamecock this year. You will need to complete an entry form and pay the entrance fee BEFORE the day. Forms will be available in May from the pubs and Mike McBride on 612421. And Pub Games Week follows:

Monday 9th Aunt Sally – The Shakespeare

Tuesday 10th Horseshoes – The Crown

Wednesday 11th Skittles – The Old New Inn

Thursday 12th Quiz – The Village Club

Don't delay, put it all in the diary today!

Peter Walshe

On behalf of the Carnival Committee



Harbury Games – Latest News

With now only three months to go, excitement is building for this year's Heart of Harbury Games with its Commonwealth theme.

The Games will be held at the recreation ground on Saturday 28th June.

As promised last month we are now able to reveal our confirmed Team Champions!

They are: **Dayle Adams, Rob Darlison, Charlie Gladden, Andrew Hunt, Emily Jackson, Lesley Swann and Malcolm Tanner.**

These wonderful, committed individuals are dedicated to raising the performance of their teams as they just their way to the medals. Teams are composed of four groups: primary, secondary, women, and men.



Currently it may be difficult to actually get into a team, though if you are interested in participating, please contact Andrew Hunt on andrew.hunt@me.com



Heart of Harbury Games is all about raising money for the Village Hall Fund, at the same time as providing a great community day out. There are several opportunities for support and sponsorship: for details please contact Peter Walshe on peter.walshe@millwardbrown.com

Do visit our Facebook page – *Heart of Harbury Games* – and follow the action!

[photos here by Gael Conway]

Terry Hunt on behalf of the Games Masters

Harbury NSPCC Committee

Our next Ladies Lunch is on Thursday 8th May in the Tom Hauley Room. Starting time is **12.30pm** and tickets cost **£15** which included a two course lunch, a glass of wine plus tea or coffee.

Monica from Clarins in the House of Fraser shop in Leamington Spa is coming along to give us a talk on beauty products and make-up.

If you are interested in joining us please give Elaine Bruce a ring on 614664.

Elaine Bruce



Harbury Village Show

Planning for the show, to be held on Saturday 6th September, is moving on to the show schedule. It is hoped to have these ready after Easter, when (by kind permission) they will be available in the Library. Look out for the extra categories in the craft section – something for anyone creative.

There has been a query from a new exhibitor as to how to know the criteria on which judges base their opinions. These may sometimes seem rather harsh, but do enable them to uphold standards year on year. In response to this question, there will be a copy of the W.I. printed book “On with the Show” available for reference in the Library. As this is regularly updated, it is worth a look even by an experienced exhibitor. And please, if you are new to this game, **do** speak to me and I will do my best to refer you to the person with the answer. If new exhibitors are not encouraged the show will unavoidably decline.

Gillian Hare 614809, Show Steering Group



Wednesday Walkers

I can't say we have been dryshod very often this winter, but a long-suffering group have splashed through a lot of mud and apparently enjoyed it! Now, dare I say it, it is drying up and the countryside is very appealing with lambs, birdsong and fresh growth. So, if you would like to explore a bit but don't know where to go, do join us. We average four miles in two hours, sometimes with a pub lunch, and we guarantee you will meet at least one new friend. Details on the diary page or give one of us a call.

Gillian Hare, 614809
Pam Parton, 614188

The Bell Inn, Ladbroke



After several months closure, The Bell Inn changed hands and re-opened last August under the management of Huw and Ruth Griffiths in a joint partnership with Huw's parents. Whilst Huw was born and brought up in Warwickshire he did not know Ladbroke before moving into the Village. He grew up in the trade as his parents managed a number of pubs and they currently run The Rose Inn at Willoughby.

Following University where Huw and Ruth met, Huw helped with the family business in Warwick. In 2007 he was approached to join a partnership to launch "Petit Gourmand", a French restaurant in Kenilworth which he fronted for two years. Whilst under his management, the restaurant earned 'Best Newcomer' in the Metro's Food and Drink Awards and also 'Restaurant of the Year 2008' in the Warwickshire Life Awards. He left the restaurant in 2010 to further his career.

Ruth is a farmer's daughter originally from Staffordshire, for her this is a new venture. She brings her marketing skills to the business as well as having the ideas for the décor in the Pub.

Huw and Ruth employ three chefs along with a Bar Manager; and a number of waiting staff. All the menu offerings are freshly home produced using the best quality and responsibly sourced ingredients. Their menu includes everyday favourites such as fish and chips, the Bell Inn Burger and a selection of freshly made sandwiches as well as more complex dishes which combine great flavours and culinary skill.

The restaurant at The Bell Inn can accommodate 70 covers, food is also available for those who prefer to eat in the bar area. There is outside seating

for those warm sunny days. In addition to the à la carte and bar menus, they also have a Prix Fixe menu which offers great value for money – 2 courses for £11.95 / 3 courses £15.95. This menu is available lunchtimes Tuesday to Saturday plus Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

As The Bell Inn is a Free House, Huw can source beers from where he wishes and currently available are a number of beers from the Ringwood Brewery in Hampshire. These are supplemented by a well-stocked bar including lagers, Guinness, wines and spirits.



They have hosted a number of events in the pub and more are planned including a Wine Tasting, Tapas evening, and Burger Night every Wednesday. A number of local groups and organisations have visited the pub to eat the last being Grandborough WI. They also take bookings for private parties and functions.

Huw and Ruth are enjoying living in Ladbroke and appreciate the support they have received from villagers. Their one year old son Harry very much enjoys the attention he receives from the locals, as does their cocker spaniel Milly.

Further details of their menus and events can be found at www.thebellinnladbroke.co.uk. You can also sign up to The Bell Inn email newsletter to stay informed of upcoming events, offers and new menus.

Huw and Ruth look forward to welcoming you and I am sure you will agree that the pub is well worth a visit. The opening and food service times are:

Tuesday – Saturday 12.00 – 3.00pm, food served 12.00 – 2.30pm, Evening open 5.30 – 11.00pm, food served 6.30 to 9.30pm

Sunday – 12.00 – 4.00pm, food served 12.00 – 3.00pm

Closed Mondays

The Bell Inn, Banbury Road, Ladbroke, Southam CV47 2BY Tel: 01926 811224

John Holden

Harbury Based Flyball Team Placed Third at Crufts

On 8th March, Warwickshire Whizzkids flyball team, which trains at Harbury Rugby Club, was placed third in the Young Kennel Club Flyball competition at Crufts 2014. Flyball is a fast paced, exciting, and very noisy relay race in which teams of dogs and their handlers compete over a course of hurdles,

and the fastest team to correctly complete the course wins the race. The Whizzkids qualified for this prestigious event in May 2013, and raced against other junior teams from all over the country.



L-R Abbie Reynolds-Dobson with Ebb, Abi Macauley with Rueben, Jo Hicks, Sam Leach with Greg, Keris Reynolds-Dobson with Marley, Rebekah Dimmock, Joanne Tunbridge, Charlotte Paynter with Toby

Rebekah said, "We met at the NEC in Birmingham at 7.00 in the morning, and the races began at 8.00. It was a knockout competition and we got through to the semi-finals, and finished third. I think we did really well because one of our best dogs was injured and couldn't compete. I really enjoyed the whole experience!"

For more information please contact Jo Hicks via e-mail: jo@k925petservices.co.uk

Jo Hicks

Harbury Energy Initiative

My optimism expressed last month was not unfounded. The sun did shine... for a bit. And quite a few people took up the ImmerSun offer.

And now that it's cold again (it is today, anyway) it's a perfect time to get a thermal image done. A thermal imaging survey will tell you exactly where the cold, leaky spots in your house are, the places where money leaches through the fabric. The offer from Act on Energy, outlined in Harbury and Ladbroke News January article, of £100 per house surveyed is well under the market price. It enables you to target specific areas of poor insulation in your home rather than spending money on a blanket approach (this month's pun). Let me know if you want to take this up or know more. On 26th March

David Jullien of Act on Energy will be telling HEI members all about the process and benefits, so we will all be well informed by the time you read this.

The library insulation project has been just a little more challenging than planned. The idea is to place insulation tiles above the existing ceiling, an effective and simple plan if the ceiling were in good condition. It isn't. There is a solution but it costs more (ever known a building project that didn't?!). More news next month on this exciting saga.

If you are considering buying an electric car, British Gas is offering to fit an external, secure (locking) charging point to any house free of charge (Oh look! Another pun.). This is connected to the grid separately from your domestic supply. You don't have to be a British Gas customer to apply for one. My senior executive contact there told me that you don't even have to have an electric car to apply - but I think there is more point to it if you do!

There are a number of government schemes to help those who have difficulty meeting their energy costs. In general these schemes are for people on low incomes and those receiving pension credit. Many of the energy providers have their own schemes, however, in addition to these, so it is well worth enquiring if you think that you might qualify. HEI will be happy to help you to find out.

Happy Easter.

Bob Sherman - 612277
shermanbob55@gmail.com

Warwick District Council Phase 2 – Gypsy and Traveller sites

You've already done your bit - you objected to Warwick District Council's proposed sites and made your views/feelings clear – job done?

Unfortunately not, the objections submitted to Warwick District Council last summer are now obsolete and relate to a previous public consultation. The Council are now into phase 2 of the planning process and have cut down the original list of 15 proposed sites to just 5, it is subject to a different and new public consultation. This is the final stage before announcing where the sites will be situated - and two of the preferred locations are on our doorstep.

Site GT04 would mean the relocation of Leamington Football Club. The football club has ambitions for a bigger and better stadium requiring more land. Warwick District planners have objections to development of the football site. However, we think it is a gross waste of tax payers' money to undo all the hard work it has taken to get the grounds to where they are now and to develop traveller pitches in its place. What do you think?

The other site GT02 is the opposite side of the Fosse Way near to the Warwickshire Exhibition Centre. If this site goes ahead it would mean the

compulsory purchase of the land. It would also, more than likely result in the closure of the exhibition centre, putting nine people out of their jobs. We know from the owner, that he is already losing money because of the 'possibility' of a gypsy and traveller site (fact). This is a very useful local resource, bringing business and visitors to our area.

The methodology and data used in the report commissioned by Warwick DC to assess the need for these sites has been challenged and found to be flawed. Not only are the 'additional' pitches not needed but there are vacancies on sites already in existence in Warwickshire.

In order for these to be considered suitable sites, Warwick DC has listed in their publications that the proposed new residents could register with Harbury doctor's surgery and Harbury Primary School. In addition to the perils of walking, cycling and pulling-out on to the busy roads to reach Harbury from these sites, both facilities are already oversubscribed. Harbury is in Stratford District whereas the new residents are the responsibility of Warwick District Council, as they are living in their catchment.

So why the rush to push this through when there are clearly so many obvious flaws in the plan and issues to be clarified?

Warwick DC has included the need to provide G&T sites within their local housing needs plan. Therefore there is an urgency to get the sites chosen and the plan passed. We would like to see the G&T element separated from this plan and push for a discussion at central Government level. We simply do not believe that the sites are necessary, and there are MP's who agree with us. We believe that the Government directive for these sites is a clear case of positive discrimination in favour of one group within the community, whereas other minority groups do not get similar treatment.

Whatever your opinion, you only have until the 5th May 2014 to respond to the Council's consultation. Please don't leave this to somebody else, **please write again** get online at www.warwickdc.gov.uk/newlocalplan. Email: newlocalplan@warwickdc.gov.uk .Or write to:

Development Policy Manager, Development Services, Warwick District Council, Riverside House, Milverton Hill, Leamington Spa, CV32 5QH

Ken Stephenson
Harbury Community Group
harburycommunitygroup@gmail.com



Harbury Heritage Room

Our next two open evenings are: Tuesday 6th May and Tuesday 3rd June.

We are usually open on the first Tuesday of each month from 6.30-8.30pm. Local groups or organisations are always welcome to book other times at their convenience. Contact nigel.chapman@hotmail.co.uk for information.

The Heritage Room is at Harbury Primary School, and contains hundreds of photos and documents relating to the village and its inhabitants. You might even be featured if you have been around here for some time!

Entry is free, though we appreciate donations, as the Heritage Room is entirely self-funding.

Our new publication "Let's Go Shopping In Harbury" is on sale locally at the school, in the Library and at Cana Wines. It traces the history of shops in the village, and is presented in the form of a trail starting from the Village Hall. Only £3.50 a copy.

Would you like a copy of any of our DVDs which we have copied from old videos. Below is our catalogue so far. Please email if you would like copies. Price £5, proceeds to support the work of the Heritage Group.

| DVD No. | Title | Date |
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| DVD001 | Summer Concert 1992 | 1992 |
| DVD002 | Nursery School Christmas Concert 98 | 1998 |
| DVD003 | Africa – Music & Dance 9/12/03 | 2003 |
| DVD004 | Nursery School Christmas Concert 99 | 1999 |
| DVD005 | Easter Competitions 1994 | 1994 |
| DVD006 | Summer Concert 1993 | 1993 |
| DVD007 | Protest to Downing Street 1991 | 1991 |
| DVD008 | Easter Bonnets 1991 | 1991 |
| DVD009 | Goodbye from Year 6 | |
| DVD010 | Harbury Chronicles | |
| DVD011 | Badby Youth Hostel 1996 | 1996 |
| DVD012 | Christingle 1989 | 1989 |
| DVD013 | M40 Project 1983 | 1983 |
| DVD014 | Forest of Dean 1993 | 1993 |
| DVD015 | Christmas Concert 2000 | 2000 |
| DVD016 | Devil's Bridge 1992 | 1992 |
| DVD017 | Christmas 1986 – Baboushka | 1986 |
| DVD018 | The Shepherd's Story 1992 | 1992 |
| DVD019 | Kapiti Plain – Christmas 1992 | 1992 |
| DVD020 | Oliver – Christmas 1987 | 1987 |
| DVD021 | Badby Youth Hostel 1994 | 1994 |
| DVD022 | Black Country Museum 1997 | 1997 |
| DVD023 | Everyday Life in Harbury 1991 | 1991 |
| DVD024 | Summer Concert 1998 | 1998 |
| DVD025 | Christmas Concert 1998 | 1998 |

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| DVD026 | African Evening – 13 th Dec 2005 | 2005 |
| DVD027 | Operation Christmas Child | 2006 |
| DVD028 | Y7 First efforts using Camcorder/Mayday | 1992 |
| DVD044 | Memories – May Day Celebrations | 2007 |
| DVD045 | African Dance Evening | 2010 |
| DVD046 | Out of this World – Christmas 2010 | 2010 |
| DVD047 | The Nativity – Christmas 2010 | 2010 |
| DVD048 | School Concert 1990 | 1990 |
| DVD049 | School Panto 1989: Babes in the Wood | 1989 |
| DVD050 | Harbury Youth Club 2004 | 2004 |
| DVD051 | Playground Games, Pukkila, Finland | 2007 |
| DVD052 | Movie from Finland | 2009 |
| DVD053 | Y5 Beatles Record Cover Designs | 2002 |
| DVD054 | Devil's Bridge 1990 | 1990 |
| DVD055 | Changing State | 1993 |
| DVD056 | Daisy Pulls It Off – Part 1 | |
| DVD057 | Daisy Pulls It Off – Part 2 | |
| DVD058 | Y5 Week at Holly Barn 2005 | 2005 |
| DVD059 | Music Show & May Day 1994 | 1994 |
| DVD060 | Caribbean Carnival | 1994 |
| DVD061 | School Play 1991 | 1991 |
| DVD062 | Leavers 2000 & Day in Reception | 2000, 1994 |
| DVD063 | Harbury & Ufton in the War Years | |
| DVD064 | The Smallest Angel | 2004 |
| DVD065 | Grumpy Sheep | 2002 |
| DVD066 | Coming Ready or Not | 2000 |
| DVD067 | The Peace Child | 2013 |
| DVD068 | Christmas Concert 1993/Reception | 1994 |

Nigel Chapman

Solar Farm? - to be or not to be? That is the question!

'Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune,

Or to take arms against a sea of troubles, and by opposing end them'.

William Shakespeare - Hamlet

23rd April is St. George's Day and this year it is also the 450th Anniversary of Shakespeare's birth. This was also the due date of the Area Planning Meeting when the fate of Deppers Bridge and that infamous Solar Farm

application would be decided but this has now been brought forward to a 'special' meeting on 8th April.

The past 16 months have been an anxious time for Deppers' residents who face the bleak prospect of a sea of 45,000 'troubles' for the next 25 years! We certainly 'oppose' them and have every hope to eventually 'end them'. Amendments to the application made little or no difference to it, but there was an offer amounting to a substantial 'bribe' to be spent exclusively on 'environmental projects' within Deppers Bridge and, as such, it is clearly undeliverable.

All objections from the Highways Dept., Railways et al were withdrawn on the strength of reassurances from the applicants but both Harbury and Bishops Itchington Parish Councils continue to oppose the application and we await Stratford D.C's. decision now on 28th March. Then comes the Area Planning Meeting and then, most likely, an Appeal.

The Appeals System – now that's a whole new ballgame as far as renewable energy is concerned! We can only hope that common sense and humanity prevail.

Meantime, with due respect to the Bard on his 450th Birthday.....

Deppers' Lament

O'er passing Itchen's silvery stream
 Could Stratford's bard in life or dream
 Have trod the ancient drover's way
 And crossed the bridge we know today?

Historic Feldon fields have stood
 Unchanged through ages green and good
 Soft rolling hills and plains of corn
 Where woodlands thrive and fishes spawn

In stealth as thieves in darkest night
 No care nor conscience for our plight
 Outsiders plan their massed array
 They blight our fields, we have to pay

Cold glass with stark and alien glare
 Cruel stakes, tall fence and cameras stare
 Green sward once tilled by ox and plough
 Despoiled, could be so different now

Will owls still hoot and foxes call?
 Grass snakes still bask where cables crawl?
 Ethereal larks rejoice on high
 When all below offends the eye?

Oh William, turn not in your grave
 If fate runs true we aim to save
 Our 'hamlet' from that frightful pass
 Those fields and fields of barren glass

Hazel Turner



Rotary Club of Southam

Southam Rotary organises low cost holidays in Blackpool for older people from Southam and the surrounding area each year. This year the holiday is 5th - 12th June 2014.

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For more information the Rotary contact is: - Rod Dyer, 01926-812322 or 21, Banbury Road, Southam CV47 1HH

Richard Hall

Southam Heritage Collection (incorporating Southam's Cardall Collection)

Interested in Local Archaeology?

On Saturday 12th April there will be an illustrated talk on the archaeological excavations that have been taking place at Granslet Farm near the Burton Dasset Hills given by the Feldon Archaeological Society. These excavations, which have been taking place since the millennium, have uncovered a wealth of evidence and artefacts, some of which will be on display after the talk. The talk will start at 2pm in the Graham Adams Centre in St James Road, Southam and the exhibition will be open following the talk at 3pm. Entrance to the talk and exhibition is £3 on the day, or if you would prefer to just browse the exhibition between 3pm - 4pm the entrance fee is £1. There will also be a small display about the recent discovery of a Tithe Barn in

Southam Town Centre. Refreshments will be available from the Bridge Cafe in the Graham Adams Centre. The talk and exhibition is being sponsored by Southam's Cardall Collection.

Southam Heritage Collection (incorporating Southam's Cardall Collection) has moved to Vivian House on Market Hill in Southam and is soon to be opening its doors to the public. Following Val Brodies's request in the February issue for further VAD information, a WW1 and VAD display is being put together ready for an open day on 26th May Bank Holiday Monday and thereafter open on Tuesdays on Market Day.

For further information please ring Bernard Cadogan 01926 613503.

Linda Doyle



Southam & District Lions Club

Southam's very own Grand National!

The Lions are holding a Charity Race Night on Saturday 12th April at the Graham Adams Centre. Paddock entry £2.50 per person. Doors open at 7.00, first race at 7.30pm. Buy a horse and nominate the jockey to race. Horses sold pre-race to highest bidder - winning owner receives 50% of the pre-race auctions / winners enclosure with photo opportunity. Children welcome, action by dice roll and audience participation. Tote, licensed bar, soft drinks, raffle and snacks. For tickets and more information, please contact Lion Brian Howard on 01926 812797 or visit our website: www.southamlions.org.uk. Come along and have 'a flutter' in aid of Zoe's Place!

Peter Guy



Annual Fun Ride and Horse Blessing

At Chesterton Church, CV33 9LG – Sunday 18th May 2014, 2.00pm start.

There will be a new format with an optional Individual Blessing and jumps available, weather permitting. On the day £12.00, pre-booked £10.00, post to: 15 Hillside, Harbury CV33 9EU.

Plenty of space for a fun family day out/refreshments available. Contact: Jo Spurr 01926 614431 or Lynne Smith 07759 454195 shorter and longer routes for mixed abilities. Raffle kindly sponsored by **Countrywide**.

Jo Spurr



LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors

My daughters, Victoria and Emma, and I would like to sincerely thank all the friends, neighbours and other Harbury residents who helped and supported my mum, Sylvia Burdett. This support and friendship enabled my mum to stay in her own home. Unfortunately, after her fall at home in January, she suffered with many infections in hospital and died peacefully on 24th February 2014 in Farries Ward. We are very grateful for all the visits made by her friends to her hospital bedside especially by Jane and Mary, and she was delighted to receive the numerous Get Well cards that brightened her days.

We would also like to thank the Reverend Annie Goldthorp for conducting a beautiful service to celebrate mum's life. The help we received from mum's many friends, but especially Pam Parton, Peggy Middleton, Hilary Scott, Chris Gore, Dorothy Groves and Ann Mayer ensured that the refreshments after the service at the Tom Hauley Room on 10th March were a great success.

My mum, Sylvia, had been a Harbury resident since 1978; first in Farm Street and then in Sutcliffe Drive. In the past, she had been an active WI member and helped with various All Saint's Church flower festivals. More recently, she enjoyed the many Hillside Reading Group evenings and the discussions with the Thursday Bible Study Group.

She loved living in Harbury and until recently spent many hours designing and working in her garden. One year she was very proud to open her garden for the Harbury Garden Walkabout.

She will be sadly missed by family and friends.

'Mum, you were an inspiration to us all.'

Helen Smith, Sylvia's daughter

Dear Editors

Harbury Pre-School Fundraising Group wishes to say a huge thank you to the village.

We hosted the Coffee Morning at the Tom Hauley Room on Saturday 8th March and with your generosity we managed to raise £284. We hope you enjoyed the morning as much as we did.

Best Wishes

Rosemary Scott

Dear Editors

We are a group of six girls from 1st Harbury Guides.

This term we have been carrying out a challenge called 'Streets Ahead' which is about investigating issues in our village and the local environment, and then seeing what we could do to improve things. The issue that we felt needed investigating related to "fouling" by dogs.

We completed a survey with local people and combined our results and these are our findings:

- Of the people surveyed, 70% had a dog and 30% didn't.
- All of the dog owners we surveyed said that they carried 'poo bags' in order to clear up after their dogs.
- Of the overall group surveyed 47% said they would be willing to ask a dog owner to clear up their dog's mess if they saw that it wasn't being picked up. Just over half said that they would feel uncomfortable approaching a dog owner who did not clear up after their dog.
- We found that all the dog owners we interviewed thought they were responsible owners and carried 'poo bags' to clear up after their pets.

Therefore, could we ask those owners who do not clear up after their dogs to please make the effort to start to do this? It may not be a very nice thing to do, but 'dog mess' can harm children physically. It is also unpleasant for others to deal with, and affects our enjoyment of village areas such as the park /football pitches.

Please help us to make the village cleaner and nicer for all our residents.

Rosie, Gwyneth, Ellie, Madeleine, Katie and Chloe
1st Harbury Guides

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BEAVERS: Scout Hut, Thursdays 5.30 - 6.40pm (01788 816214)

BELL RINGING PRACTICE: Church, Fridays 7:30pm (612939)

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS: various homes 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month 2.00-3.00pm (614809); 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month 10.30 - 12.00 noon (612864)

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HARBURY PRE-SCHOOL: Wight School (behind Library), High St. Monday 12 noon – 3.30pm, Tues & Thurs – 9.00am, - 3.30pm, Wed & Fri – 9.00am – 1.30pm (07939 122087) enquiries@harburypre-school.org.uk

HARBURY THEATRE GROUP: Last Tuesday of the month Shakespeare Inn (611930)

HARBURY TODDLER GROUP: Wight School, Monday 9.30 - 11:15am, Tel: 612748

HARBURY UKULELE GROUP: Shakespeare Inn, 1st & 3rd Monday of the month 8.00pm,
contact Craig (612377)

HARBURY VILLAGE CINEMA: Contact Lana Long, 01926 613311, email:
markandlana@aol.com

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HEREBURGH MORRIS DANCERS: School Hall, Wednesdays 8:00 - 10:00pm (613730)

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY: Tom Hauley Room, 1st Tuesday in the month (Oct. to May)
8:00pm Contact David Powell-Tuck (614492)

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NETBALL CLUB: Village Hall Car Park, Training Thursday evenings, Juniors 6.00 till 7.30pm
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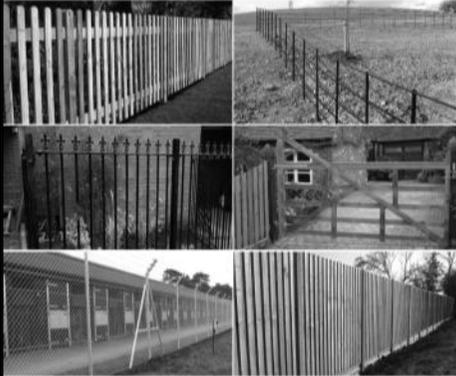
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| Tues | Studio 1 | Prima Ballerinas 3-4yrs 4.00pm - 4.30pm | Pre Syllabus Ballet 5-9yrs 4.30pm - 5.15pm | Pre-Primary Ballet 6-8yrs 5.15pm - 6.00pm | Primary Ballet 8-9yrs 6.00pm - 6.45pm | GCSE Dance 6.45pm - 8.45pm | | |
| | Studio 2 | | Boys Street Dance 4.30pm - 5.15pm | Grade 1 Tap 10-11yrs 5.15pm - 6.00pm | Grade 2 Tap 11yrs+ 6.00pm - 6.45pm | Adult Tap 6.45pm - 7.45pm | Zumba 7.45pm - 8.45pm | |
| Weds | Boogie & Bounce 2yrs+ 1.30pm - 2.30pm | | | Ballroom & Latin (all ages) 5.15pm - 6.00pm | Grade 4 Ballet 15yrs+ 6.00pm - 7.00pm | Adult Ballet (no exp req) 7.00pm - 8.00pm | Adult Ballroom & Latin (no exp or part req) 8.00pm - 9.00pm | |
| Thurs | Zumba Over 50's 10.00am - 11.00am | Funky Dance 3-8yrs 4.00pm - 4.30pm | Gymnastics (all ages) 4.30pm - 5.00pm | Grade 1 Ballet 10-11yrs 5.00pm - 5.45pm | Funky / Modern 7-10yrs 5.45pm - 6.30pm | Grade 2 Ballet 11-13yrs 6.30pm - 7.15pm | Grade 1 Modern 11yrs+ 7.15pm - 8.00pm | Grade 3 Ballet 14yrs+ 8.00pm - 8.45pm |
| Fri | Mini Movers 0-5yrs 10.00am - 11.00am | | Little Tappers 3-5yrs 4.45pm - 5.15pm | Pre-Primary Tap 6-8yrs 5.15pm - 6.00pm | Primary Tap 8-10yrs 6.00pm - 6.45pm | | | |
| Sat | Musical Theatre 4-8yrs 9.00am - 10.30am | Musical Theatre 9yrs+ 10.30am - 12.00pm | Grade 3 Ballet 14yrs+ 4.00pm - 4.45pm | Grade 4 Modern 13yrs+ 4.45pm - 5.30pm | Grade 5 Ballet 16yrs+ 5.30pm - 6.30pm | | | |

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