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## Editorial



Our editorial photograph shows Indiana Long and her pony at the Harbury War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday, paying their respects to the men, women and horses who made the ultimate sacrifice.

You will notice from the Refuse Rota that there are no changes to the usual bin collection dates in either Harbury, Deppers Bridge or Ladroke during the festive season.

A reminder that with the Christmas and New Year holiday the articles' deadline will be Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. The January copy will not be available from the printers until week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> January and this will be distributed as soon as possible after this date.

If you are in Ladroke on the morning of Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December listen out for the bells which will be ringing the first full peal in 40 years.

The editors hope you enjoy the many Christmas events listed in the Diary, there are more details of most of these later in the magazine. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## Harbury Diary

### DECEMBER

- |      |          |  |
|------|----------|--|
| Sat  | <b>3</b> | Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon in Tom Hauley Room, in aid of Green Shoots for Cambodia<br>Christmas Fayre, 2.00 to 4.00pm, Village Hall |
| Sun  | <b>4</b> | <b>ADVENT II</b><br>Sung Eucharist, 9.00am<br>Little Saints' Service, 10.30am, followed by breakfast<br>Taizé Service, 6.00pm              |
|      |          | Zumba, 9.00am in Village Hall  |
| Mon  | <b>5</b> | Upholstery Class, 9.15am in Farley Room Village Hall<br>Martial Arts Class, 6.30pm in Village Hall   |
| Tues | <b>6</b> | Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall<br>Junior Theatre Group, 6.30pm, Village Hall<br>Heritage Room open 6.30 - 8.30pm at School                |

- Tues 6 Holy Communion with Advent Meditation, 7.30pm  
Horticultural Society "Festive Fun" 8.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
- Wed 7 Wednesday Walk, Meet Village Hall car park, 9.40am, -  
Hampton Wood (Sherbourne) 5 miles  
Holy Communion, 2.00pm  
Mothers' Union AGM, 2.30pm, plus "Craft for Christmas"  
Inspire Dance, 4.00pm in Village Hall  
Ballroom Dancing, 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Thurs 8 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee  
Harbury W.I., 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room - Yesteryear Quiz - Patricia Justice
- Fri 9 Harbury Primary School, children only, Christmas Disco,  
Infants: 6.00 – 7.00pm, Juniors: 7.15 – 8.45pm, School Hall
- Sat 10 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon in Tom Hauley Room, in aid of Multiple Sclerosis  
Senior Citizens Christmas Party, 5.00 for 5.30pm in Village Hall
- Sun 11 ADVENT III**  
Holy Communion, 8.00am  
Sung Eucharist, 10.30am  
Messy Christingle, 3.00pm, Tom Hauley Room  
Christingle Service, 4.00pm in Church  
Pre-School Christmas Market, from 12.00 noon - 3.00pm in Village Hall  
Candlelit Carol Service, 5.00pm, Chesterton Church
- Mon 12 Martial Arts Class, 6.30pm in Village Hall  
Harbury Energy Initiative, 8.00pm Village Club
- Tues 13 Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall  
Junior Theatre Group, 6.30pm, Village Hall  
Holy Communion with Advent Meditation, 7.30pm
- Wed 14 Wednesday Walk, meet Village Hall car park, 9.40am,  
Frankton – Marton with pub lunch (must be pre-booked)  
Holiday at Home Away day, 10.00am - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room  
Inspire Dance, 4.00pm in Village Hall
- Thurs 15 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee
- Fri 16 Harbury Junior Theatre Group presents "Olivia" The Musical, 7.00pm, Village Hall
- Sat 17 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon in Tom Hauley Room, in aid of Rotary  
Harbury Junior Theatre Group presents "Olivia" The Musical, 2.00pm & 7.00pm, Village Hall  
G.A.S.S. Christmas Post deliveries finish 4.00pm
- Sun 18 ADVENT IV**  
Holy Communion, 8.00am  
Sung Eucharist, 10.30am (N.B. No "Saints Alive")

- Sun 18 "A Village Christmas", 6.30 to 8.30pm, Village Hall -  
Carols round the Tree with Mulled Wine & Mince Pies
- Mon 19 Martial Arts Class, 6.30pm in Village Hall
- Tues 20 Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall  
Holy Communion with Advent Meditation, 7.30pm  
ADVERTS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE TO 36 MANOR ORCHARD,  
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- Wed 21 No Wednesday Walk  
Connections (Dementia) Café, 2.00 – 4.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Thurs 22 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee  
ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY PHARMACY,  
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5.30PM
- Sat 24 CHRISTMAS EVE  
FREE Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon in Tom Hauley Room  
Crib Service, 2.00pm  
Village Carol Service, 6.30pm  
Midnight Mass, 11.15pm
- Sun 25 CHRISTMAS DAY**  
Sung Eucharist, 9.00am
- Tues 27 No 7.30pm Service
- Wed 28 No Wednesday Walk
- Thurs 29 No 9.45am Service
- Sat 31 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon in Tom Hauley Room, in aid  
of Ladbrooke Church

**JANUARY**

- Sun 1 THE NAMING & CIRCUMCISION OF CHRIST**  
Sung Eucharist, 9.00am  
N.B. No Little Saints' Service  
Celtic Service, 6.00pm
- Mon 2 Tennis Club Muffler Tournament, 10.30am
- Tues 3 Heritage Room open, 6.30 – 8.30pm at School  
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 4 Harbury Village Library and Biblio's Café re-opens today  
MU Party, 2.30pm
- Thurs 5 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee  
Folk Club, 8.00pm in Village Club
- Sat 7 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon in Tom Hauley Room, in aid  
of Harbury WI
- Sun 8 BAPTISM OF CHRIST/EPIPHANY !**  
Holy Communion, 8.00am  
Sung Eucharist, 10.30am



## Refuse Collection Rota

	Deppers Bridge	Harbury, Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge outlying properties	Collection Week
December	Wed	Fri	
	7	9	Grey Bin
	14	16	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	21	23	Grey Bin
	28	30	Green & Blue Lid Bins
Jan	4	6	Grey Bin
	11	13	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	18	20	Grey Bin

## From the Rector



All Saints  
**HARBURY**

**Reverend Craig Grocock**

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### Christmas is nearly here but not yet!

The other day I saw a post on Facebook which said “There are twelve days of Christmas and none of them are in November!”, point well made. I must admit I am one of those grumpy people who hates Christmas being rammed down our throats too early. I am OK with December being given over to Christmas but I don’t want to start doing it in August (I exaggerate but you know what I mean!).

We are once again in the Advent season – the four weeks running up to Christmas and part of our consideration in Advent is about the role of time and waiting. We live in a world that doesn’t like waiting. We live in an instant world where waiting is seen as a bad thing - whether that’s in terms of instant credit, or instant gratification. We can access TV programmes 24/7 on the internet without having to bother waiting for a particular day or time... we even have instant coffee and tea (explain that to me?) because we can’t wait to brew it! Waiting has become countercultural it seems. People often say, “The waiting is the hardest bit...” And I’m sure that’s true; which is why maybe we need to sit with the difficult, to inhabit that space and to re-gain perspective.

Advent has traditionally been a season of the year where we take a step back and reflect on what God’s coming to us in the baby of Bethlehem really means. Sure, during this season all of us are preparing for Christmas - buying

and wrapping the presents, decorating the house, even arranging those wonderful family visits! But Advent is about much more than this. It invites all of us to take some time out to think about Jesus' coming, not just as an event in history, but his coming to each of us every day of the week.

Try and take some time out this Advent to stop, think and reflect. Slow down a bit, watch and wait and then enjoy Christmas when it comes.

I look forward to seeing you at one of our many services over the next month. God bless.



## From the Churchwardens

**Liz & John**

You may have thought "what - Christmas cards in November?" – which is especially funny having just read Craig's piece! We thought we'd get organised this year and thank you to all our wonderful street reps for delivering the cards along with our appeal leaflet for the new Memorial Garden. We look forward to welcoming all to our services and events being held over the Christmas period which are listed on the Christmas card.

The Remembrance service was, as usual, well attended especially by the uniformed scouting and guiding groups who appear to be growing in numbers year on year. Thank you to all the colour parties who did a splendid job and a special thank you to Rebekah Dimmock for playing at the Cenotaph. Many people have remarked on her sensitivity and skill. The collection taken during the service raised £447 for the British Legion.

The Open the Book group (who regularly appear at school) plus family volunteers acted out the Last Supper during the November Saints Alive service. These more informal communion services are always a joy so if you have never joined us please come along at 10.30am on the third Sunday of the month – but not in December (see aforementioned Christmas card!).

If you have any questions about church life, services or groups please contact us on [communications@allsaintsharbury.org](mailto:communications@allsaintsharbury.org) or talk to us, the church wardens. (Liz: 612421 or John: 614206).

## Exciting News! - Children's Church for 2017

Starting on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2017 Children's Church will happen every 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month in the Tom Hauley Room during the 10.30am Holy Communion Service in church. Children's Church will be for pre-school and primary age children and will include all elements of Christian worship appropriate for the age group. Further information will be made available soon; in the meantime please speak to Ann Clucas (01926 613739) or Revd Nikki (07891 012660) if you have any questions or would like more information.

**Elaine Barnden**



## Mothers' Union

Gillian Hare

A well attended meeting enjoyed a most interesting talk by Mrs Christine Philp, who was selected to receive Maundy money at Windsor Castle in Her Majesty's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday year. She told us that the ceremony started 700 years ago and showed us the specially minted Maundy money in its beautifully crafted bag. Apparently the Queen regards this event as deeply and spiritually significant and she personally made the presentation to 90 men and 90 women.

We meet again on 7<sup>th</sup> December when, after a brief AGM, we can all make Christmas table decorations. Don't forget to bring cutters and any baubles etc, that you would like to include.

By then, members will have celebrated the life of Liesel Wicker, and prepared refreshments for her funeral.

And, looking forward to 2017, our New Year party will be on 4<sup>th</sup> January at 2.30pm (no service). As well as something for the bran tub, you might like to bring an item of toiletries for the Blue Sky Rape Crises Centre.

Finally, Chris Rutherford and the committee wish you all a happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

## Ladbroke News & Diary

<http://www.ladbroke-pc.org.uk>

### DECEMBER

#### Sun 4 ADVENT II

Family Communion, 10.30am followed by refreshments

Mon 5 Homegroup, 8.00pm, Cherry Trees, School Lane

Wed 7 Ladbroke Church open for coffee & cake, while a peal is rung,  
10.00am - 12 noon

Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall

Sat 10 Ladbroke Christmas Party, doors open 7.00pm, Village Hall

#### Sun 11 ADVENT III

Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am

Tues 13 Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Wed 14 Beer and Carols, 7.00pm, The Bell Inn

#### Sun 18 ADVENT IV

Holy Communion (BCP), 9.00am

Village Carol Service, 6.30pm

Tue 20 ADVERTS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE TO 36 MANOR ORCHARD,  
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- Wed 21 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall  
 Thurs 22 ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY PHARMACY,  
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 5.30PM
- Sat 24 Christmas Eve**  
 Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am  
 Crib Service for children and families, 3.30pm
- Sun 25 CHRISTMAS DAY**  
 Family Communion with Carols, 10.30am
- Sat 31 Coffee morning, 10.00am – 12 noon, in aid of Ladbroke Church,  
 Tom Hauley Room, Harbury
- JANUARY**
- Sun 1 NEW YEARS DAY**  
 Family Communion, followed by refreshments, 10.30am
- Wed 4 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall  
 Thurs 5 WI, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Sun 8 CHRISTMAS II**  
 Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am
- Tues 10 Photography Club Meal



## Ladbroke Church News

Jackie West

At our family service this month, Sue Wright gave us an update about Kisiizi Hospital. As part of our regular charitable giving, Ladbroke Church has made a commitment to give to this hospital in south west Uganda whose core aim is to share “Life in all its fullness” (John 10 v10) with patients, staff and the community. Despite its rural location, it continues to grow and highlights of this year include installing a water filter unit which provides clean water to the wards and theatres, the opening of a refurbished Maternal and Child Health Clinic and an upgrade of their clinical laboratory. They are grateful to teams from around the world who contribute to their expertise and experience – this year hosting experts in Plastic Surgery, Ophthalmology and Stroke Management. As well as receiving expertise, the Hospital is developing its educational programme and is sponsoring staff to train in the specialist areas of Radiology, Midwifery and Special Needs Education. More information is available on the notice board in the porch and some copies of their September 2016 newsletter are available at the back of church or on-line at [www.kisiizihospital.org.ug](http://www.kisiizihospital.org.ug), do have a read.

On the fund raising front, November was a mixture of the sublime and ridiculous with a brilliant concert given by Sian Dicker and Krystal Tunnicliffe and the supper and race night (joint with Ladbroke Matters); both are described in more detail in separate articles. We are most grateful to everyone who organised, helped run, came and made donations associated

with these events which together raised over £2000 for our *All Saints for All Generations* campaign for funds for building repairs.

Fund raising events and activities this month include: a Coffee Morning in church on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 10am – noon while the peal is rung, the giant card in church for your Christmas greetings, a Quiz (an ideal stocking filler or personal challenge over the festive season) and the Tom Hauley Room coffee morning at Harbury Church on New Year's Eve. You can also make donations when you shop on-line (see last month's edition for details) or any time on [www.btplc.com/mydonate](http://www.btplc.com/mydonate) searching on the charity name Ladbroke Church.

We hope you will want to participate in some of these and also come with your family, friends and visitors to:

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec - Beer and Carols at the Bell Inn, 7.00pm

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec - Village Carol Service, 6.30pm

Christmas Eve Crib Service for children and families 3.30pm

Christmas Day Family Communion with Carols, 10.30am

Finally, can I wish you all time to pause during Advent to think about why we celebrate Christmas and may it give you hope and joy in the year ahead.



## Ladbroke Parish Council

**Jackie West**

As always these are just notes of what I think will interest readers. The minutes, issued by the parish clerk will appear on the noticeboard by the pub in due course.

**Defibrillator:** a date for the first aid training session in the Village Hall, to include how to use the defibrillator, will be requested.

**Parish Precept:** initial thoughts were discussed and, as no spend out of the ordinary is expected in 2016-7, the same budget is proposed, it will be confirmed at the January meeting.

**Planning:** SDC had approved the extension and alterations at Sarah's cottage, those at Staddlestones in Radbourne Lane and changes at Flat 14, Ladbroke Hall together with treeworks in the spinney off School Lane. Outline planning permission was refused for a dwelling in the field "off" Windmill Lane, a key reason being inadequate access from the bypass. The applicant has subsequently written to SDC and the Parish Council asking for the far end of Windmill Lane, now overgrown, to be cleared so the site could be accessed from there – the Parish Council do not believe it is their responsibility but whether it is Highways or the adjacent landowners

was unknown. Planning permission was also refused for the new dwelling, outbuilding and access at Old Rectory House.

**Highways, Footpaths and Public Transport:** Church Road near the bridge was closed to allow Severn Trent to fix a leak in the water main.

A bus is expected to come into the village – but only on Banbury market day. In theory Ladbroke residents can call up a Community Transport minibus on certain days of the week.

**Flooding & Drainage:** Cllrs Neal and Batty attended a meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> September and received a copy of the draft hydrology report, hopefully items missing in that will be available at the next meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> November, especially as some surveying work has been observed within the village.

**HS2:** Most activity is on hold until the final reading in January. More information about grants available to communities affected by HS2 should be issued at that time. Lydia Smith, HS2's Engagement Officer and Gareth Ebbs, the person to contact with complaints during the construction phase, will be invited to attend the January Parish Council meeting.

**Broadband:** It is still unclear what the plans, if any, are for Ladbroke and whether the digging of a trench from the bypass towards The Forge at the start of November is linked with improved broadband for the village.

**SDC:** The adopted core strategy is available on-line so our parish councillors will not buy and store a hard copy. The core strategy supports 30 new homes over 15 years in Ladbroke. With major developments at Lighthorne and Long Marston and more in Warwick and Leamington, plus smaller ones close to home in Bishops Itchington, Harbury, Southam etc our parish councillors were concerned that improvements to roads were not keeping pace with the increased traffic. Computer modelling is being done but there is no new money for roads - except S106 money from the developers, payable after homes are finished. Traffic lights will be installed at the junction of the Fosse Way and Harbury Lane.

**WCC:** The Fosse Way now allows intermittent two way travel.

Some parish councils are reconsidering their boundaries so that new developments do not span two councils eg three quarters of the Lighthorne development is technically in Chesterton and the new estate between Bishops Itchington and Harbury is split across the stream which is the current boundary.

Tithe Lodge at Southam is expected to be full within two months now that the area of acceptance has been widened. There will be a Sunday Market on 4<sup>th</sup> December to mark the switching on of Southam Christmas lights.





## Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge Women's Institute

Carol Lane

The title of the meeting held in Ladbroke Village Hall on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November was 'Child Rearing: Survival of the Fittest'. I must admit here that I thought that 'survival of the fittest' referred to the conflict between parent and child!

However Jan Warner took us back to the 1700s explaining the beliefs at the time which led to such a high infant mortality rate that only one baby in four survived until their first birthday. Jan started accumulating 'infantilia' 40 years ago and has built up a huge collection of prams, high chairs, clothes and feeding equipment and the table before her was spread with many of the smaller items.

Jan explained that the more fortunate children were from poorer families who lived in the country with ready access to fresh air, fruit and vegetables.

It was most unlikely that ladies in labour would have been attended by a doctor. The best they could expect was a midwife who was not medically trained but was chosen by the church for her moral stature.

Lack of hygiene was the main cause of infant mortality and we were shown early feeding bottles which would have been impossible to keep clean inside.

We had all, of course, heard of the wet nurse who was employed to breast feed the babies of ladies who maybe wished to get back into Society more quickly. We did not know that the check list for such a person was that she should be 'middle aged (between 20 and 30!), of pleasing countenance, with rosy cheeks and white teeth'. It was thought that the baby imbibed characteristics of the wet nurse along with the milk.

Anyone wishing to hear this talk or visit the Infantilia 'museum' could contact Jan on 01295 780475.

Dianne led the business meeting which followed.

The subscriptions are due, so please bring the payment (£39) to the next meeting.

It is proposed that a list of WI members' telephone numbers and email addresses is compiled and distributed to help internal communications, not to be divulged to other parties. Please let Dianne know if you prefer your name not to be on such a list.

Thanks were given to those who helped with the path clearing at the Village Hall and to Jenny for planting the bowls again.

An illustrated account of the life of our WI is being put together for the WFWI Centenary. Please contact Dianne with memories, photographs etc as there

is to be a get-together to assimilate the final copy.

Members had enjoyed many outings during the month. Dianne learned swing knitting and poppy making and groups went to Batsford Arboretum and the musical "Kiss me Kate" at the Spa Centre, but the highlight for many was when they joined 500 other participants for a lunch followed by an amusing talk by Michael Portillo.

**Memorial:** Meriel Williamson, who died recently, was a past member of this WI. She was a very keen cook and completed a cordon bleu course at Denman college. She once came along to give us a demonstration, bringing her primus stove with her. Dianne remembered her delicious food.

#### Dates for your diary:

**WI Carol Service at Stockton Church** - 12<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm. Tickets £3. Please let Dianne know if you would like to attend.

**Craft Dabble Day** - Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March, Mancetter Village Hall.

**Houses of Parliament** - Tour Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March.

**Fun & Games** - Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March, Meon Vale Village Hall.

**Literary Lunch** - Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March, Mallory Court 12.00 for 12.30pm.

**Handbags at the Ready!** - Afternoon tea with Lesley Smith as Margaret Thatcher, Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, Hatton Village Hall.

**A History of Transport in the West Midlands** - (Serious Science lecture) Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March.

**Federation Meeting** - Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April, Chesford Grange, 10.00-3.30pm (doors open 9.00am), tickets £15. Speakers Professor Steven Parissien, director of Compton Verney, Caitlin Davies, journalist and author of 'The Writer's Life' and Jonathan Moseley, BBC's Big Allotment Challenge Floral judge.

NB For this and all other events, **please book early to avoid disappointment!**

**Date of next meeting:** Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017 when we will be treated to the account of Nicky and Graham Lewis's trip to Chile and Easter Island. Not to be missed.



**David Wright**

The Ladbroke Matters team is responsible for the upkeep of the Village Hall and Millennium Green. To help with this, we organise regular fundraising events so that we can continue to offer both of these resources for the benefit of our community.



Our **Village Christmas Party** will be on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December** in the Village Hall. We will be welcoming folk/acoustic band '**Away With the Fairies**' who will play a range of songs fit for the occasion. Guest DJ **Wright Tracks** will be providing music to dance to. Bring along your dancing shoes for a great time!

Doors open 7pm. Price is £10 and includes pork baps and mince pies. A licenced bar will also be available. Tickets available from Margie on 817312 or Carol on 814715.

Looking ahead to 2017....



We are hoping to present another supper and film evening during January. At this stage, the date and film title are still to be confirmed, but it will be on a Friday in the latter half of the month. Further details will be available soon.

We would like to thank all who have helped with and supported our events over the past year. None of them would have happened without you! The rest of our 2017 programme will be available soon, but in the meantime we wish everybody a peaceful Christmas and we hope to see you again in the New Year.



If you would like to join the Ladbroke Matters team, have any suggestions for future events, or any other comments please contact the trustees (details on the Ladbroke website).

## Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club

### Draw for October 2016

£50	Elaine Taylor	£50	Jonathan Ford
£25	Russell Griffith	£25	Jo Horne
£25	Clive Coleman	£10	Laura Taylor
£10	Steve Morten	£10	Jill Norgate
£10	Donna Griffith	£10	Tracy Lochhead

**Margaret Bosworth**

## Village Hall and Millennium Green AGMs

The AGMs were held back to back as befits the very close working between the two charities which have the same three trustees – Kip Warr (Chairman), Gray Lewis (Treasurer) and Debra Neal (Secretary) and a joint group, Ladbroke Matters, supporting them.

The **Millennium Green** needs funds for insurance, maintenance and repairs; most income comes from Ladbroke Matters events but this year they did receive money also from the wind up of the HS2 Action Group and a donation from the wedding reception held on the green.

The labyrinth was cut again this year. In 2017 spring growth will be cut back to encourage wild flowers. No developments are planned, but at some point the play area will need to be resurfaced.

The trustees' four year term is up at the next AGM and they would welcome anyone who would like to take this on.

Regarding the **Village Hall**, there were many thanks to those who cook for events, to the WI for planting up the tubs and to everyone who helps maintain the hall, both regularly and at working parties, to deep clean inside and tidy up the grounds. Film nights are a great success and table tennis numbers increased recently. The hall was used twice for polling and now has new metal poll booths. Regular income comes from hiring out the hall and the monthly draw. The parish council gave a grant of £1500 towards the new insulated roof and insurance paid for most of the reflooring costs after flood damage; the cost of toilet improvements was met by own funds.

The hall is warmer with the new roof; injecting insulation into the walls will be investigated. An HS2 community grant will be sought for a disabled toilets and/or car park changes to allow disabled access.

The film nights run by **Ladbroke Matters** are generally getting a full house and typically make £300 per evening. Other events in the last year were a Quiz and the Christmas party which were good fund raisers plus a Live and Local event, Mumbo Jumbo, which was not as good financially as a large proportion of the proceeds had to go to SDC.

Combining all the current account income and expenditure for Ladbroke Matters, the Village Hall and the Millennium Green there was a surplus of £4621 over the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016. This has made possible the capital project improvements such as the new roof.

Simon West



## Ladbroke Photography Club

Kip Warr

There were four activities in our November meeting. The first was devising captions for the photographs to be exhibited at the John Turner Exhibition in Southam. There were plenty of funny suggestions and at times we had to rein in our wilder ideas but we showed that decision by committee can sometimes be quick, effective and fun. Next we had the competition on the theme of Weather. Each participant submitted four photographs illustrating weather in

each of the four seasons. Graham's excellent picture of winter weather, shown here, was in one of the winning sets. Then we looked on the projection screen at members' weather photographs that had not been included in the competition. There were so many winter images that it would be easy to forget that we are in an era of global warming!



Finally we considered the programme for the coming year that had been drafted by the committee. It looks very promising with at least three outings and three or four talks, some competitions and a special challenge: 'Oxford - spires, shopping, study and sport'. We shall start the year with a pub meal and have another mid-year barbecue to accompany a competition on 'Pictures that make me smile'. Who could ask for more?

On 13<sup>th</sup> December, we shall be looking at photographs taken during our outings and our favourites from the past year. Visitors and guests are always welcome to our meetings which are usually held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in Ladbroke Village Hall. For more information see our website ([tinyurl.com/ladbrokephoto](http://tinyurl.com/ladbrokephoto)) or contact jackieszone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk



## Ladbroke General Section

### Fireworks

Once again Ladbroke was the place to be on 5<sup>th</sup> November with a roaring bonfire, so hot that people kept a respectful distance, and impressive fireworks. To everyone who helped make it happen THANK YOU.

**Jackie West**



### TEAMS4U - Send love in a box this Christmas

Once again some of the ladies of Ladbroke gathered in the Village Hall to pack shoeboxes for distribution by Teams4u - a Christian charity working with children and families in need throughout Eastern Europe.

From an assortment of clothing, toiletries, stationery items and toys we were able to select combinations which we hope will bring a smile and enjoyment to children who may otherwise not receive a present this Christmas.

This year thanks to the many generous donations we were able to pack 43 boxes and donate sufficient funds to cover the transportation costs - which was a fabulous result!



Huge thanks to everyone involved and if you'd like to contribute next year it's never too early to start collecting empty shoeboxes and items to be packed!

**Sue Wright**

## 🎵 Concert

Ladbroke Church has fine acoustics so I was really pleased to hear that Krystal Tunnicliffe (Carole Lane's great-niece and a pianist) had persuaded two fellow postgraduate students at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama to give a concert at All Saints. I love instrumental classical music but am not that keen on the female voice so my enthusiasm was slightly dampened when I heard that both friends were sopranos but I've had to revise that opinion! One of the singers developed laryngitis a few days before the concert and had to pull out so the programme was adapted and, except for the omission of the title song "For Good", you would not have known about the last minute changes.



My prejudice against sopranos must have come - like school dinners - from a bad experience in my youth, listening to singers warbling unintelligibly as they strained to reach the high notes. Sian Dicker was the complete opposite. She hit each note effortlessly and her diction was amazing, I could hear and understand every word in English and, as she explained the

background to each song and then went into character, be it coy lover, sad widow or fiery woman, not being fluent in German or Italian was irrelevant.

The two performers had a good rapport especially during the amusing "I want to sing in Opera" but this piece did have at least one church warden crossing their fingers that the final note didn't shatter any of the windows! I love piano music so was glad that Krystal played a Brahms Intermezzo and also that the piano was positioned so we could see her hands, but hearing Sian's amazing voice soaring throughout the building I'm converted and, like everyone else at the concert, hope that they will return next year.

**Jackie West**



## Supper and Race Night

With names like the Nifty Needle Chase and Barnbroke Liveries showing the support of local companies and 120 tickets sold, a great evening was expected and we were not disappointed. OK, there was a moment of panic when we discovered that the MC was ill, but Gray Lewis made a superb last minute substitute and soon had the punters happily parting with their money to nominate jockeys as everyone entered the spirit of the races. Silly hats on, they reeled their horses in to the roar of the crowd - it looked deceptively easy but with five competitors to beat, each win was well deserved. We would like to thank all our sponsors, those who "bought" horses in advance, Harbury Village Hall for accommodating us, Sea Star for providing the chicken and chips, the many helpers and everyone who came. The proceeds of the event, over £2000, is being split between the Ladbroke Church's building repair fund and Ladbroke Matters who run the Village Hall and Millennium Green.



**Kip Warr and Susan Moore**





## Coffee Morning during the Peal, Ladbroke Church, Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December

A group of visiting bell ringers are coming to Ladbroke Church to ring a (full) peal. In last month's edition it was reported that it was 30 years since the last peal was rung from our church tower, that's incorrect - it's actually 40 years as it was only a quarter peal in 1986. Since then the bells have been removed from the tower, re-tuned at the foundry and rehung on new frames, so it is really the first peal on the current set up.

To celebrate this peal you are invited to come along to church on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December between 10.00am and noon for coffee and cake. There will also be a small exhibition about the bells, including photos taken during the 1999 restoration work, stalls selling second hand books, homemade produce, our Christmas quiz and new/pre-loved items suitable for Christmas presents, with the proceeds in aid of All Saints for All Generations, the campaign to raise funds for building repairs. Donations for the stalls welcome, come along and join us if you can and if you are unable to leave home that morning do listen out for the bells making history. **Stop press:** The talented ladies of the NADFAS textile conservation group who have been working on our Christ the Good Shepherd banner, will be returning it during the coffee morning too

**Jackie West**

## Contributions to Harbury & Ladbroke News

You will see that each month most of the Ladbroke articles come from just a few people, there is no good reason for this - anyone is welcome to contribute articles about things happening locally and/or of interest to readers, indeed it would really good if more people would do so. The deadline each month is in the diary section. Also any Ladbrokeans interested in being a voluntary editor - or sharing the role, which takes just over an hour, in Harbury on the Friday after the deadline, please ring 810331.

**Jackie West**

	<h3>Harbury Parish Council</h3>	<b>Linda Ridgley</b>
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*Official minutes can be viewed in the Library, on the Parish Council website [www.harbury-pc.gov.uk](http://www.harbury-pc.gov.uk) or obtained from the Parish Clerk Tel: 01926 614646*

**October 2016**

A long meeting in which Chairman Tim Lockley was unusually forceful. He was outspoken in his analysis of Government's "Consultation" on Parishes holding Referenda on their Budgets; "*a stupid idea that would have a disproportionate effect on small councils*" who had taken on services dropped

by higher authorities. Tim said Harbury Parish Council was more responsive to public needs than other tiers of local government.

A number of Ridgley Way residents had requested the Council provide a "Private" notice at the gate into their estate from the Playing Fields. The Parish Council had specifically asked for the access, when plans were being considered, as they wanted to create a shorter route to the village for the development and the community. It was pointed out the Management Company, which charged home owners for grounds upkeep was the proper body to make such a request.

In the New Year, Harbury will set the 2017 budget and Finance Chairman Tony Mancell reported several allocations were already overspent, including Ground Works, Cemetery Work, Tree Maintenance and Playing Fields. This was manageable, but Cllrs should bear it in mind when setting next year's Precept.

Perhaps that was why they were concerned at the high quote for remedial work on the Burial Grounds Irish yews. It was agreed to get two other quotes. Tony Mancell wanted work done during the winter and thought all the trees needed attention; he queried why the yews had never been included in the Annual Tree Survey whilst accepting the Council needed to spend money on them. The Clerk said once the Tree Survey was complete they could seek new quotes.

Then they quickly dealt with requests to put benches in the Burial Grounds – a resounding No! They also rapidly dismissed Ridgley Way's plea for a "leading to" sign as the cost was £1,100.

An intriguing matter on how, or whether, to divide the new Quarries development between Harbury and Bishops Itchington has to be decided, as the Parish boundary runs through the site and some of the homes to be built there! The S106 money promised to Harbury for infrastructure improvements was safe whatever happened and there was the suggestion made to give the whole site, much of which is in our parish to Bishops. It was not clear what would happen if they would not take it!

The developer's plans for the site, now has only 17% rather than the original 35% "affordable" homes due to the high clean-up costs. The path through the Nature Reserve, lighting, the cycleway and especially the surgery were priorities and our District Councillor Jacqui Harris is involving Jeremy Wright MP in the discussions about the surgery.

Cllrs want the lighting on the David Wilson Homes estate reduced by half, but DWH seem unaware of the difference between highway lighting and the footway lighting the Parish manages. The debacle over the orange Horton-type stone used on two houses means we have to accept Cotswold Stone as an alternative not local Harbury Stone. The two orange houses already built will stay. The Parish Council will lay a formal complaint against Stratford DC as they approved the stone to be used despite all parish representations for Harbury Stone.

The Parish did not object to a number of applications for tree work and removal at the Harbury Hall complex.

Pat Summers was disappointed there had been objections to the Draft Neighbourhood Plan from developers and residents, as the Plan Group had been working on it for three years. She did not want the Bull Ring Lane site, recently rejected for development, removed from the Settlement Boundary nor did she want to include the Spinney Paddock as an important green space, arguing that being outside the boundary was sufficient protection from future development. The Chairman pointed out the Parish Council had the final say and an extraordinary public meeting would be held in December with the consultant present. Written representations from objectors would be considered and Councillors would vote to accept or reject each proposed amendment.

Other planning matters were quickly dealt with. Plans for the Old New Inn had been withdrawn.

There was a discussion on the problems with the one-way system at the Railway Bridge on the Fosse, however these have now been alleviated with the introduction of temporary traffic lights.

PC Cramp reported that there had been two more break-ins in the village and that two persons had been arrested. There were still thefts from vehicles and sheds in the area.

Properties - Someone had dumped rubbish, including concrete, at the allotments. The lines on the car park are fast disappearing - again. Signs will be put up there to prevent parking whilst the tractor and trailer are in use ferrying materials to the bonfire site. Puddles form at the entrance to the tennis courts. Pat Summers' volunteers have helped plant 1,000 native daffodils in the Burial Grounds to match a similar number planted by the school children. The WWI Blue Plaques will be installed once planning consent is given.

Councillors wrestled with the decision on whether to install the "walking route" benches on the playing field bolted to concrete bases or fill them with heavy ballast but chose the latter.



## Harbury Women's Institute

Julia Fowler

*"You enjoy WI more when you're on the committee because you feel more involved. We will miss being on the committee because of the social aspect. The more you put in to WI, the more you get out of it."*

Jeanne Beaumont, Dorothy Groves and Peggie Middleton, retiring WI Committee Members.



Long-service awards were in order at our Annual Meeting in November. Jeanne Beaumont, Dorothy Groves and Peggy Middleton stepped down after an amazing combined total of over 110 woman years on Harbury WI Committee. Fair to say that they've put a great deal into our group. Long-time readers will know that Jeanne penned our reports from the early days of the Harbury & Ladbroke News. Dorothy did three stints as President. Peggy has been President, Treasurer, Secretary and Group Organiser.

Also stepping down were Pam Parton, a former President; Marion Dickerson; Norma Bicknell, outgoing Treasurer; and Jean Satinet.

We rounded them up for a photo, kindly taken by Kath. Here they are with gifts to show everyone's appreciation of their commitment to the group.

Committee members for the coming year are Jean Appleton, Julia Fowler (President), Maureen Handle, Lin Hayes, Paulette Kavanagh, Ann Mayer (Treasurer), Chris Rutherford, Hilary Scott (Secretary), Pauline Smith, Mary Thompson.

Upcoming events are our 8<sup>th</sup> December meeting, with a 'Yesteryear Quiz'. Carols at Stockton on 12<sup>th</sup> December; 12<sup>th</sup> January - our first meeting in 2017; 27<sup>th</sup> January - New Year Party. February - Theatre trip.

We wish you all a very happy Christmas.

Harbury WI meets at the Tom Hauley Room, 7.30 for 7.45pm, on the second Thursday of the month. All women are welcome, whether it's to hear a particular speaker, or to see if WI is for you. Contact us on [harburywi@gmail.com](mailto:harburywi@gmail.com), or 07834 667 523. You can also keep up to date on our Facebook page - [www.facebook.com/harburywi](http://www.facebook.com/harburywi)



At the time of writing, we have just finished rehearsing for our November show, "All exclusive" by Hugh Morrison and we open tomorrow (24<sup>th</sup> November). If you came to one of the performances we hope you enjoyed watching as much as we enjoyed performing! Here are some pictures taken at one of our dress rehearsals. You can also read a review of the play by Rosemary Harley below.



We're taking a break now but soon after Christmas we'll be starting plans for our next production which will be on 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> May 2017. But before that our juniors will be putting on their show "Olivia" on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> December – a real treat to kick off Christmas celebrations.

## "All Exclusive" by Hugh Morrison

I was fortunate to go to the dress rehearsal for the above and was asked to write a review. I apologise to all involved for any inaccuracies. I look forward to seeing the play again on the Friday night.

This challenging fast paced comedy was performed with enthusiasm and talent by all the cast - I admire their confidence and how they remember so many lines. They all gave convincing portrayals of the interesting and diverse characters, who meet on holiday on the fictional island of San Itairi. Humour abounds, with many innuendos, malapropisms and plays on words. The prologue opens on the coach, with Trisha Heddy, the Solarflair rep. (stylishly acted by Celia Stockdale), giving the audience instructions about the holiday, including how to say please and thank you in Spanish - "por flavor and grassy arse!" The opening music (Bob Hodge and Gordon Robbins) set the mood and the fantastic set (stage managed by Malcolm Bloxham) of the Las Canitatas Hotel patio, immediately transported me to a sunny South American package holiday resort (where everything is inclusive, but not exclusive!). Well done to all involved with its construction as well as the props (Jan Thornley). I will mention here that the costumes (overseen by Lin Hayes)

were colourful and appropriate and it was worth reading the writing on Steve's T-shirts.



The play involves Ian Hurst, played by Geoff Allen, who gave an amusing portrayal of a London based art critic and a self-styled intellectual. Later in the play he was asked by his conceptual artist friend to smuggle something to the UK. We are then introduced to two widows - Pauline Belper, with a lively and optimistic performance by Ali Hodge, and her continually complaining travel companion Angie Belper, who demonstrated the

unseemly side of the British abroad. The latter was impressively played by Sue Lawrence, who delivered all her amusing lines, with a straight face. (At the interval she assured me that these did not convey her own opinions!). Also on holiday were Karen Kay, interested in art and churches (Jo Banbury displayed a relaxed and polished performance) and her fiancee Steve - (animatedly played by Chris Beaton), who prefers football and drink and who accuses Ian of smuggling drugs. As all the above develops, we are aware that the airport and roads have been closed by a strike and unrest.

After the interval we discover that the smuggled item was a painting, by Miguel Corantes, of the banned flag (a symbol of defiance) worth four million pounds. The hotel guests are then caught in the crossfire of the uprising coup. The sound effects of the tanks and shooting (by Bob and Gordon) were superb, as was the lighting (Richard Bloxham). The chaos and panic were very believable. The situation is saved by Steve, who, by showing the painting to the rebels, stopped the firing, but he was slightly wounded by the government troops and blood splattered the painting. At this stage the artist Miguel Corantes (powerfully played by Peter Ball, with a convincing Spanish accent) appeared as the new Minister of Culture and on seeing his painting comments that it is even more valuable by being stained with the blood of an Englishman fighting for freedom. The holiday makers are then invited to celebrate the future of socialism, at the Residential Palace, with a glass of champagne.

The whole cast did justice to a witty play that pokes fun at the British abroad and at political situations, that are still relevant today. Fortunately, prompt John Travis was rarely needed! Congratulations to the Director, Andrew Lawrence and the Producer, Brian Wade.



**Rosemary Harley**



## Folk Club

Peter McDonald

'Around the World in Three Hours' was the theme for Folk Club No. 384 on 3<sup>rd</sup> November. It was my hope that the performers would dig deep into their geographical knowledge and present a programme of songs from, or about, many of the countries on Planet Earth – and I wasn't disappointed. Between 8pm and 11pm, we visited numerous countries in all the major continents and marked them off on a world map.

The singers came from all points of compass as well as our regulars from Harbury. The cast list was Ray and Anne, Rik, SRS (Sue, Robin and Sally), Rumble-o (Tina, Anna, Ed, Graham & David), Ted and Sue, the Harvesters, Keith Donnelly, John Zetterstrom, Peter Mason, Des, the Folk Club Choir (slightly depleted but still too numerous to mention) and me. We started in the Appalachian Mountains and then visited Paris (twice), Jamaica, Canada (twice), Wichita (Kansas), Rawtenstall (Lancs), Australia (twice), Scotland (twice), South Africa, Maui (Hawaii), round the Horn, Rotterdam, China, New Zealand and Ilkley Moor (without a hat). It was exhausting!

It's difficult to pick out just a few of the 28 songs that we heard during the evening but Keith was outstanding. He usually sings his own songs and he remarked how challenging it was to cover other singers' performances of their own songs. He then gave virtuoso performances of Joni Mitchell's 'Case of You', Jimmy Webb's 'Wichita Lineman' and Kate Bush's 'Wuthering Heights', as always skilfully accompanied on guitar. We are very fortunate that Keith finds time to visit Harbury Folk Club several times a year, in between his professional engagements. However, we are always pleased to welcome and encourage novice performers taking their first steps in playing or singing in public.

The raffle raised an excellent £83 for Cancer Research. By the time you read this, the next Folk Club will be on 5<sup>th</sup> January hosted by Des and Debbie. As always, we meet on the first Thursday of every month at 8pm in the comfort of the Village Club – an evening of free acoustic music – what's not to like? We love it!

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**Adverts to:** 36 Manor Orchard, Harbury or e-mail to  
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[articles@hlnews.co.uk](mailto:articles@hlnews.co.uk) by 5.30pm, Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December





## Harbury Twinning Association

**Tony Thomas**

On Friday evening, 28<sup>th</sup> October we were entertained in the Village Hall to a superb evening of Gypsy Jazz played by the excellent group "Playing Django". During the interval, a first rate supper, cooked by our Chairman Peter Rollason, who became Chef for the night, was served. The success of this evening was in no small measure due to



the efforts made by the Association Members who set the Village Hall up as a night club, decorated it, baked potatoes or cooked tasty desserts, not forgetting the clearing up after the event. This was the fourth time we have brought this group to Harbury and we once again thank all of the people who attended and supported us.

Our Annual General Meeting was held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm in the Crown Inn and was followed by a French film "Bellevue Rendez-Vous" and a buffet supper. The committee was re-elected, with Peter Rollason elected Chairman for another year.

The animated film "The Triplets of Belleville" followed an elderly Frenchwoman Madame Souza as she becomes involved in international intrigue when her grandson, Champion, a professional cyclist, is kidnapped and taken abroad. Joined by her faithful dog, Bruno, Madame Souza embarks on a journey to find Champion, and stumbles across unlikely allies in the form of three sisters who are veterans of the vaudeville stage. Tracking down Champion's criminal captors, the quartet of old women use their wits to try and win the day. Even though this film was in French it was followed, understood and enjoyed by those who could not speak French as well as those who could.

This year the Twinning Association will be holding its Christmas party in the Tom Hauley Room on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> of December and on 6<sup>th</sup> January (Twelfth Night) we will, as is traditional in France, be celebrating "Fete des Rois" (Festival of Kings).



**GASS** Guides and Scouts Support  
GUIDES AND SCOUTS SUPPORT

Corinna Butler

## Harbury Bonfire & Fireworks 2016

Another warm, welcoming event full of fun and fireworks at this year's fundraising Harbury Bonfire and Fireworks, held on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at the playing fields.

The weather was much kinder this year both in the week before and during the day and evening to allow another safe and successful community event, organised by GASS in support of Harbury Guides and Scout sections.

In terms of a fundraising result this was one of the most successful to date, going someway to fill the gap left with the lower takings from the Beer Festival this year.

On behalf of GASS I would like to thank the Parish Council, Village Hall, Mike McBride and team, Paul, Corinna and all the leaders, children, parents and numerous volunteers for helping us to make this event a success.

The continued success of this event is a result of all those involved, either on the day or before and after, for which GASS relies on volunteer support. We look forward to seeing you all again in 2017.



### Christmas Post 2016

Just in case there is anyone who is not aware of this great service provided by GASS, each year we run a village postal service that, for a generous donation, allows you to get all your Harbury village Christmas cards delivered in the busy run-up to Christmas.

All monies raised go to support Harbury uniformed groups and maintain the Scout hut.

This year, the Christmas post will start on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November** and **finish** at 4pm on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December**. You'll find the post box in Mugleston's as usual.

Reminder - To be able to deliver your cards you must put, as a minimum, the road and house number. Each year we get cards with just a first name on which can make it somewhat difficult to deliver them.

This year we are also in need of a couple of volunteers to replenish the ranks of our usual stalwart delivers - an ideal job for all you dog walkers out there.

If you think you can help please contact me on 01926 612852.



## Harbury Tennis Club

Colin and Sue Mercer

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/HarburyTC>

For the first time in a long while we've been able to enter two teams in both the Floodlit and Weekend Banbury League formats. In the Weekend format this has led to the first ever Harbury "local derby" as both the "A" and "B" teams are in Division 4. Harbury "B" were the home team with Caroline Morland, Sue Panton, Steve Fitzgerald, and David Bristow taking on the visiting "A" team of Helen Cooper, Karen Bristow, Steve Stark and Olly Wiltshire. Harbury's reputation of long rallies was maintained in a long, hard-fought match, ending in a 6-2 win for the "A" team.

Harbury is also renowned for providing the best post match refreshments in the league and the "B" Team raised the bar by cracking open the bubbly! The result put both teams in good league positions with the "B" team on level points with leaders, Kings Sutton, and a game in hand, and the "A" team only two points behind with two games in hand.



In the Banbury Floodlit League both teams are unbeaten after recording emphatic wins to finish their pre-Christmas fixtures. Harbury "B" occupy second place in Division 4 after Eira Owen, Helen Cooper, Josh Marshall and Nigel Eaton were in top form against visitors Brackley "C" and cruised to an 8-0 win. A week later Caroline Morland, Debs Brookes, Steve Stark and Josh Marshall repeated the same score against Towcestrians "B". This win took them to the top of Division 3.

2016 has been a very good year in all areas for the Club and we're looking forward to more success in 2017, starting with our traditional New Year's Muffler Tournament on 2<sup>nd</sup> January!



## Harbury Toddler Group

Lynne Barton

As this year draws to a close we want to thank you all for the support you have shown us throughout the year, the practical help you have given us, the many donations of clothes and toys to sell to help us raise money for disabled children's services, the list goes on.....



We have been running Harbury Toddler Group for three years now and on average we have supported over 50 babies, children and their parents per year, we are so pleased that you have been able to join us.

### **Special thanks go to:**

**Aimee Mann**, who is our 'Artistic Director' organising brilliant arts, crafts and messy play every month.

**Alison Hunt**, who reads a story and leads the singing for us on a regular basis.

**Lucy Nealon at Banana Moon**, who has so kindly lent us brilliant resources we didn't have.

**Reg, Chelly and Selina** who volunteer every week and help make the magic happen.

**Tony, Barbara, Mal, Cynthia, Janice and Sheila** for donations of lavender, bric a brac, cakes and time.

Please forgive me if I have missed anyone but this is sounding like the Oscars now so I'd better stop there!

We had fabulous sensory play during Halloween with jelly, pumpkins, lentils, spiders, bats and beans entertaining the children and families for hours. We all had great fun scooping it all up before snack time LOL, always worth the effort to see the children learning and experiencing so much. As it was a teacher training day, some older brothers and sisters were able to come along too.

Some really got into the spirit of things and dressed accordingly. Trick or treat – well there were plenty of treats.



Liv and Johnny from **Brambles Cycling Club** took the children through their paces with the balance bikes, obstacle course and balancing activities. They spent an hour with us ensuring everyone had a turn. All the resources were provided by the Club and they are starting sessions for 2 to 4 year olds, locally, in the very near future.



Our Christmas Party this year will be on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December** and I believe we will be having a special visit from Father Christmas himself, must get our Dear Santa letters organised!

I have included this picture of Rosie with one of our usual activities, home-made playdough which is always a hit, for those in the 'know' her brother is featured in this issue so it seems only fair.

Happy festive break to you all. See you in 2017; we will be open on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January.





**Diwali – the Hindu Festival of Light.** The children had a fantastic time exploring some of the activities associated with the vibrant and colourful celebrations of Diwali. They made and decorated clay diwa lamps and sang the “Little Lamps” song. Indian-style clothes adorned the dressing-up rail and toasted naan bread was enjoyed at snack time. The role-play area became an Indian kitchen, with balti bowls, Indian dress, music and books.

**Rangoli:** Wonderful and original designs were created using firstly dry and then wet paint, as the children experimented using their fingers to draw patterns.

**Leaf Man:** Following our walk to the Spinney we learned about the story of the ‘Leaf Man’ which inspired some fantastic pictures and collages made from the materials we had collected on the walk. The children also enjoyed hearing about “Hodge the Hedgehog” and retelling the story with the help of our story sack. To round off the theme, several autumnal songs were sung at circle time.



**Bonfire Night:** Inspired by the children's experiences of Bonfire Night, wonderful sparkly collages were produced, using black paper, pastels, drizzled glue and brightly coloured glitter.

Wearing high-viz jackets and hard hats for safety, we continued the theme outside, where the children used our plastic building bricks to make a large scale reconstruction of a bonfire.

**Christmas:** A favourite time of year amongst children and staff alike, we are now beginning preparations ready for our Nativity Songtime at the stables in Mill Lane, and for a visit to Pre-School from a very busy Father Christmas! We would like to take this opportunity of wishing everyone a very Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.



**Fundraising:** The Committee are proud to announce that a fantastic Christmas Fun Day is to take place in the Village Hall between 12pm and 3pm on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

Please come along and support what promises to be a wonderful occasion for all the family. Top class raffle prizes include; tickets for Compton Verney and Warwick Castle and £25 meal voucher for The Crown Inn and lots more! There will be plenty for the children including; Frozen Fun!, Sing and dance with Elsa, live music and a children's sing-along with BilinguaSing. The Rainbow Glitter Fairy, face-painting, Father Christmas will be there as well as festive craft and gift stalls for all the family. Why not come along and enjoy some delicious hot food including scrumptious pulled pork baps or some samosas, maybe with a glass of festive mulled wine or something from the bar supplied by Cana? So much to enjoy!

*If you would like further information, or to register a child for Harbury Pre-School, please contact Angie Clifton e-mail [enquiries@harburypreschool.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@harburypreschool.org.uk) text 07907 598461 or look at the web site [www.harburypreschool.org](http://www.harburypreschool.org)*



**Harbury School PTA**

**PTA Committee**

**Thank You Harbury!!!**

Huge thanks to you all for supporting our Victorian Street Fayre and Quiz Night. Together these events have raised almost £4000, which will go towards the refurbishment of the interactive whiteboards and the school grounds.

As a small fundraising group, it is wonderful to receive so much support from the community of Harbury. Harbury WI, Cana Wines, The Gamecock, Carnival Committee, Mugleston's, Harbury Parish Council, David Wilson Homes, Southam Lions and National Grid are just some of the local groups and businesses that have helped us this year – thank you!

Recently, we were overwhelmed by the community support for the Aviva Community Fund application and are delighted to have reached the finals!

Fundraising can be a challenging experience and we are always trying to find new and creative ways to raise funds for our school. Our most successful events are those that provide entertainment for the village and give something back, such as the Summer Fun Day and the Victorian Street Fayre.

We are a small and very friendly group and you can follow us at [www.facebook.com/harburyschoolpta](http://www.facebook.com/harburyschoolpta) (you don't need to be a member of Facebook to access this).

If you would like to be involved, or represent a community fundraising group that would like to work collaboratively, we would love to hear from you.

Please support us by:

Registering with Easy Fundraising. All you have to do is:

1. Go to <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/harburyschool>
2. Sign up for free
3. Get shopping - your donations will be collected by easyfundraising and automatically sent to Harbury School PTA. It couldn't be easier!
4. Donate unwanted textiles in the Ragbag bin in the school car park.

#### **Diary Dates:**

**Christmas Disco:** School Hall, Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December: Infants: 6:00-7:00pm; Juniors: 7:15-8:45pm.

**Christmas Shop:** Heritage Room during school hours: Look out for dates and info in the school Book Bags.

If you would like to be involved, please get in touch.

Harbury School PTA (07811 175540 Julie)





## Village Hall Update

Chris Finch

You can't keep a good man down for very long and fortunately we have several very committed members on the V.H committee (maybe committee members always have to be committed??) and at the moment, Philip Mayer is researching the possibilities of upgrading the heating and lighting systems. He and Geoff met with a representative from Encraft recently to assess the most energy-efficient methods for our much improved / extended hall, as the present storage radiators and ceiling lights have been in place for many years and are probably well past their economic usage. There are ways, as regular hirers will know, of boosting the night time storage heaters, but sometimes on a cold winter's evening it needs many bodies in the main hall to raise the temperature a few degrees!!

Although we can't expect massive turnouts to every event, recent ventures have drawn good audiences and it is hoped that the Theatre Group presentation, 'All Exclusive' drew its usual support to keep all the punters happy in every way! There's also another exciting venture offered this time by the Junior Theatre Group, as an all girls' version of Oliver - 'Olivia' is being staged just before Christmas on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> December. Doubtless, many proud parents will fill the audience, but it would be good to see a cross section of the village community in attendance, to encourage the youngsters who have been rehearsing for some time to put on a good show! There's even a female Artful Dodger!!

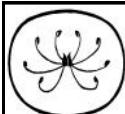
By the time this magazine reaches Harbury residents, two of the three Christmas fund-raising ventures will have taken place - the Christmas Fair for Myton Hospice support and the Christmas Fayre organised by the Church on 3<sup>rd</sup> December. In the following week, there will be the Pre-School Christmas Market on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December. All these events encourage villagers to visit and hopefully find that elusive present for a friend or family member on one of the stalls.

On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December, there is the annual Senior Citizens' dinner, which always has an impressive turnout for the 3+ course Christmas dinner funded and prepared by the S.C.'s committee (another group of committed volunteers - where would our village be without them?). It is the season of goodwill and, as ever, Harbury rises spectacularly to the various causes.

Already the bookings secretary for the Village Hall is reporting that many weekend hiring 'slots' for 2017 are booked, including for two wedding receptions and it is recommended that any organisation planning an event should get in touch at the earliest possible time. On one occasion recently, there were four separate activities following each other on one day with two children's parties organised in the hall during the day, followed by

a rehearsal, as well as a sports activity. Geoff managed the booking procedure for one weekend recently whilst Celia (612819) was otherwise engaged and he professed he was amazed at how much work is involved!! It kept him busy in another way, in addition to his daily visits to check that all is well with the doors, windows and of course the toilets! Our hard-working caretakers, Tom and Flo, also never miss any chance that might need attention, as they put in many hours ensuring that the premises are always in the 'best possible condition'!

The committee thanks everyone for their continued support and wishes everyone a Happy Christmas and a prosperous NEW Year (as we hope ours will continue to be!!).



## Horticultural Society

Judy Morrall

At our November meeting we all enjoyed another super talk. Robin Pearce from Hallow, Worcester ran his own nursery for 20 years until very recently. It specialised in ornamental grasses and ferns which was the theme of his talk. Prior to running the nursery he worked in agrochemicals. He is also a member of an RHS committee.

He started by showing how grasses behave in meadows, with grace and movement. Lots of the grasses appear to be luminous when the light shines through. There are superb collections at RHS Wisley, Veddw House, Monmouth, Foggy Bottom and Trentham Gardens which we visited last year. Piet Oudolf was responsible for a revival of interest in grasses and in particular in the style known now as prairie planting.

Grasses go from tiny to very large and we were then shown some superb examples. You get colour too all through the seasons and in the autumn some of the taller miscanthus positively shine in yellows and greens. In Winter with frost on them, they are a magnet for birds as some have seed heads which are a nutritious source of food for them - an added bonus.

Hakonechloa aurora is a very fine plant to have. I have one in a pot but you do need to split and divide every couple of years or so to get the maximum effect. In Autumn the plant produces purple stems and then the panicles change from a greenish yellow to reddish brown, quite a show-stopper. Other tall grasses are the stipa giganteas which really are like giants. The other name for it is the golden oat, very appropriate. The old fashioned cortaderias or pampas grasses are making a comeback. There is an evergreen clump forming one called Sunningdale Silver with sharp-edged leaves and grows to about five feet (sorry I am still in feet and inches!). This plant originated from New Zealand but is perfectly happy in our country. Miscanthus sinensis also get to grow tall with stripey leaves and resemble a giraffe in profile.

Molinias and deschamsias are brilliant at the back of a border and are statuesque and waft in the breeze.

Medium-sized grasses such as pennisetums add balance lower down the border and have long hairy stems and in Autumn the panicles are creamy pink, another must-have plant. The carex genus or sedge is another medium to low -growing grass with many different forms and colours. The smaller ones such as festucas range in colour from green to blue and add a splash of colour on a dull day. There were many more slides which hopefully whetted members' appetites to grow some next year as they are real value for money plants.

Robin then quickly showed us a few examples of hardy ferns, again another favourite of mine. These look at their best in a stumpery; excellent examples of these can be seen at Biddulph Grange and at Highgrove. What could be a better sight than seeing the fronds of the ferns emerging at the start of the Spring like coiled springs! The asplenium family, sometimes called the birds-nest fern, produces lovely glossy fronds and resemble a shuttlecock. Also showy are the polystichums and dryopteris. The osmunda reagalis is called by its common name the royal fern. Most will tolerate dry shade but do need a little moisture from time to time. They will also look good in pots on a wall to produce maximum effect. Robin answered questions and had brought along a few plants for sale, we had a super evening.

I doubt that visiting gardens or arboretums will be high on your agenda in December but if you do feel that you want to get out in the fresh air most National Trust properties are open at weekends. If you haven't been to Stowe Gardens near Brackley, post code MK18 5EQ, I can thoroughly recommend them. One of my garden heroes, William Kent, had a massive input in the design as well as Capability Brown. Parkland is open daily from dawn to dusk. Blenheim Palace, as mentioned last month, is open throughout December. Waddesdon Manor is always a very special place in December with a light show on the outside of the building, Bruce Monro illuminated trail of glass plants near the aviary and much more. We would love to see you at Upton House and Gardens, lots to see and enjoy and, in case you missed it on the TV, we did get the Guinness World record for the longest continuous bunting at well over four miles long. Parts of it are still inside the house. It was a magical day and Mary Berry was lovely. When I spoke to her she said that she admired us volunteers for our commitment and enthusiasm, no better compliment.

The meeting in December on the 6<sup>th</sup> in the Tom Hauley room at 8pm is our festive fun evening when we do not have a speaker but enjoy quizzes and games and a buffet supper with a bumper raffle. This is preceded by a very short AGM but do not be put off, please come along and join us for an early taste of Christmas. No meeting in January, the next one is on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February when Howard Drury will be making a very welcome return to our Society.



*Alan and Susan Lord wish all our friends in Harbury and Ladbroke a very happy Christmas season and a healthy New Year.*

*Mary Kimber sends Happy Christmas greetings to her friends in Harbury and wishes you all a peaceful New Year.*



*Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year to all Friends in Harbury. This year we will be donating to 'CWPT'*

**Patient Fund**

**Best Wishes Helen & Kevin McMahon**

*Warmest greetings to all our friends.  
from Michael & Gillian Hare*

*A very Happy Christmas to all my friends in Harbury. This year I shall be supporting the Magpas Air Ambulance which came to the aid of my grandson when he had a serious accident on his bicycle. I have very fond memories of my years in Harbury and I miss you all. Joyce Windsor*

**Andrew and Jenny wish all their friends in Harbury a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year. They will be donating to a national homeless project.**

*Corina and Gordon would like to thank all of their friends and neighbours for their amazing kindness this year and to wish them a very Happy Christmas and Healthy New Year.*

*Instead of sending cards this year we will be making a donation to Pancreatic Cancer UK*

The Ellis-Greenways would like to wish all our friends a Happy Christmas and Fabulous New Year. We will be donating to the Special Care units at Warwick & University Hospitals instead of cards this year.  
Love Thomas, Karena, Claudia, Clarice, Carmen, Isabella & Ariadne xxxxxxxx

David and Barbara Thistleton  
many friends in Harbury a Happy  
and peaceful New Year. Our son is  
in Cambodia and we are making  
worthwhile

**Beryl Checkley wishes  
Ladbroke a joyful Christmas**

**Colin & Jen Ingram wish  
you a happy and healthy Christmas  
Instead of cards we will**

**Gordon and Ros Baldock  
and neighbours a  
Happy Christmas**

*Dear Friends, This year we  
rather than send Christmas cards,  
donation to local charities  
opportunity to wish you a  
Christmas and New Year  
Tony*

**John and Joan Broomfield  
friends, neighbours and workmates  
Christmas and all good luck  
We are, as we have in previous  
charities in place**

*I would like to wish all  
Happy Christmas  
I will be giving a donation  
Izzy*





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I donate to a local charity.

*I wish all our friends  
a very Peaceful and  
Christmas.*

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mas Cards, I shall make a  
charities. So I take this  
all a Happy and Blessed  
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y Stubbz*

ield would like to wish our acquaintances a Very Happy things for the year ahead. Previous years, donating to two e of sending cards.

*I l my friends in Harbury a  
and New Year 2017.  
donation to the Scouts.  
Grimes*

Mike, Alison and Liz Abbott wish all our friends in Harbury and Ladbroke a joyful Christmas. We have decided not to send Christmas cards locally this year. Instead we have made a donation to Save The Children.

With all good wishes for Christmas and 2017  
Jackie & Simon West

Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year to all Family, Friends & Neighbours,  
Love Jean Herbert  
I have donated to The Dogs Trust this year.

Tom and Joan Smith would like to wish all their friends and acquaintances in Harbury a very happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.

To all our friends and neighbours in Harbury.  
Wishing you a peaceful festive season and a happy and healthy 2017.  
Love from,  
Peter and Moira Rollason and family x

To those friends who prefer to donate rather than send cards we shall be making a donation to Bloodwise (the new name for Leukaemia and Lymphoma research) on your behalf. To those who prefer cards, we shall still continue to send cards.  
Sally and John Stringer

Alan & Pauline Hayes would like to wish all their friends in Harbury a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

To all our friends in Harbury and Ladbroke, we wish you a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year. Donations in lieu of cards will go to charity.

Nicky and Gray Lewis

We really wanted some rain at the end of Summer and beginning of Autumn and for the last few days it has not known when to stop! We have enjoyed some nice mild days though and I have lots of unseasonable plants in flower in my garden: two white clematis in full flower, yellow buddleia, heucheras, geraniums, osteospermums, lobelia, lavenders, fuchsias and many more. I bought some lily bulbs from the Gardeners World Show in June and planted them in pots and only in the last two weeks have they finished flowering. As I only paid £10 for 10 bulbs that's value for money.

I know it is early but I would like to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year.



## Nature Notes

**John Hancock**

Sharon and I, together with large numbers of readers, have been watching David Attenborough's series 'Planet Earth 11' on television. On Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November we were shown, in fabulous photography, life in the planet's jungles. From Madagascar with its many lemur species, we went to Brazil and its river dolphins then onto Costa Rica and the 'invisible' frog. With David Attenborough's understated delivery, the series is a pleasure to watch, escaping from the dark days of winter to such exotic locations. Large areas of jungle remain where species can thrive but it needs vigilance on the part of wildlife custodians to protect shrinking habitats as pressure comes from development of one sort or another be it farming, logging or mineral extraction. The risk of squeezing wildlife into smaller and smaller areas of land is primarily that of a shrinking gene pool and therefore a decline in the health of a population. If such large animals as river dolphins, hidden from view in silt laden slow moving waters, are only just being discovered, think how many smaller species escape detection and become extinct before they are found.

Locally, do make a point of visiting some of our newer Nature Reserves in the New Year. Tasker's Meadow adjacent to Stockton Cutting is not listed in my edition of 'Discover Wild Warwickshire - A Guide to local Nature Reserves'. It is situated between the old railway cutting and the Grand Union canal with an entrance opposite the Boat Inn on the A426. Here, in summer, the wild flowers are an explosion of colour and variety. Ragged Robin, a distinctive flower of the Pink family (which includes Campions and Chickweeds), Bee and Butterfly orchids in numbers, together with a range of insects including the Green Tiger beetle are there to be found. In the opposite direction, Radway Meadows under Edgehill (OS sheet 151;SP366 475) reveals much of interest. On the north east side is the ancient byway known as King John's Lane. In the damper zone you may find opposite-leaved Golden Saxifrage, Water Figwort (*Scrophularia auriculata*) and Goatsbeard whose yellow

flowers open fully only on a sunny morning and therefore has the folk name 'Jack-go-to-bed-at-noon'.

On a Friday walk recently, Richard Marshall-Hardy led a group on a round trip from Ebrington in Gloucestershire back into Warwickshire looking down on Ilmington and the midland plain before descending to pass Foxcote House in its park setting. Near Hidcote in a pasture, an animal, probably a badger, had been digging. Mixed with the earth were bits of honeycomb which explained the burrowing. It had been a frosty start to the day and now sunshine picked out the russet hues of those trees, chiefly oaks, still holding their leaves.

On 14<sup>th</sup> November, the Warwick U3A Natural History Group were spellbound by a presentation on Iceland delivered by wildlife photographer Philip Mugridge, He has visited the island many times in all seasons and his presentation included bird species peculiar to Europe and North America, the island being on a migration crossroads. We were shown Eider Duck, Snow Bunting, Ptarmigan, Skua, Arctic Tern, Puffins and many more.

On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December, the Group welcomes John and Val Roberts to the Tom Hauley Room (10.00-noon) to give our last illustrated talk of 2016. They will show pictures of South Africa. If you would like to attend, please contact me on 612860 or e-mail [j.hancock43@btinternet.com](mailto:j.hancock43@btinternet.com)

Cycling back from Southam recently I noticed a splash of colour on the verge as I came into Ladbroke. There is quite a colony of dwarf Cyclamen spreading beneath the boundary of Ladbroke House. Previously at the same spot, but in May, I have found caterpillars of the Orange Tip butterfly feeding on the crucifer Garlic Mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*).

So adieu and Happy Christmas to all. Please do get in touch to relate your wildlife discoveries.



## General Section



### Village Carols Around the Tree

Please do come along and join us for a festive evening of carol singing around the tree at Harbury Village Hall 6.30 to 8.30pm on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

Mulled wine, mince pies and other refreshments will be provided by the church. We hope to see you there.

**Elaine Barnden**

## Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal - Harbury and District

Many thanks to the 40+ poppy collectors who trudged the streets of Bascote, Depper's Bridge, Harbury and Ufton for this year's annual poppy appeal - all your efforts are much appreciated and in the next week or so a card will be posted to each collector showing the total amount raised on each 'round'. As far as possible now, a collector calls on houses in his/her own area, so that no car journeys are necessary apart from those undertaken by Stan and Roanne on my behalf, delivering the trays and boxes, or by Ann Ainscow, who services the outlying areas around Ufton. Each box has to be carefully recorded for its contents and the money 'bagged up' in bank friendly amounts, so that the whole procedure does not take too long to be checked. Roanne has enjoyed the challenge of being accountant no. 1 this year and once the final cheques are in, the total can be announced for this year. As previously, the collections from the two Remembrance services in Harbury and Ufton are given to the appeal, which has raised over £3000+ in recent years. The final amount will be given in the January edition of the H&L News, but in the meantime it's important to thank everyone who made the collections possible. Many thanks to you ALL!

**Chris Finch**

## Harbury Craft Fair 2016

Harbury Myton Support Group is pleased to announce our most successful Craft Fair ever!

This year we have raised a staggering £2100 which, as always, will be donated to Myton Hospice.

Thank you to everyone that came to support us throughout the day; the continued support from locals and visitors alike is invaluable.

A big thank you obviously also goes out to our team of volunteers as your time and effort is crucial to the event being the success that it is every year. And a huge thanks to my mum, Shirley Crossan, whose dedication and input ensures that the Craft Fair upholds its reputation as an efficiently organised event.

The raffle was as popular as ever and for this we thank everyone, be it individuals or businesses, who donated raffle prizes. Special thanks must go to Sandra at the Old New Inn for selling a huge amount of raffle tickets for us and also to Serenity and The Crown Inn for their help with ticket sales.

May we also take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Fiona Cadwallader**



## Operation Christmas Child

Many, many thanks to everyone who contributed to our magnificent total of 151 shoeboxes filled with delights, plus enough money to make a significant contribution to their transport costs. We do not yet know the destination of our boxes, but meanwhile you might like to go to [www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk](http://www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk) to get an idea of the pleasure they will give.



And for those wonderfully generous folk who look out for bargains all year, we would be glad to receive more soft toys (with the CE label), glove puppets, felt pens, toy cars, one size gloves and flannels.

**Mike Jones & Gillian Hare**

## Halloween in Harbury



**Ken Stephenson**

## **Harbury NSPCC Committee**

### **December Quiz**

We are holding our annual quiz on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December in the Village Club. Teams of four cost £20 which includes a delicious supper of sandwiches and mince pies. We will start promptly at 7.30pm. If you are interested in entering a team please contact Elaine Bruce on 614664.



### **Burns Night**

Southam 2000 Rotary is holding another Burns Night on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2017 in Harbury Village Hall. We have been asked to organize the raffle again; last year we raised £350.

Tickets cost £32.50 per person which includes a three course meal plus whiskey tasting. A piper will play, the haggis will be addressed and it is a really enjoyable way to spend a cold and miserable January evening.

The event starts at 7.30pm. If you are interested in booking tickets please contact Elaine Bruce on 614664.

**Elaine Bruce**

## **Harbury Senior Citizens Committee Update**

Thanks to everyone who came to the coffee morning in support of the Harbury Senior Citizens Benefit Association, to those who donated raffle prizes and especially to those of you who could not make it to the coffee morning but who generously gave a donation. Thank you.

The next event will be upon us in no time at all and that is the annual Christmas Party on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 5.00 for a 5.30pm start.

Invitations were delivered and returned in November so we can confirm that everyone who requested places can come along to the party.

The committee members, helpers and entertainers look forward to seeing you at the party and we hope that you will enjoy yourselves.

Finally, as a result of the changing state pension rules we need to amend our constitution. As you know, the ages at which we get our state pension have been increasing. Therefore the committee have decided that we will change eligibility criteria in line with the government guidelines. Also, if you are eligible but your wife/husband/partner isn't of pension age then a small fee would be required should you wish them to join you at the Christmas Party or summer outing or any other future activity.

We hope you will understand the reasons for these changes and however young you are we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Mike McBride**

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



## Beginners' Dance Classes at Harbury Village Hall

Looking for some together time as a couple? Why not try something different in 2017 and come and give Ballroom and Latin American dance a go? Classes run on Wednesday evenings at Harbury Village Hall.

The next course starts on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017 and lasts for five weeks. The 45 minute beginners' class starts at 7.30pm. Be assured that we assume you have never danced before! The class runs at a steady pace to enable everyone to feel comfortable whilst learning.

Interested? Please contact me (Jo Marston) on 01926 613341.

**Jo Marston**



## Harbury Heritage Room

As usual the Heritage Room, with its hundreds of Harbury-related documents and photos, is open on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January from 6.30-8.30pm. You are welcome to come and browse at your leisure. We would be delighted to see you.

In 1986 – yes, 30 years ago(!) - it was the 900<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Domesday Book (spelling IS correct), and Year 6 at the school did various surveys to find information about Harbury. Below is their item on shops in the village. It is almost like a quiz now. Which WERE the three shops which sold groceries? Which three were owned by a company? Can you work out which were the ten shops they identified? I wonder who closes at lunch time now?

### **Shops**

*There are ten shops in Harbury. Five of the shops sell food. Three shops sell groceries. Three sell fruit and vegetables. Only one shop sells newspapers. One sells stamps and postal orders and writing accessories. One shop sells fresh meat, and tinned vegetables. One sells hardware and clothes. Three shops are owned by a company. Seven are owned privately. Five shops have an early closing day. The newsagents is open the longest - eleven and a half hours. Five owners live on the premises. Five owners deliver to their customers. Eight shops close at lunch time.*

**Nigel Chapman**



## Harbury Village Club & Institute Ltd

Whether you are new to our village or have had the privilege to have lived here for a while, may I make you aware of the facilities offered by the Village Club. A lot of you will drive past it not being aware of what is on offer. There are two snooker tables, a pool table, darts, a very warm and friendly atmosphere and a superb concert room. This room is available for hire for free for meetings, quizzes, parties and all sorts of functions. Lots of village organisations already make use of the facilities including the Folk club, Ukulele club and many more.

Come along to see for yourself; we are open from 7pm and would love to see you or phone 612498 (evening) to make a booking.

**Judy Morrall (Secretary)**



## Harbury Village Library and Biblio's Café

There is a large selection of books available in the Library with a Christmas theme, including scrummy recipe books and ghostly tales for reading curled up in front of an open fire, and Biblio's café too will be entering into the festive spirit in the build up to Christmas. Also, see details of the Christmas decoration workshops on 6th and 7th December on notices in the Library.

The Library will remain open until 5pm on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December to stock up on your holiday reading, and Biblio's will be open for its final session for 2016 on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Both will re-open in the New Year on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

We wish all our visitors and volunteers the compliments of the season.



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01926 258776

**Janice Montague**

## Connections Café for those with a dementia diagnosis and their carers

We held the first session of the café in our new surroundings of the Tom Hauley Room in November and it was very successful. We are looking forward to our Christmas celebrations on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December when we will be joining in with Christmas themed songs and other activities.

Jill and Janice would like to thank all our volunteers, including the various singers who have entertained us through the year, and of course our guests and friends, for all their support, and send them our best wishes for the festive season.

The café is held every third Wednesday of the month from 2-4pm, and everyone with a dementia diagnosis and their carers are welcome to come along.

For further information, please contact either: Jill (01926 612483) [jillbaker2015@outlook.com](mailto:jillbaker2015@outlook.com) or Janice (01926 612340) [janellmont@gmail.com](mailto:janellmont@gmail.com)

**Janice Montague**



## Harbury Energy Initiative

### The Tesla effect

I feel sure that many of you will have heard of Tesla electric cars, fabled for their ability to reach 60mph in 2.5 seconds. Since traffic in the UK spends much of its time gridlocked, I am not sure that there is much opportunity for that on our roads...but it's an exciting idea. The cars are undoubtedly the most advanced electric vehicles on the market with a range now exceeding 300 miles for the top model, but competitors are catching up and, as we know, even small cars such as our Renault Zoes can now achieve a range of around 200 miles with the latest batteries. I recently spoke at a Warwickshire Rural Electric Vehicle Scheme event and had a chance to see a few of the models now available with the additional rare opportunity of seeing a prototype model of a hydrogen fuel cell car.

Things are changing. Although there are still some heavyweight polluting vehicles in showrooms, modern options do allow better choices. And we need to make them. Pollution in our towns and cities is choking people to death, causing greater mortality than from any other current cause, it is reported. Electric vehicles are not suitable for everyone (particularly those that do not have off-road parking) but petrol/electric hybrids, diesel/electric and plug-in hybrids are now widely available and of very high quality. Having now had a test drive in one of the smallest Toyota hybrids, I realise that these and other brand models are very advanced cars.

All of this is leading up to me saying that, if you are thinking of replacing a car, perhaps you might reflect on these considerations:

- Do I really need another car? - especially if it is a second car.
- Would joining the Harbury electric car club be a better and cheaper option? If you are already a member, could you make more use of them? - HEI can advise and we are aware that it won't work for everyone.

- Would an electric car be suitable?
- If not, what about a hybrid or plug-in hybrid - these have no disadvantage of limited range and reduce fuel use considerably. Most of them also are on such a low road tax band that you pay nothing.

### **Tesla in every home?**

Having moved on from cars to batteries, Tesla are now into house-building and solar electricity generation, having acquired the major US solar energy company SolarCity. Their CEO, Elon Musk, recently made the astonishing announcement that the company will launch in 2017 solar roof tiles that will be cheaper to manufacture and install than a conventional roof. If this is truly the case then there is no reason why all new homes should not be constructed with solar generation in-built. He is quoted as saying:

"So the basic proposition will be: Would you like a roof that looks better than a normal roof, lasts twice as long, costs less and - by the way - generates electricity? Why would you get anything else?"

You can read up on this remarkable story at:

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2016-11-17/musk-says-tesla-s-solar-shingles-will-cost-less-than-a-dumb-roof>

But let's keep our feet on the ground. It will be some time before this product is ready for market and available in the UK, so don't plan it as a Christmas present this year. It would also be useful to see a genuine cost comparison of roof installations at UK prices.

Meanwhile in our humble, very small way HEI is still working on local projects with completion of LED lighting installation in the school high on our priorities.

### **The Annual General Muckabout**

If you fancy an evening in jovial company you would be very welcome to join us at our AGM at the Village Club on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 8pm. Official business takes about 20 minutes usually. We then chat informally, increasingly incoherently I suspect, about the new world we want to create ... and other completely irrelevant things. We would be delighted to see you.

The HEI team wish you all a very happy Christmas.

**Bob Sherman - Tel:612277  
email:[info@harburyenergy.co.uk](mailto:info@harburyenergy.co.uk)**





## Bumps and Bundles

Wow what a good year, lots of new babies and tots and parents making new friendships. We certainly had lots of fun, which continues in December with a craft session and the ever popular Christmas party.



Bumps and Bundles is on every Tuesday morning from 10.30am until 12 noon in the Tom Hauley room. For pregnant mums to tots up to three, come and have a cup of tea.

Merry Christmas from all at Bumps and Bundles.

**Kelly Jones**



## 65/66 Bus Service Consultation

*The below has been copied from the County Council Website:*

Warwickshire County Council recently carried out a modified consultation on proposed changes to the County Council financially supported 65/66 public bus service following notification by the operator that the service was no longer commercially viable. The Council produced a proposed alternative service timetable and included it with the consultation. As a result of the consultation, a modified tender was submitted and Stagecoach has successfully bid to operate this from Sunday 18th December 2016, thereby ensuring minimal disruption to service users. New timetables should be available shortly.

The following points to note are:

A Saturday Market Day service to Banbury from Southam, Harbury and Bishops Itchington will be available. Alternative services exist for the Thursday Market Day.

Stagecoach has agreed to retain a Friday and Saturday evening service to Leamington.

Sunday services to Bishops Itchington, Harbury and Southam will remain unchanged.

**John Holden**



## Chesterton Church

Chesterton Church had a wonderful Harvest Service, the decorations were beautiful, and the singing of Harbury Young Voices made it an extra special occasion.

Our Candlelit Carol Service will be held on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm. Please join us to sing some carols, and then enjoy mulled wine and mince pies to begin the Christmas festivities in a traditional and atmospheric setting.

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**Sue Hawthorn  
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## Telephone Scams

Warwickshire residents are warned to beware of cold calls from people offering 'call prevention services'. These callers claim to be able to offer you protection against, ironically, cold calls, for a small monthly fee. In reality, if they do anything at all, they simply register your details with the Telephone Preference Service, a free to register service.

Would you give your bank details to a stranger in the street? No? Then **NEVER** give your bank details to cold callers. Never buy goods or services from cold callers. **ALWAYS** put the phone down.

- Make a scam/rogue trader complaint to Trading Standards via Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 03454 040506.
- Warwickshire Trading Standards Website
- Sign up to scam alerts at [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/scams](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/scams)

### **Other recent scams are:**

Cold calls are being made from a mobile telephone number, from someone selling 'monitored' burglar alarms. The caller claims that they are working on a 'Warwickshire Awareness Campaign' backed by Warwickshire County Council, selling devices that will alert the emergency services in the event of an emergency. The caller claims that the system is entirely free to the over 55's, bar a £300 installation fee.

Warwickshire Trading Standards can confirm that Warwickshire County Council is not running any such campaign. These cold calls are being made by rogue/high pressure alarm businesses wishing to install monitored alarms in resident's homes. The alarms are often offered free of charge or for a low cost, but after installation residents are pressurised in to signing up to a high priced monitoring contract costing several thousand pounds.

**NEVER** buy goods or services from a cold caller.

A Rugby couple reported receiving a phone call from someone falsely claiming to work for BT. The caller informed the couple that unfortunately, their direct debit payment for their phone hadn't gone through. They confirmed the victims' name/address etc and asked who they banked with. They then informed them that their bank would call them back in 15 minutes to discuss.

The "Bank" (the fraudsters) then called back and tried unsuccessfully to obtain security questions and other bank details from them.

**Warwickshire Trading Standards**

## **LETTERS TO THE EDITORS**



### **Dear Editors**

 We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped, donated, supported or attended any of our fundraising events this year. We are delighted to say that we have raised £2205 for this very worthy cause. Guide Dogs receive no Government funding so rely heavily on fundraising. If you are passing Frances Road during December to look at the Xmas lights, the "Guide Dog" by the lamp post will gladly look after any spare change that you have.

**A very big thank you again from the Lines family**

**Dear Editors**

**Walkers in Ladbroke**

*For the last several years you have been able to walk on the farmland behind Ladbroke Hall due to the kind permission of Derek M Smith of Hodnall Manor (Hodnall Partnership). This was due to a wildlife scheme run by Natural England. This farmland scheme is about to reach its 10 year expiry point on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016. Unfortunately the options offered by the new Natural England scheme do not offer the option of permissive access.*

*The Natural England document states the following: "The agreement that existed to provide permissive access will expire on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016. From this date there is no permissive access along this route or over this area. Along with the statutory rights of way network, other permissive sites may be available in the local area. Please visit <http://cwr.naturalengland.org.uk/> for details of other permissive routes."*

Derek and family hope you have enjoyed the walks in the past few years but regret that they are no longer legally possible.

**Rebecca Sunang-Joret**



**Dear Editors**

*I live just outside Harbury and am a horse owner and rider. I would like to draw attention to the potential dangers posed to horses by passing cars and other vehicles. My daughter and I had a very frightening and potentially life threatening incident two weeks ago just outside Harbury.*

*We were riding along a stretch of road after the Beggars Lane junction with Chesterton Road and before Chesterton Windmill when my daughter's horse was struck from behind by a small car driven by an elderly person and I believe the incident was witnessed by at least one other vehicle. Fortunately, the horse did not sustain an obvious injury possibly due to the fact that he was wearing protective 'hindleg boots'. The car was moving very slowly but had this collision been at a higher speed, the results would have been very different.*

*I write this letter to highlight the potential dangers to horses, riders and cyclists whilst being overtaken by other vehicles. I believe that most people are courteous and careful drivers, but there have been numerous exceptions to this to the extent that it is becoming more and more hazardous horse riding in and around Harbury.*

*Finally, I am at a loss to understand why there have been no speed restrictions placed on these roads as there is more and more traffic passing by. Beggars Lane, particularly, feels a very dangerous road to ride or cycle on. Perhaps the Parish Council might be interested in this?*

**Celia Stockdale**

**Dear Editors**

*Firstly, thank you to everyone who joined us in the Tom Hauley Room for the MacMillan coffee morning at the end of September; the amount raised was a fantastic £272.*

*Secondly, on 28<sup>th</sup> October we held the coffee morning for the sale of Myton Hospice Christmas cards. The sale of those totalled £320. The designs met with everyone's approval. Also the morning itself made £227. We appreciate all those who made cakes and gave raffle prizes for both coffee mornings.*

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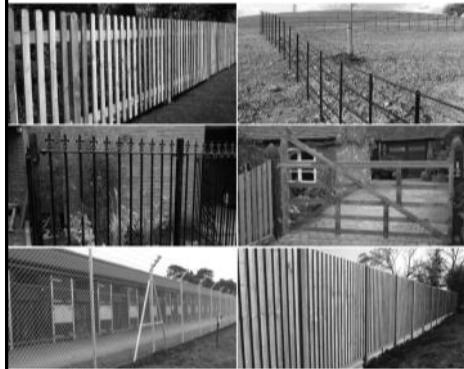
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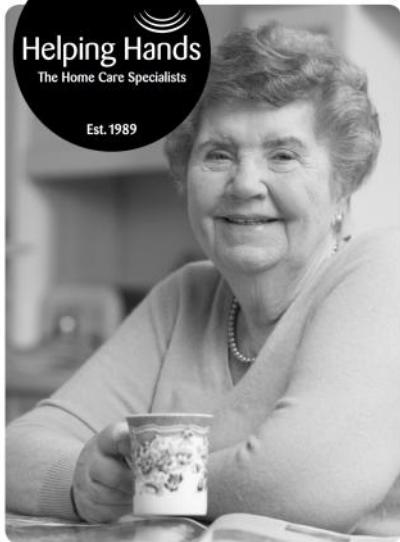
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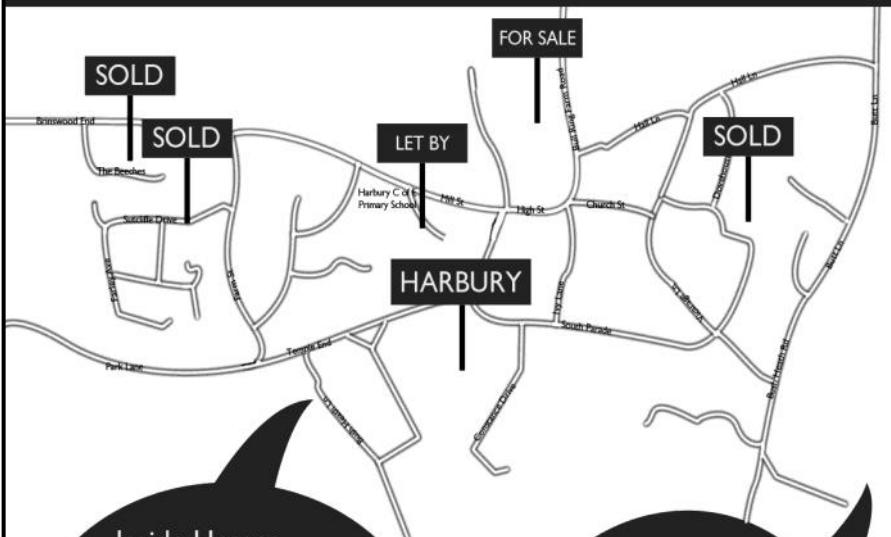
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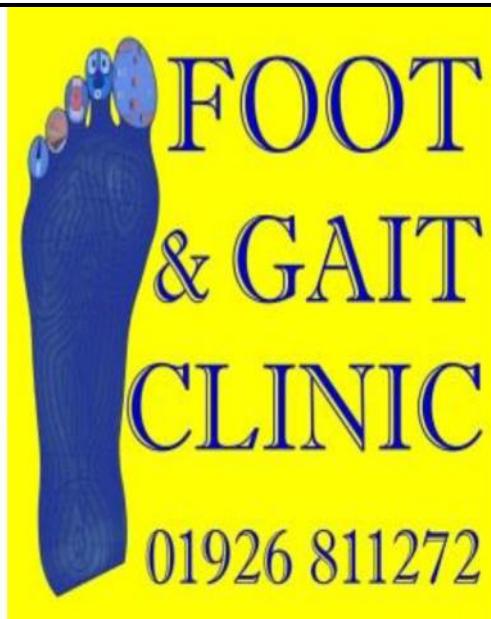
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### Tuesday

- Prima Ballerinas (3-4yrs)  
4.00pm - 4.30pm
- Intro to Ballet (5-6yrs)  
4.30pm - 5.15pm
- Grade 1 Tap (10-11yrs)  
4.30pm - 5.15pm
- Pre-Primary Ballet (6-8yrs)  
5.15pm - 6.00pm
- Primary Ballet (8-9 yrs)  
6.00pm - 6.45pm
- Grade 2 Tap (12-13yrs)  
5.15pm - 6.00pm
- Grade 3 Tap (13 yrs+)  
6.00pm - 6.45pm
- Grade 4 Tap (14 yrs+)  
6.45pm - 7.30pm
- Grade 5 Ballet (15 yrs+)  
6.45pm - 8.00pm
- Adult Tap (Adv)  
7.30pm - 8.30pm
- Inter Foundation Ballet  
8.00pm - 9.15pm
- Adult Tap (Beg)  
8.30pm - 9.15pm

### Wednesday

- Mini Movers (0-5yrs)  
9.30am - 10.30am
- Grade 2 Modern (12yrs+)  
5.45pm - 6.30pm
- Grade 4 Ballet (15yrs+)  
6.30pm - 7.30pm
- Pointe Class (Beg/Inter)  
6.45pm - 7.30pm
- Pointe Class (inter/Adv)  
7.30pm - 8.15pm
- Grade 3 Modern (13yrs+)  
7.30pm - 8.15pm
- Grade 4 Modern (14yrs+)  
8.15pm - 9.00pm
- Adult Ballet (no exp req)  
8.15pm - 9.15pm

### Thursday

- Zumba (Over 50's)  
10.00am - 11.00am
- Adult Ballet (Over 50s)  
11.00am - 12.00pm
- Funky Dance (3-6yrs)  
4.00pm - 4.30pm
- Gymnastics (all ages)  
4.30pm - 5.00pm
- Grade 1 Ballet (10-11yrs)  
5.00pm - 5.45pm
- Commercial Street (9yrs+)  
5.00pm - 5.45pm
- Funky / Modern (7-10yrs)  
5.45pm - 6.30pm
- Boys Street Dance  
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- Grade 2 Ballet (11-13yrs)  
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- Grade 1 Modern (10-12yrs)  
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- Grade 3 Ballet (14yrs+)  
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- Musical Theatre (4-8yrs)  
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- Aesthetic Gymnastics (11 yrs+)  
9.45am - 11.15am
- Baby Ballet (18mths+)  
10.30am - 11.15am
- Musical Theatre (9yrs+)  
11.15am - 12.45pm
- Aesthetic Gymnastics (4-10yrs)  
11.15am - 12.15pm

### Friday

- Mini Movers (0-5yrs)  
10.00am - 11.00am
- Little Tappers (3-5yrs)  
4.00pm - 4.30pm
- Pre-Primary Tap (6-8yrs)  
4.30pm - 5.15pm
- Primary Tap (8-10yrs)  
5.15pm - 6.00pm

### Contact Miss Lorraine

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