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Editorial

Our editorial photo this month shows Harbury resident Susie Tawney after winning a gold medal at the Masters (Veteran) World Athletics Championships held in Daegu, South Korea. Susie won gold in the 3000m after beating her nearest competitor by just 0.06 seconds in an exciting sprint finish. She has also won a silver medal in the cross country event, the British team as a whole taking the gold. At the time of going to press, Susie is aiming for a fourth medal in the 1500m. Susie, along with Jane Kempton, also helps to coach the children's cross country team at Harbury Primary School.

In line with the new advertising year for the coloured pages, we have taken the opportunity to update the front cover map of Harbury. This includes the roads on the Oakfields development and Treens Close. Thank you to Richard Marshall-Hardy and Associates for producing the new map.

Following on from last month vouchers for two for one travel to Leamington, this month's magazine has details of another offer for teenagers. This is 'Take a Friend for Free on the Bus'!

The Harbury & Ladbroke News AGM will be held on Tuesday 11th April, 7.30pm at the Village Club; all are welcome.

Finally, we extend our condolences to the families of Hilda Sheasby and Derek Smith.



Harbury Diary

APRIL

Sat 1 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Southam Bowls

Sun 2 **PASSION SUNDAY**

Holy Communion, 9.00am

Little Saints' Service, 10.30am followed by breakfast

Celtic Service, 6.00pm

Tennis AGM & Chequebook Tournament, 10.00am

Mon	3	Martial Arts, 6.30 - 7.30pm in Village Hall Harbury Society talk on China 7.30 for 8.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
Tues	4	Pilates, 9.30am, in Village Hall Heritage Room open, 6.30 - 8.30pm at School Lent Course, 7.30pm, followed by Communion Horticultural Society, 7.30pm, Tom Hauley Room – Duncan Coombes, 'A First Visit to Tibet'
Wed	5	Wednesday Walkers, meet 9.40am Village Hall car park - Rowington - Shrewley (4 miles) Holy Communion, 2.00pm Mothers' Union Meeting, 2.30pm An Easter Meditation - Revd Nikki Moon Inspire Dance, 4.00 - 7.00pm in Village Hall Junior Theatre, 6.30 - 7.30pm in Village Hall
Thurs	6	Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee Weeding Session, 10.00am - 12 noon, Harbury Cemetery Folk Club, 8.00pm in Village Club
Fri	7	Last Pre-school Music Movement, 9.15am - 12.15pm in Village Hall
Sat	8	Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Save the Children Hereburgh Morris 30 th Birthday Ale, 10.00am - 12 noon & 5.00 - 11.30pm, Village Hall
Sun	9	PALM SUNDAY Holy Communion with distribution of Palms, 8.00am Family Communion with distribution of Palms, 10.30am Children's Church, 10.30am, Tom Hauley Room Messy Church, 3.00 - 5.00pm, Tom Hauley Room Zumba, 9.00 - 10.00am in Village Hall French Market, 10.00am - 4.00pm, Southam Town Centre
Mon	10	Martial Arts, 6.30 - 7.30pm in Village Hall Celtic style Holy Communion & Stations of The Cross, 7.30pm
Tues	11	Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall Service of Light and Shadows, 7.30pm
Wed	12	No Wednesday Walk Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room Holy Communion with Laying on of Hands & Stations of The Cross, 7.30pm
Thurs	13	MAUNDY THURSDAY Holy Communion, 9.45am Joint Service at Ladbrooke, 7.30pm 'The Watch' until Midnight, from 9.00pm WI, 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room - FGM some of the issues with Alison Byrne

- Fri 14 GOOD FRIDAY**
 Children's Service with Hot Cross Buns!! 10.30am
 'One Hour at The Cross' - Devotional Service with hymns & readings, 2.00pm
 Performance of Stainer's 'Crucifixion', Ladbroke Church, 6.30pm
- Sat 15 HOLY SATURDAY**
 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Guide Dogs
 Lighting of Easter Candle & Renewal of Baptismal Promises, 8.00pm
- Sun 16 EASTER DAY**
 Holy Communion, 8.00am
 Family Communion Service, 10.30am
 N.B. No Evensong
- Mon 17 Martial Arts**, 6.30 - 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Tues 18** Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 19** No Wednesday Walk
 Connections (Dementia) Café, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
- Thurs 20** Holy Communion, 9.45am followed by coffee
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- Sat 22** Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Air Ambulance
- Sun 23 LOW SUNDAY**
 Holy Communion, 8.00am
 Sung Eucharist, 10.30am
 Children's Church, 10.30am
 Zumba, 9.00 - 10.00am in Village Hall
- Mon 24** Martial Arts, 6.30 - 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Tues 25** Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall
 Junior Theatre, 6.30 - 7.30pm in Village Hall
 Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 26** Wednesday Walkers, meet 9.40am Village Hall Car Park - Hunningham and the Famous Wild Pear Tree (4 miles)
 Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00 - 4.00 pm, Tom Hauley Room
 Inspire Dance, 4.00 - 7.00pm in Village Hall
- Thurs 27** Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee
 ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST OR EMAIL TO ARTICLES@HLNEWS.CO.UK BY 5.30PM
 Parish Council, 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Sat 29** Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Harbury Heritage
 Councillors' Corner, 10.00am outside Post Office
- Sun 30 EASTER III**
 Holy Communion, 8.00am

- Sun 30 Sung Eucharist, 10.30am
 Children's Church, 10.30am
 Zumba, 9.00 - 10.00am in Village Hall
- MAY**
- Mon 1 Upholstery Class, 9.15am in Village Hall
 Martial Arts, 6.30 - 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Tues 2 Pilates, 9.30 - 11.30am in Village Hall
 Heritage Room open 6.30 - 8.30pm at School
 Holy Communion, 7.30pm
 Horticultural Society, 7.30pm, Tom Hauley Room – Rob Cole on Fostering a Worcestershire Wildlife Meadow
- Wed 3 Wednesday Walkers, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park - Everdon Stubbs to see bluebells
 Holy Communion, 2.00pm
 Mothers' Union Meeting, 2.30pm, Tom Hauley Room - 'Save the Children' – Speaker: Monique Morris
- Thurs 4 Warwickshire County Council Elections, 7.00am -10.00pm, Village Hall
 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee
 Weeding Session, 10.00am - 12 noon, Harbury Cemetery
 Folk Club, 8.00pm in Village Club
- Sat 6 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Ladbroke WI
- Sun 7 EASTER IV**
 Holy Communion, 9.00am
 Little Saints' Service, 10.30am followed by breakfast
 Holy Communion with Laying on of Hands, 6.00pm

Refuse Collection Rota

	Deppers Bridge	Harbury, Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge outlying properties	Collection Week
April	Wed	Fri	
	5	7	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	12	14	Grey Bin
	19	21	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	26	28	Grey Bin
May	3	5	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	10	12	Grey Bin
	17	19	Green & Blue Lid Bins



From the Rector

Reverend Craig Grocock

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

A time of real and lasting hope

The Easter season is a time when we rejoice in the knowledge that Jesus has overcome death. But, for many, Easter is simply a holiday period and a time for giving chocolate eggs and enjoying the beginning of Spring (hopefully).

The message of Easter is always one of hope. Many people however feel vulnerable, lost and anxious about life. This makes the message of Easter even more important. For, the celebration of the resurrection comes only after Jesus faced the tensions and trials of Holy Week.

In the days following Palm Sunday (Jesus' entry into Jerusalem) Jesus was at his most vulnerable. The tensions in the cleansing of the temple, his weeping over Jerusalem and his last supper with his friends, were times when Jesus could anticipate what was going to happen over the next few days. In his humanity Jesus must have felt the fear and vulnerability that looking ahead can bring.

For those who are facing the pressures of modern life the events of Holy Week offer a message of hope. The tensions are no less real but the truth is that there is always hope.

Changes in life and the loss of security are traumatic but it can also be a time to discover that all is not lost. The Easter message is that, even after death, there is resurrection life. Jesus had to face terrible suffering to enter into a new life. He had to lose his own life and be resurrected on the third day in order to bring this hope to all humanity.

The Easter message resonates down the centuries and can bring a special meaning to all those who are feeling at their most vulnerable. The truth of the resurrection is a message of hope and it is one that we are all invited to share.

May you all have a happy and joyful Easter.

God bless.

From the Registers

Funeral

21st February Hilda Sheasby

Baptism

12th March Oliver James Haggitt





From the Churchwardens

Liz & Michael

The Annual Vestry meeting (i.e annual general meeting) was held on Sunday 19th March. The churchwarden's role is up for grabs every year. This year John Guilford decided to stand down after four years of service. We are all very grateful to John for bringing enthusiasm, sociability and grace to the role. Nothing was ever too much trouble. Luckily he's still around and remains on the Memorial Garden project team along with Philip Keeping and myself.

Michael Vincent was voted in as the new churchwarden and I look forward to working alongside him. As churchwardens we have a legal role in the church and technically Michael is not churchwarden until sworn in at the wonderfully named Archdeacon's Visitation in May. So John is not quite yet off the hook!

Andrew Lawrence is treasurer having taken over from Vikki Hall in January. Judy Timson takes on the role of PCC Secretary from Karen Ellis. Nic Lee continues to head up the Fabric group. Thanks to all who have served and all who continue to serve in these vital roles.

The Memorial Garden fundraising continues and to date we have raised £12,354. In addition to this we are very grateful to the Parish Council for their grant of £12,600. We are now looking at a shortfall of approximately £6,000 but work should commence in May 2017. A concert is being held on Saturday 13th May organised by Colin Oliver with all funds raised going to the Memorial Garden appeal.



Mothers' Union

Gillian Hare

What a long way from Harbury we were taken at our March meeting. Joined by six visitors, we listened spellbound as Chris Rutherford told us about her recent trip to Myanmar (Burma to most of us). The road to Mandalay is in fact the Irrawaddy River – a highway indeed, as well as a source of fish and water for washing and drinking. Hygiene was not the most evident characteristic, as we saw on her photos of markets where uncovered food was shared with pigeons, flies and pigs. But the picture she gave us was of a beautiful, fertile land, of peaceful temples and friendly people. Thank you Chris.

Our coffee morning raised £133 for M.U. projects.

When you read this we shall have been to a Lady Day service at Bilton and given out bookmarks on Mothering Sunday.

5th April: Rev Nikki will lead an Easter meditation.

3rd May: A talk about Save the Children.

Both are at 2.30pm following communion at 2pm. Visitors are very welcome.

26th April: A members' evening in Coventry – lifts available. Please speak to Chris.

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

APRIL

Sun 2 LENT V

Family Communion, 10.30am followed by refreshments

Mon 3 Homegroup,

Tues 4 Photography Club Lab Tour

Wed 5 Lent Lunch, 12.30pm onwards, 3 Hedges Close
Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall

Thurs 6 WI, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Fri 7 Film Night, doors open 7.00pm, film starts 8.00pm, Village Hall

Sun 9 PALM SUNDAY

Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am

Wed 12 Table Tennis, time TBC, Village Hall

Annual Village Meeting, 7.45pm, Village Hall

Thurs 13 Maundy Thursday Service - holy communion with symbolic
washing of feet, 7.30pm

Fri 14 GOOD FRIDAY

One Hour At The Cross - a meditative service, 12 noon - 1.00pm,
The Way of The Cross - an Easter sequence for choir and
congregation, 6.30pm

Sun 16 EASTER DAY

Easter Family Communion, 10.30am, followed by Easter egg hunt
(no 9.00am service)

Wed 19 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall

Thurs 20 ADVERTS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE TO 36 MANOR ORCHARD,
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Sun 23 EASTER II

Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am

Mon 24 Homegroup 8.00pm, 2 Hedges Close

Wed 26 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall

Thurs 27 ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY PHARMACY,
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5.30PM

Sun 30 EASTER III

Holy Communion (said), 9.00am

MAY

- Tues 2 Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall
 Wed 3 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall
 Thurs 4 Voting in WCC elections, 7.00am - 10.00pm, Village Hall
 WI, 7.30pm, Church.
Sun 7 EASTER IV
 Family Communion 10.30am followed by refreshments
 Mon 8 Homegroup 8.00pm, 2 Hedges Close
 Wed 10 Table Tennis, time TBC, Village Hall
 Parish Council Meeting, 7.45pm, Village Hall



Ladbroke Church News

Jackie West

Ladbroke church was full as we celebrated firstly the baptism of Fraser Moore at our family service and, later in the month, the life of local farmer, Derek Smith. We also welcomed back Krystal and her friends for An Evening of Song which is written up in more detail in a later article, and held a number of Lent lunches in people's homes - if you read this soon after publication you'll still be in time to come to the last of these which is on Wednesday 5th April, at 3 Hedges Close from 12.30pm. Our Mothering Sunday Service (still to happen as I write this) is a time to reflect on all those who care for us and once again we would like to thank Rosemary Allington for providing the posies of spring flowers.

There are many extra services in Easter week at both churches, here at Ladbroke we have:

- Maundy Thursday at 7.30pm Holy Communion with symbolic washing of feet.
- Good Friday at 12 noon 'One Hour at the Cross' and at 6.30pm Stainer's Crucifixion.
- Easter Day at 10.30am Easter Family Communion followed by an Easter Egg Hunt (note there is no 9.00am service that day).

After his Easter marathon of services Rev Craig will have a just fortnight's final training for the 26.2miles of Milton Keynes roads that he will be running on 1st May. We wish him and Su good luck and Godspeed. Craig is running in aid of our All Saints for All Generations campaign, if you would like to sponsor him you can do so online at <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/revcraigmarathon> or pass cash or cheque (made payable to ALL SAINTS CHURCH LABROKE) to Rev Craig, our treasurer Steve Copley or to me.

Another way you can support the campaign is to buy your greetings cards from the increasing selection in church. There are now handmade cards

crafted by Rosemary and photocards by a number of local photographers. There are a few cards in church whenever it is open and a wider selection available when we are there for services or on request. Alternatively, if you are like my nephew and niece and shun cards but embrace electronic everything, you can give as you spend on-line by making your purchases via [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) with Ladbroke Church as your nominated charity.

From the Registers

Baptism

5th March Fraser Moore

Memorial Service

16th March Derek Makepeace Smith

Flower Rota

16th & 23rd April Easter flower arrangers
30th April & 7th May Kate Todman



Ladbroke Parish Council

Simon West

The meeting on 8th March had a number of villagers present relating to planning applications but neither our SDC or WCC councillors were available and there being no major topic to discuss it was shorter than most. The following are notes of items that are most likely to interest villagers, the formal minutes will appear on the notice board by the pub and on the village website, ladbroke-pc.org.uk in due course.

New clerk: Jackie Chapman was welcomed.

Street lamps: These may need to be replaced as the bulbs are becoming obsolete. There may be some synergies with Ufton who are in the same position. Cllr Maffey commented that we would want to keep our dark skies.

Planning: The Parish Council is generally neutral unless there are any particular issues with plans and there were none for The Lares proposal to demolish the existing bungalow and build a house, the extension at Oaklee and treeworks at Sarah's cottage. *Post meeting note: Since the meeting SDC have refused permission for The Lares. Permission for the new house behind Old Rectory House has been granted on appeal.*

Highways, Footpaths and Drainage: Discussions continue regarding providing pedestrian access from the end of Windmill Lane to the bypass and footpath beyond. This location has been checked to be safer for crossing the bypass than the existing footpath access and any changes will be a parish council responsibility rather than highways.

There has been no progress yet with regard to the blocked drain causing water on the road and footpath near Church Cottage so our council will keep chasing highways.

Village Hall: Ladbroke Matters are looking to apply for an HS2 community grant to extend at the back to relocate the kitchen, provide an accessible toilet and a proper accessible entrance on the front side of the hall.

Superfast Broadband: The initial press release from CSW concerning the village was not well received as the map suggested the Millennium Green but few homes would be included! It will be Fibre To The Home, the exact date it becomes available is unknown; there are some blockages in the ductwork that have to be cleared before the fibre can be blown down the system. *Post meeting note:* further maps are now available on www.cswbroadband.org.uk - it is probable that Ladbroke Hall is not included yet as there will need to be a special agreement since this is a "multi-tenanted" property.

Southam College: The admissions policy will not change for now and in future should include all local schools.

Next meetings: Annual Village Meeting, 12th April at 7.45pm, Parish Council meeting 10th May 7.45pm.



Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge Women's Institute

Carol Lane

I was so sorry to miss our March meeting when Su McClellan, spoke about her experiences 'From Breast Cancer to running a Marathon in Gaza' but the words used by friends in describing it included 'bubbly', 'empathetic', 'informative', 'fascinating' and 'positive'.

Su gave first hand information about the Gaza Strip, something most of us have only heard about on the news. She described the process of entering this hugely populated area which is effectively a prison, through a gated cage in which you are enclosed until permission is granted by both Israel and Hamas.

The contrast is stark, travelling from the highly mechanised and sophisticated Israel to the broken and bombed out ruins of Gaza. There is another war about every two years and 100,000 families are still homeless since the 2014 war. Many tunnels, which Israel claimed were used to smuggle bombs but were largely used to bring in essentials for everyday life, have now been

closed so access to basic items has gone. Halogen lights are used by fishing vessels to find deep sea fish as the seas have been over-fished and there is a three kilometre exclusion zone, outside which they risk being shot. Protein foods are in short supply. Their power station was bombed in the 2008/9 war so there is no electricity for 18-20 hours a day.

Medical provision particularly for breast care is very limited with only one working mammography machine in the whole of Gaza. There is no screening programme and women have little awareness of the need for self examination. There is no radiotherapy equipment and chemotherapy drugs are in short supply.

Su went on to talk about her own journey through realising she had an aggressive cancer to understanding the benefits of fresh air and a little exercise during her treatment. This led to running a half marathon in Bethlehem and finishing in the top 50 – and Craig joined her! Su has the admiration of us all!

In the business meeting which followed Dianne announced that the two resolutions chosen by a national ballot for the coming year were 'Alleviating loneliness' and 'Keeping plastic microfibres out of our oceans'. Members were urged to refer to the articles in WI Life for more information on these topics.

Dianne has now finalised Ladbroke and Deppers Bridge WI's contribution to the Centenary Book. We have been asked to share recipes and tips for the centenary recipe book.

A friendship project hopes to link older people who have time to spend two to three hours a week with a disadvantaged child.

New dates for your diary:

Taste of Denman - Monday, 17th July 2017, £40, inc. coffee, cookery demonstration, lunch with wine, tour, cream tea.

Bridgemorth and David Austin Roses - Monday, 24th July 2017 £39, Tesco, 8.30am, inc. tour and cream tea.

Literary lunch - Mallory Court, Monday, 20th March 2017, 12.30, £30

Handbags at the ready - Thursday, 23rd March 2017, 1.45 for 2.00pm, Hatton Village Hall, £20. **Asked to share lifts!**

Annual Federation Meeting - Monday, 10th April 2017, doors open 9.00am, Chesford Grange, £15

Bluebell Walk - Monday, 8th May 2017, 10.30-1.00pm (approx), "Oaklands", Baddesley Clinton, £4.50

The King under the car park, Richard III Visitor Centre, Leicester - Monday, 15th May 2017, 8.30am Tesco, £24

The May meeting will be held on **Thursday, 4th** in **The Church** when we will have the opportunity to discuss the resolutions in more detail.



Ladbroke Matters

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 next **Supper and Film Night** will be on **Friday 7th April**. The film will be 'A United Kingdom'. Set in the 1940's, the film is based on a true love story between an African Prince and a salesman's daughter from London.

Doors open and food served at 7pm. Film starts at 8pm. Please bring your own drinks. Ice creams will be available at the interval. Tickets are £12 for a two course hot meal (including our mini puddings!). Email or telephone Nicky to book tickets (nicolalewis24@tiscali.co.uk – tel: 815196) by Wednesday 5th April please.

Further film nights are planned for 14th July, and a Christmas special on 8th December. These events are always very popular and sell out very quickly, so diarise to book early!

Upcoming Events

We have more events planned for later this year including a barbecue with live music, a quiz night, and an amateur dramatic production, so watch this space for more information!

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 February 2017

£50	Linda Spence	£50	Kevin and Kate Pickin
£25	Keith Tancock	£25	Malcolm Wray
£25	Simon and Jackie West	£10	Peter and Carol Loftus
£10	Beverley Bradley	£10	Avril Court
£10	Jo Horne	£10	Cyril Spence

Margaret Bosworth





Rusty Aldwinckle takes dramatic photographs of re-enactments of 17th century battles by the Sealed Knot Society. Some of her most arresting shots capture the moment when a musket is fired and there are simultaneous flashes in the pan and at the muzzle. Many of her best pictures are taken by getting down on her backside as the pikemen, musketeers and cavalry charge round her; you can see her extensive collection at mistresswinckle.co.uk. She is equally down-to-earth in her general approach to photography: "A good photograph is one that you like regardless of what the competition judges may say." As well as the clamour of battle, she likes the roar of machines, especially fast ones such as racing motorcycles and aircraft. Her talk was also about challenges and working outside her



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comfort zone - photographs of things that don't move at all such as landscapes, seascapes and posed portraits. She has certainly risen to her own challenge and treated us to pictures of urban scenes, stormy seas and portraits that ranged from the glamorous to the macabre. "I take photos to make people smile" she said; she certainly did that with an image of toy soldiers attacking strawberries!

We had a second meeting on 14th March when Linda Doyle kindly welcomed us to the Southam Heritage Collection and showed us an exhibition of photographs from the First World War. One series showed the progress of wounded soldiers from the front to treatment centres - and those who did not make it. This was an early demonstration of the power of citizen photojournalism since the photographs were taken by ordinary soldiers and many were published in the national newspapers. There was another

collection commemorating the opening of the Red Cross hospital at the Grange in Southam one hundred years ago. The Heritage Collection is well worth visiting (see southamheritage.org).

On 4th April we shall have a private tour of the CEWE Laboratories in Leamington. On 2nd May we shall have a competition on the theme of Spring and a photopic 'Painting with light'. Visitors and guests are always welcome at our meetings Our usual meeting time is 7.30pm in Ladbroke Village Hall. For more information see our website (tinyurl.com/ladbrokephoto) or contact jackieszone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk



Ladbroke General Section

Another Fine Concert

Publicised as "An Evening of Song" the concert in Ladbroke Church on 18th March was just that. Pianist Krystal Tunnicliffe and mezzo-soprano Sian Dicker who performed here last November were joined by two fellow post-graduate students from the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, soprano Harriet Burns and baritone Brian McAlea. Afterwards they told me they had a ball and we, the audience, enjoyed it too. Admittedly the first three pieces were unknown to me and rather heavy going. The sopra-titles translating the Russian libretto for The Ugly Duckling helped a bit, though in my opinion Prokofiev should have stuck to ballet music! It transpires that these first pieces were part of each singer's exam studies, (so it's perhaps not surprising they were something of a challenge to the average listener), but then the concert moved on to more familiar works including Bizet's "Flower Duet", ballads such as "Danny Boy" and "Linden Lea" and Flanders and Swan's "Tone Deaf". Sian's rendition of Adelaide's aria "It's my Wedding" had us laughing out loud - I'm glad that none of the brides at Ladbroke Church are so demanding and after the closing bars of "It's a Wonderful World" we clapped until our wonderful performers gave us an encore.



Wearing my church warden's hat I'd like to thank Carol Lane and Krystal for organising the concert, the performers of course and everyone who came and donated generously to our All Saints for All Generations campaign, the evening raised over £500.

Jackie West

The Running Reverend (by two of his parishioners)



THE RUNNING REVEREND

Our Craig, who art in training,
Determined be thy name,
Thy personal best come,
Thy run be done,
in MK as it is in training

Give us this day our Facebook update,
And forgive us our lethargy,
As we forgive those who have smelly trainers.

Do not be led into exhaustion,
But delivered from blisters,
For thine is the finishing line, the success and
the glory
For ever and ever,
Amen.

Rev Craig is running the Milton Keynes marathon on Bank Holiday Monday 1st May in aid of the "All Saints for All Generations" campaign to raise funds for building repairs to Ladbroke Church.

If you would like to sponsor him please give online on the mydonate website <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/revcraigmarathon> or the traditional way by cash or cheque payable to ALL SAINTS CHURCH LABROKE. Do gift aid your donation if you can. Thank you.

Jackie West

Newcomers Welcome?

Those of us who live in Ladbroke extend a warm welcome to all who have moved in recently and we hope that you will be happy living here. Unfortunately two potential new residents who were seen in the vicinity a number of times in late March have not had the hand of friendship extended to them - a pair of red kites with their enormous wingspan and characteristic forked tails have displeased the jackdaws who think they own the skies near the stream. Let's hope the kites are not put off making a regular appearance.

Jackie West

May Edition - Harbury & Ladbroke News

Adverts to: 36 Manor Orchard, Harbury or e-mail to advertising@hlnews.co.uk by 20th April

Articles to: Harbury Pharmacy, High Street or e-mail to articles@hlnews.co.uk by 5.30pm, Thursday 27th April



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

March 2017

Planning was prominent with Tony Thomas objecting to the latest plans for Bull Ring Lane, querying why the bungalow plots were so very large and asserting that the paved area in front of his house was not part of the Highway. Cllrs Mancell and Gibb thought the site the best location, but Cllr Knowles had concerns about the traffic in a narrow lane with no footpath. Cllr Thornley agreed the Lane was unsuitable for use by elderly and disabled residents. The Chairman said these plans did not provide Sheltered Housing and there was no up-to-date Housing Needs Survey to quantify a need. On the basis that Harbury had met its housing target they voted 6-3 to object to the plans.

John Hallam, the Price Family Trust's agent had written objecting to amendments to the Spinney Paddock site to extend the houses. He argued this would compromise the Trust's roadway (between the site and the Spinney itself). The Chairman said non-ownership of the roadway was not a hindrance as you do not need to own land to get planning permission. Councillors agreed "No Objection" but asked for removal of Permitted Development Rights, to prevent further extensions.

Cllr Summers reported on the second Neighbourhood Plan Consultation; there had been six responses for the "Village Boundary" to be changed. Cllr Mancell stressed that we had reached the housing target set for the village.

The Council had had two "pre-planning" meetings: one concerning reduction in size of the retail area at the Post Office, the other from the owner of land to the north of David Wilson Homes site on Bush Heath Lane who has plans for "Self-Build" "Eco-houses".

The Chairman had successfully argued that the £5K Section 106 funding from DW Homes was exclusively for Harbury Library and not for Southam library. The Council has decided it needs to designate "Assets of Community Value" and in particular, the pubs, Club and Church Paddock.

County Council - Warwickshire County Cllr Bob Stevens announced the Chief Executive had resigned and would not be replaced. There was extra money from Government. The move by Southam College to be a Multi-Academy Trust had stalled over land ownership problems so for next year at least any child in the catchment area was eligible to go there. There was a £15m mitigation fund over the whole building period of HS2.

World War 1 Project - Cllr Gibb has organised a celebration on 3rd May for the whole community. The Canadian Government will be represented as three of the fallen from Harbury died fighting with the Canadian forces. The dedicated website will be open from 31st March and the plaques on the relevant houses are to be erected in the next few weeks.

Properties - Cllr Summers wanted to replace the rotting fence round the existing Grounds but there was a query over the budget for it and whether it was just the fence that needed replacing. It was decided to get quotes for both the fence and hedge replacement. Reduction work on the Cemetery beech has been completed. The three year programme to revitalise the hedge boundary has been completed and on-going maintenance will be needed. There will be discussions held regarding a potential location for a future burial ground.

Bus Vouchers will be available from the Library for 14-19 year olds for the Easter Holiday period and then again for the Summer Holidays thanks to Cllr Gibbs' negotiations with Stagecoach (please see opposite page).

Repairs to the play area are in hand but repairs to the skate-park were taking a long time.

Richard Marshall-Hardy is designing and commissioning a sign for the playing field path and will arrange the publicity. The benches still have to be installed and chained down for safety at a cost of about £400.

There was then a delightful passage where the Cllrs discussed quotes for extending the path and providing a "wacker-plate" to tamp down the planings. Somehow Cllr Summers brought up the "mole" problem to which the obvious solution emerged - "Wacker-mole!"

Next Meeting: 27th April 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Councillors' Corner

The next Councillors' Corner will be on Saturday 29th April at 10am outside the Post Office.

Tim Lockley



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HARBURY TEENAGERS BUS VOUCHERS

TIME OUT IN LEAMINGTON?

TAKE A **FRIEND FOR
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"Two for One" vouchers for two 14-19 year olds to travel by bus from Harbury to Leamington and back together, are now available for collection in person from Harbury Library. Bring proof of age, such as a current school identity card. Maximum one voucher per person, first come first served; there are 250 vouchers available.

The vouchers are valid until 31st March, 2018, and can be used any time after 9am Monday to Friday, and anytime Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holidays.

The current 665 / 64 / 67A bus timetable is available in the library and at www.stagecoachbus.com

Teenagers Bus Vouchers are a joint initiative between Harbury Parish Council, Harbury Community Library and Stagecoach to encourage use of our bus service by and for the local community

County Council Elections - Thursday 4th May



Bob Stevens

The County Council elections take place on Thursday 4th May and I shall be standing for re-election as Councillor for Feldon Division. I have represented Harbury for eight years and Ladbrooke even longer. During that period I have been able to support many of your village activities and helped with grants towards enhancing your facilities and facilitate the anti-flooding measures presently proposed for Ladbrooke.

In particular I was able to advise the Pre-School in their successful bid for funds to enlarge their premises and also liaised with the County Council staff so that your library received the maximum spend during the transition period. I have also procured grants towards junior tennis, the play areas, the Village Hall and the Scouts, I also have supported the Harbury Energy Initiative.

I regularly attend your Parish Council meetings, reporting to them the activities of the County Council and wider issues of interest, and chair the

local Community forum which is occasionally held at the Rugby Club of which I am a member and frequently to be seen on the touchline.

I was privileged to be Chair of the County Council in 2015/16 and, as well as accompanying the Lord Lieutenant when he opened the Village Hall extension, I held my Civic Service here in Harbury which over 150 attended.

What of the future? Local Government is likely to change as budgets are reduced and more authority is devolved from the centre to local communities. My priority will be to ensure that the village infrastructure can absorb the effects of the new developments; in particular, that traffic levels are controlled and highway safety is not compromised. Now that junction 12 and the work on the Fosse at the railway bridge is complete, improved safety at the Harbury cross roads is top of my list.

Harbury and Ladbroke need a councillor who has the villages' interests at heart and, if elected, I will continue to give that support so that the villages maintain their friendly rural ethos and community spirit of which they can be proud.

**Bob Stevens
County Councillor Feldon Division**

At the time of the articles' deadline, we are aware that there will be a Liberal Democrat candidate, this being Bev Walshe who lives in Harbury. It is possible that there will be other candidates standing as nominations do not close until early April.

Editors

 Harbury Society	Linda Ridgley
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Our AGM Speaker, David Howe, did not disappoint. He gave a very amusing talk on the perils of holding meetings - not the most obviously interesting topic, but it raised many laughs.

He told of his attendance at the strangest of venues – the official opening of a block of school toilets. Schoolchildren there were warned not to laugh during the ceremony so mischievously he began by saying he was “Flushed with pride at the chain of events” leading to this opening.

He complained about meetings for which the mass of papers arrived late and suggested that questioning a point at random gave the impression you had read everything. He gave a masterclass on the circularity of such discussions and the time taken to make decisions.

He rattled off set phrases which often mean the opposite; Let me be honest; I have to say; Let me be clear; Last but not least; and some which almost

never work - There are some seats at the front; and, I hope you can hear me at the back (you'd never know if they didn't!).

And he had lots of ways you could pass the time in boring meetings too. Get together and each choose an obscure word. If it comes up in the discussion - you win! Finally he had some cruel quotes from the Vote of Thanks usually given to speakers like: Marvellous wasn't the word; We must invite you again when you have less time; We hoped for a great evening but this wasn't it!

John Hancock thanked Mr Howe and gave him a cheque and a book on the quirks of English.

Next Meeting: Monday 3rd April, Tom Hailey Room 7.30 for 8pm - Chris Forse on China.



Harbury Women's Institute

Julia Fowler

What did we learn about freemasonry at our March meeting? More than we expected, but less than we wanted - no amount of WI cake could persuade Richard Brice to demonstrate The Handshake. We did discover there's an Order of Women Freemasons, established in 1908, who - somewhat bizarrely, we felt - still call themselves a brotherhood.

On 8th March, we had a splendid time at Kenilworth's Talisman Theatre, enjoying Amanda Whittington's comedy drama *Ladies' Day* - an appropriate night out for International Women's Day. Four unlikely lasses from Hull take a day trip to the races, hoping to win the jackpot, and say goodbye to slogging at the fish-filleting factory. Much like the WI itself, the play focuses on women's friendship. And as a side benefit, we helped a Year 6 grandchild with her grammar: seeing us noisily awaiting our bus outside the Village Hall, she tried to coin a collective noun for WI Ladies.... A throng? Flock? Shoal?

Three of us were delighted to help the cause of education more tangibly a couple of days later. Continuing our WI's long-time support for Harbury School, we presented a donation for £200.00, raised at our tombola stall at last year's Victorian Fayre. In a letter of thanks, headteacher Kate Guymer wrote, "With your kind gift we have been able to purchase some much-needed literacy books, which will keep the children's reading up-to-date and relevant." Pictured are Ms Guymer with two pupils, Julia Fowler, Peggy Middleton and Maureen Handle.



We told the children a little about the WI, and our 100-year history in the village. Maybe a long-ago family member was one of the founders in 1918? We've now begun fundraising for our centenary celebrations next year, starting with coffee mornings at members' homes. We'll have even more goodies than usual for sale at our carnival stall, and a tombola at the Harbury Fun Day being organised for 29th July. We plan to mark the centenary in some way in the village, so do send us any ideas. Previous gifts have included benches and various plantings.

Chris and others are working on our archives, and looking for stories, photos, names and dates. Please let us know if you recognise anyone in these snaps, or have any information about the events shown. We think the party shown is our 60th anniversary in 1978. A fabulous array of dishes as usual!



Back to the present - though the practice we'll hear about at our next meeting on 13th April is at least 2500 years old. Specialist midwife Alison Byrne will talk about FGM, or Female Genital Mutilation, and her work in maternity units, dealing with the problems it causes for women who have undergone it. Visitors to our meetings are always welcome, but we'd like to extend an invitation to all women (and men) who'd like to know more about FGM to join us in April.

We'll also have information on the two campaigns to be discussed by the WI nationally at the Annual Meeting in June. THE WI practises grass-roots democracy, so every member has a say in the organisation's projects. This year we'll decide whether to support one, both or neither of two resolutions: to work alongside health professionals to reduce loneliness in the community, and/or to campaign to keep microplastic fibres out of oceans.

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, or 07834 667 523. You can also keep up to date on our Facebook page - www.facebook.com/harburywi



Harbury Theatre Group

Ali Hodge

“Only When I Laugh” 7.30pm Thurs 18th, Fri 19th and Sat 20th May

This month we welcome two new members, Wendy and Andy, who come with a wealth of experience in acting and back stage work, respectively.

May will see our next production ‘Only when I Laugh’, an evening of sketches and a short play ‘Strictly Sex Factor on Ice’, which is about the efforts of a failing village theatre group to attract audiences. This is a big challenge for us and we are fully committed to making it a success. Wendy is desperate to start rehearsals and is finding it difficult to appreciate Harbury Theatre Group’s proud tradition of not getting bogged down with the script until the week before the performance - we find it hampers the creative flow. Andy, coming from the technical side, is much more relaxed about leaving the back stage meeting until the night before. We haven’t actually managed to find a producer yet, but if we do, one of his or her possible first jobs will be to organise publicity and spoof articles for the Harbury News. Hopefully next month....

Tickets will be on sale from Tues 18th April, available from Mugleston’s, Harbury Chemist and Tel 612029. There will be a supper on the Saturday evening only, bar every night.



Folk Club

Peter Bones

With it only being the second day of “meteorological” spring, I felt it appropriate to have the theme for the Folk Club meeting on 2nd March as simply “Spring”.

There were not quite so many performers as some recent months which made programming the evening much more relaxed. This, combined with a good selection of songs, delivered by talented performers, resulted in another pleasant and enjoyable evening.

Most of the items delivered had some connection with the season of spring, but there were others that included spring as in “well”, spring as in “suspension systems”, or spring as in “jump”.

Spring being the time of year when we start thinking about day trips inspired the Daft Dames to perform the song “Away Day” which they presented at the recent folk concert in the Village Hall. This is a hilarious parody of the Latin song “Gaudete” and for this; they dressed up very convincingly as nuns and sang in beautiful harmonies. To me this was one of the highlights of the evening.

Another highlight was the singing of "Kenny the Kangaroo" by Peter McDonald. This is a lovely Ralph McTell song and refers to the springing of the kangaroo as he "boings around all over Australia".

With there being only 12 acts to fit in, it was possible to have a third half during which we had a bonus song from eight of those who had previously performed.

Liz and I finished with the song Celtic Blessing, and being at the front listening to the rich wall of sound coming from the audience, provided a delightful conclusion to what had been another great Folk Club.

For a complete list of who sang what, please visit the Folk Club website, www.tinyurl.com/harburyfolkclub

The raffle raised a total of £87.00, for the Salvation Army. Many thanks to those who contributed.

Thanks also to the bar staff and committee of the Harbury Club who once again were very helpful and welcoming.

The next meeting of the club will be on 6th April, will be hosted by Ian Hartland, and there is to be no theme.



Hereburgh Morris

Graham Lee



Three decades ago, Peter McDonald wrote an article for this very publication saying that he was interested in starting a Morris dancing team in Harbury, and looking for volunteers. Countless capers (jumps), forays (also jumps) and hook legs (actually more of a hop than a jump) later, the Hereburgh Morris team is still going

strong, still based in the village, and this year celebrates its 30th anniversary.

You'll undoubtedly see us out and about: in the pubs of the county on our actual anniversary day, 8th April (and, if we're totally honest, on a load of other days too); up at the Chesterton windmill "long before the day-O" on 1st May; touring the Cotswold villages from where our dances originate in June; or at

any of numerous fayres and folk festivals. If you do, be sure to ask Jane for your shiny, and reasonably priced, commemorative badge. And should you then think "well, I could do better than that", please join us at our practice sessions in Harbury School at 8pm on Wednesdays. Who knows, you could be helping us celebrate our 60th anniversary before too long...



Harbury Twinning Association

Tony Thomas

Having just arrived in the village, the new licensees in The Crown Inn were not aware of our booking and so our planned Film Night described in last month's edition had to be postponed, but they have told us that they look forward to hosting the event sometime in the future.

We wish to say a big thank you to everyone that supported our coffee morning in the Tom Hauley Room on Saturday 11th of March.

On the 24th March we will be having our annual "Supper & Skittles Evening" at the Navigation Inn, Wootton Wawen. Look out for the winners' photograph in next month's edition.

On Friday 5th May we will be welcoming our twinning friends from Samois-sur-Seine to Harbury for their bi-annual weekend visit.



Harbury Juniors Football Club

Debbie Glover

Harbury Under 9's have won their league in style without dropping a single point this season. What a fantastic result and achievement! The squad made their parents, family and friends very proud both yesterday and throughout the season. Sometimes there are events that make you take stock and appreciate the good things in life and that may be a simple pleasure like winning a match of football!



The credit belongs to the players. Through their skills and teamwork, but more importantly their combined effort they achieved their goal. Well done HJFC under 9's: Archie, Bayley, Bob, Charlie, Ewan, Fin, Freddie, Georgio, James, Jake, Matthew, Tom, Thomas, William, Wilbur. We are the champions!

For the Under 16's, it's been a good few weeks. We had an 8:0 win against Kenilworth with hattricks for Riley B and Oscar T and a goal apiece for Leighton T and Harry W. This was followed by a hard-fought 2:1 win away at high flying Clifford Park Rangers, with goals from Riley B and Harry W.

As the season is starting to come to a close, all HJFC teams continue to battle it out in their leagues. We are looking to recruit more players, particularly in the U11, U12 and U13 teams so please contact the relevant coach if you wish to join us (see Regular Diary Dates section of this newsletter for contact information). We are a friendly FA affiliated club with professional, trained coaches running each of the age groups.



Harbury Tennis Club

Colin and Sue Mercer

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

March has been a really successful month on the competitive front. Starting with the Juniors, Harbury's Audrey, Dylan and Ewan were joined by Rehan from Warwick Tennis Club to take on Rugby Tennis Club at Virgin Active in a Warwickshire Mini Reds event. They did themselves proud against a much bigger club and won the match 6-4, well done!

In the Banbury Winter and Floodlit Leagues the Club has completed its most successful season. In Division 3 of the Floodlit League the "A" team made yet another trip down the A5 to Towcester where Caroline Morland, Debs Brookes, Steve Stark, and Colin Mercer won 6-2 to confirm Harbury's position as Champions of Division 3 of the Banbury Floodlit League. This was the final fixture and the win meant Harbury were unbeaten throughout the season, a great achievement!

Harbury B finished the season in great style, first when Eira Owen, Helen Cooper, Olly Wiltshire and Ben Fish took on unbeaten Division 4 leaders, Brackley "B", and beat them 7-1 to consolidate second position in Division 4 with one fixture to play. Before the match the visitors had only dropped 3 sets and 2 of those were against Harbury! In the final match, at



home against Marsh Gibbon, Eira and Helen were joined by Nigel Eaton and Josh Marshall and secured a 6-2 win and promotion to Division 3.

In the weekend format Harbury "B" completed their fixtures with a home match against Tysoe "B" and, in a very close match, Katy Wiltshire, Jane Minchin, Jo Robson and David Bristow narrowly lost 3-5. That meant that they finished with the same points total as Tysoe but because the visitors had won more games than Harbury during the season (256 to 246) Harbury finished, by a very narrow margin as "wooden spoonists"! However, this was compensated for when the "A" team of Helen Cooper, Karen Bristow, Nigel Eaton and Colin Mercer romped to a 7-1 win against nearest rivals, Towcester, to become champions of Division 3.

It has been a really good season, not just because of the results, but also because a number of players with little or no experience of league matches have played and enjoyed themselves which is what it's all about!

The Junior coaching programme, delivered by *coolsportz*, is in full swing with sessions on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays catering for ages from 4-16. After Easter there will be a new session on Mondays (4.30pm to 5.30pm) for Mini Reds (children aged 4-8). *Coolsportz* are offering a **free** introductory session for this one. There are also coaching sessions for adults on Monday evenings and a Ladies' group on Friday mornings. For more details contact Lianne Candappa on 07919104093 or email her, [lianne @coolsportz.co.uk](mailto:lianne@coolsportz.co.uk)

If you would like more details about the club just email me, sucolemercer@btinternet.com, or visit our website at clubspark.lta.org.uk/HarburyTC

Harbury Toddler Group

Lynne Barton



Harbury Toddler Group is a registered charity, number 1099160. As a charity, we are required to hold an Annual General Meeting.

In order to engage as many families as possible we decided to hold the meeting during the regular Toddler session and are pleased to report that this was achieved on February 27th 2017.

The minutes of this meeting are displayed on our notice board.

The main item to report is that it was agreed by all present that we do not open during the half term weeks, the reason for this decision is that attendance during these times has been really minimal.

We have and will continue to maintain the parental contribution for 2017 at £1.50 per session, hopefully enabling everyone to attend but we continue to seek donations from other sources. 'Subs' for 2016 were noted as £753.31 whilst our expenditure was £919.40. We are therefore grateful to the

Harbury Carnival Committee, The Entertainer and Entrust Care Partnership for financially supporting the group during 2016 and enabling Toddlers to continue to be viable.

So, what else has been happening?

We hosted the coffee morning at the Tom Hauley Room at All Saints in March, which we really enjoyed and we raised £158 to support Toddlers this year.

We managed to make available 18 raffle prizes, a generous amount of cakes and a table of bric-a-brac, as well as having an Usborne Book Table.

Here is the team, all are ready for customers!!

At a recent Toddler session Aimee, mother to Freddie, Bella and Jago, pictured below, provided a wonderful messy, adventurous, pretend play to stretch the children's imagination, with carrots, seeds and soil. We really just need Beatrix Potter's Peter Rabbit to make an appearance!

Impromptu chairs made a timely entrance to take children to the Zoo whilst giving a hearty rendition of Wheels on the Bus, much loved and known by everyone.

The Parenting Project, an organisation which runs Southam Children's Centre, kindly paid for Deb Dutton, creative artist, to come to Toddlers enabling them to experience large easel art which they adore. Many thanks to Deb and the team.



Tom Tom Photographic, a local Harbury amateur photographer, is coming to Toddlers this month to take photos of children at play which provide a nice keepsake of their all too short time at Toddlers, before going to the next phase of education at pre-school.



In 2016 we welcomed a total of 86 children and, of course, parents, carers, grandparents and child-minders. There were four 'star' attendees whom we applaud; so thank you Olivia, Sam, Jago and Emily who came for 32 out of 39 weeks, tremendous. Thank you to all our dedicated families.

If you want to join us then Lynne, Selina, Chelly and Reg look forward to welcoming you. Come on round, the kettle's on.

We are based at the Wight School, High Street, Harbury, CV33 9HW (brown gate to the side) and meet at 9.30am, saying bye bye at 11.15am.

Thinking of coming along or need more information? Please do ring Lynne on 01926 612748 or email lynnebarton@btinternet.com



Harbury Pre-School

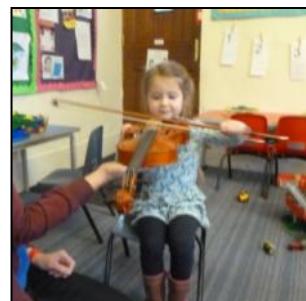
Staff & Committee

Rhythm and sounds – what talents our families at Pre-School have!

We sent out a request to the parents to see if anyone had musical instruments they could bring in for the children to experience and we were not disappointed. We were treated to a near ensemble – brass, string, woodwind and keyboard to name but a few. We even experienced the interesting sounds of the didgeridoo. The children enjoyed tapping the rhythm of their names on a drum and learning new songs from our new rhythm and rhyme CD. In March the children thought of their mummy and worked hard to make her a very personal gift for Mothering Sunday.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Peter Bones, Laura Harris, Jonathan Radford and Emily Robinson, their contribution to the children's learning opportunity is much appreciated.

Here are just a few pictures demonstrating what a lovely time the children had experiencing music, rhythm and sound.



If you would like further information, or to register a child for Harbury Pre-School, please contact Angie Clifton, Business Manager, e-mail enquiries@harburypre-school.org.uk phone 07939 122087 or look at the website www.harburypre-school.org.uk



Village Hall Update

Geoff Thorpe

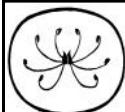
The Village Hall Cinema will be ten years old later this year. It has been a wonderful fundraiser for the Village Hall and a very popular village event. Lana and Mark Long and their family plus Lana's Mum and Dad, Tom and Flo, have been wonderful and are responsible for the cinema's success. We must not forget the generous contribution of CANA wines as well. Lana's family would like to step back a bit and who knows might actually get to watch a film! The Village Hall committee would be pleased to find someone to take on the running of the cinema. It needs a team of about six people and could be used as a fundraiser for whoever might take it on. GASS, Junior Football, the NSPCC or Myton Hospice Groups for example. If you are interested please ring Geoff for a chat on 613801.

We have finally replaced the somewhat tired, green upholstered chairs in the Farley Room. These are free to a good home if anyone has a use for any of them. Again please ring Geoff on 613801.

Lost property is a recurrent problem in the hall. Currently we have a man's XL "Trespass" waterproof complete with a torch and bobble hat in the pockets and also a black tie with red diagonal stripes and recurrent Viking helmet and tree motifs.

The fundraising is now much reduced but Philip Mayer is masterminding our plans to have new heating and insulation in place for next winter. The various existing storage heaters are, at best, functioning intermittently.

The hall AGM is on Monday April 23rd at 7.30pm in the Farley Room. All welcome and if anyone feels they would like to join the committee do come along. Fresh faces and new ideas are always welcome.



Horticultural Society

Judy Morrall

We all enjoyed another brilliant talk at our last meeting on 7th March. There were less than 30 of us but we were all enthralled from start to finish. Will Scott, a new speaker to the Society, who owns the walled garden at Worcester, was so informative and with an Irish sense of humour - we had a fantastic evening. Will started off by telling us that he and his wife bought the walled gardens and the house with it 20 years ago and they were originally designed by Humphrey Repton and formed after the act of enclosure. More about the progress they made later.

He then gave us a brief history of walled gardens which really date back to the thirteenth century to courtyards in Grenada.

Will then showed us examples of trained fruit in the walled gardens in 1577. They became labyrinths, then raised beds. The Tradescants, heroes of mine, made many plant expeditions abroad in the seventeenth century and came back with hundreds of new plants and many exotic ones. These were exhibited in botanic gardens, the oldest being in Oxford and herbal gardens. Thomas Culpepper also introduced a wide range of herbs and then these were displayed in walled gardens. The walls create a micro climate and obviously retain the heat of the day, providing shelter and a frost free environment. A great example of this can be seen at Chelsea Physic Garden.

We then saw many more examples including my all time favourite the Lost Gardens of Heligan, Dumfries House in Scotland for which Prince Charles raised the money to save the House and gardens, Knightshays Court in Devon, Fulham Palace which today is being restored, Attingham Park, Spetchley Park Gardens which we visited last year along with Hanbury Hall on the same day. Kenilworth Castle which has been restored to its Elizabethan splendour also featured as did Hidcote and Buscot with its cascades and rills.

Will then showed us examples of trained fruit on the walls and we realised that it is very labour intensive and not always that productive. Ponds were also introduced and these provide a calming effect. Often there is sculpture within the gardens and fruit cages.

After these magical gardens we then returned to the one at 6 Rose Terrace, Worcester. The gardens had been neglected and now have different areas as each has a climate of its own. There is a vineyard, many varieties of fruit, the currants being enclosed in cages to prevent the birds helping themselves. We saw a male blackbird just parading around whilst the female was on the nest feeding her young. Will's wife found a corn snake in one of her 16 compost bins. It was probably an escaped pet. They also have hedgehogs. Parts of the garden are secluded, this providing sanctuary from the rigours of the day. There are bee hives and last year they had a few pots of honey.

The garden is run on organic lines as with 16 compost bins there is always a ready supply. Comfrey is grown and, as you know, this makes excellent plant food. A huge assortment of flowers too including, primroses, irises, huge wisterias, camellias, poached eggs plants to repel aphids and many seasonal Summer and Autumn flowering plants. Lots of fruit trees including quince which has the most exquisite pink blossom in Spring, apples, pears, which make cider and perry. The blackberries are also used for jam and crumbles and medlars make an excellent jelly. The effort and work put in by Will and his wife is a labour of love and is almost finished. It is an absolute credit to them both and has been visited by Chris Beardshaw when he made his series, The Flying Gardener, Rick Stein, who made a programme called

Fresh Foods, and the local BBC Hereford and Worcester. No better recommendation.

It will be open under the NGS scheme on Saturday 22nd April between 1 and 5pm and admission is £3.50 with light refreshments. The post code is WR5 1BU and is very easy to find and has great views of the cathedral and of course the county cricket ground. Here are a few more open in April, Court House at Stretton on Fosse will be open on Sunday 9th from 1 to 2.30pm and admission is £5. A four acre garden with year round interest. On Saturday 29th there are 17 gardens open at Hanley Swan near Malvern, post code WR8 0DN from 12 to 5pm. Admission is £5 and cream teas are available. On the next day, Sunday 30th there will be 15 gardens open at Crophorne between Pershore and Evesham, post code WR10 3LU from 12 to 5.30pm; admission again £5 and plant sales and teas are available too. There will be a plant fair on Saturday 15th at Bodenham Arboretum, post code DY11 5TB; you remember we visited there, just outside Kidderminster. From 10am to 4pm with over 25 nurseries selling many kinds of plants including orchids. All this within a fabulous setting, a lovely day out.

Talking of days out; don't forget our day trip this year on Thursday 22nd June to Mottisfont a wonderful National Trust property and garden near Romsey but under two hours away. It is very famous for its roses and not irises as stated in last month's article! There are some lovely walks, great food and the house is well worth seeing. It was featured last week on the series of programmes that Alan Titchmarsh made about the Trust, hope you saw it. Cost is a mere £20 and we leave the Village Hall at 8.30am in order to get there for our 10.30am slot. I have plenty of spaces on the coach and would love you to join us, please give me a ring - you will be very welcome.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 4th April in the Tom Hauley room, starting at 8pm but room open from 7.30pm. Duncan Coombes will be making a very welcome return visit to us and his talk is called 'A First Visit to Tibet' and its plants. He is an excellent speaker and still lectures part-time at the RHS college in Pershore. We have been to China with him so now we are going to Tibet, can't wait.

The last talk of the season is then on Tuesday 2nd May at the usual place and time. The speaker will be Rob Cole ably assisted by his wife Diane and the topic is 'Fostering a Worcestershire Wildlife Meadow'. We visited their nursery and garden two years ago and some of us walked through the wildlife meadow. It was quite special so it will be great to see how it was started and the progression to what it is today. I look forward to seeing everyone at these meetings.





Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery

Christine Dakin

At last, in mid March, there is some warmth, some sun and a real sense that spring is almost here. It seems to have been a long winter with not much sunshine for the first two months of this year and most keen gardening people are eager to get out and do some work (or is it play?) in their gardens.

- This is a busy time especially if you grow vegetables.
- Easter is the traditional time to plant the early potatoes so get digging unless you grow them in pots.
- Sow peas and mange tout.
- Broad beans can go in now but I sow them in cells first so the mice can't eat them.
- Onion and shallot sets should have been planted earlier but it's still worth getting some in now.
- Salad leaves could be sown in pots in the greenhouse for a cut and come again crop.
- Some ornamental plants will need pruning after flowering such as forsythia and flowering currant (often planted side by side which clashes I think).
- Late flowering clematis should have been pruned hard in February but could still be done now.

Might we have the perfect gardening year this year?

*Bridge Nursery, Tomlow Road, Napton
www.bridge-nursery.co.uk*



Nature Notes

John Hancock

Early in March Sharon and I attended the 'Words by the Water' book festival in Keswick with our friends Dave and Val Armstrong. The higher hills such as Helvellyn, Blencathra and Skiddaw had a capping of snow. Between sessions at the Theatre by the Lake, we strolled beside Derwentwater and had walks up Walla Crag and Catbells. Although I searched for frogspawn, I failed to find any though our friends did after we had departed for home. Back in

Harbury, Coltsfoot were in flower beside Chesterton Road on the 6th March. A few days later, I rescued a very pregnant frog as it hopped across a road in Leamington. Some long grass close to the River Leam gave it a chance of survival.

Brimstone butterflies both male (yellow) and female (white) were on the wing a couple of days later when the midday temperature rose to 17°C. I was invited to David and Mavis Taylor's home to see some frogspawn in their garden pond. Amphibians and hedgehogs are two species having a hard time. They cannot compete with the motor car and hard landscaping of gardens. It is good to see some gardeners trying to reverse the trend. The lane through Bascote Heath has become a killing ground for frogs trying to cross from hibernating sites in the woods to neighbouring ponds.

Now, (Monday 20th March), hawthorn hedges are intermittently leafy with that exquisite pale green of new growth. A horse chestnut was breaking into leaf on Pound Green. Wood anemones were in flower. Coming into Ladbrooke along Southam Road there is a fine display of both blue and white violets on the verge. Now the ground is warming up and new floral displays are an almost daily occurrence.

Sharon and I were very much taken by the new exhibition at Compton Verney 'Creating the Countryside - Thomas Gainsborough to Today'. It is advertised with a poster of a shepherd walking with his flock and dog, a raincoat over his arm, towards a farmhouse in the valley bottom. In the distance is a view of the sea framed by the Downs. At the exhibition all is revealed when the missing words are added 'Your Britain - Fight for it Now'. The poster appeared in 1942.

If you visit, you will see in the last room a familiar face, a youthful Joe Van Hoorbeek, in a photograph with some of his family. It is taken from a series by Colin Shaw who documented this area of South Warwickshire on the line of the M40 just before the earth movers came in the late 1980's.

Scouts, new and old, will be intrigued by a book written by their founder Robert Baden-Powell on display in the exhibition. One illustration of a butterfly is, in fact, a disguised plan of an Ottoman fort and its gun emplacements. B-P was a spy in Dalmatia.

I had a conversation about a bird I have only seen in photographs when I was walking with the U3A Natural History Group. One of the members told me that she had been shown a Wryneck. 'Shown' was the operative word as these birds are rare, secretive and very well camouflaged. Their Latin name is *Jynx torquilla* and they belong to the Woodpecker family. They were plentiful in the early 20th century but now have almost disappeared throughout Europe. This is probably due to intensive agricultural methods and the loss of grassland ants. The bird's writhing behaviour mimics that of a snake and can scare predators such as cats and hawks. *Jynx* now usually spelt 'jinx' is a word meaning curse, alluding to a snake's reputation in the minds of country folk

I have gleaned these facts from the pages of 'Birds Britannia' by Mark Cocker and Richard Mabey. I recommend its encyclopaedic portrayal of British bird life.

The U3A Natural History Group chose an inclement day to visit Coombe Abbey Country Park. It did manage to keep dry for the first half of our walk although there was a cold blustery wind. Later the rain bucketed down. Now, back in Harbury, the rain has stopped and blue sky is showing. That's the British climate for you. The Capability Brown landscape at Coombe has his trademark lake formed by damming Smite Brook as it flows south west to the River Stowe and on into the River Avon. During the last war the mile long lake was drained so German bombers could not use its reflecting surface as a pointer to the city centre. There are some impressive mature trees in the grounds from natives such as Birch, Oak and Hornbeam to imports like Californian Redwood and Cedar. One large Hornbeam was in tiny leaf bedecked with catkins. Hornbeam (*Carpinus betulus*) is in the family Corylaceae as is the Hazel. Last month I intimated that Hazel, Birch and Elder catkins had appeared. This should have read Alder. Did you spot the mistake?

Ornithology was our chief reason for visiting Coombe. It is home to about 60% of Warwickshire's Heron population. They have nested in numbers on a wooded island close to the tree girt northern shore of the lake. We did see some herons standing sentinel like on the lower branches of some deciduous trees. Above them busily repairing nests and sitting on their eggs were a group of cormorants. We were told the herons had moved residence to some evergreens nearer the old abbey site which is now a hotel. They are rather difficult to see in the foliage but some put in an appearance while we stood in the rain.

What a difference a week makes in terms of the weather. On Wednesday 15th March the temperature reached 16°C. It seemed even warmer in the sheltered Dell beside the western end of Warwick Street. Once a private garden, this is now a small public park and very well maintained without being too tidy which therefore favours wildlife. I can recommend it as a place to sit and contemplate the world as it passes by.

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Reginald "Rex" Beardsworth of Harbury

INVITATION

2pm on Wednesday 3rd May 2017
All Saints Church, Harbury, Warwickshire

Harbury Parish Council, All Saints Church and
Harbury Church of England Primary School invite
the community of Harbury to a service of commemoration of
the centenary of the loss of Private Reginald 'Rex' Beardsworth,
27th Battalion Canadian Infantry (City of Winnipeg),
at Vimy Ridge, France, and the memory of thirty-three men
of Harbury who gave their lives during World War One.

Our guests of honour will be Lieutenant Colonel Simon Rushen,
Chief of Staff of the Canadian Forces in the UK,
representing the Government of Canada, and Mrs Rushen.

This event marks the conclusion of the community project
to create the 'World War I Memorial Trail'.
Further details at www.harbury-pc.gov.uk/worldwari.htm



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General Section

Use it or lose it!

This adage is so true about facilities in Harbury at the moment - especially concerning pubs and shops.

The new family at **The Crown**, John, Amanda, Latifa and Amelie are making a real effort to fit into the village. The pub offers a selection of beers and ales in the bar as well as a Sunday carvery and meals at lunchtime and evenings in the restaurant. They also serve breakfasts on a Friday, Saturday and Sunday. John says that they will also be having live entertainment on many Saturday nights throughout the year. Tel: 614995

The new tenant at **The Gamecock**, Austin, has also updated the pub with a coffee machine, background music from a jukebox and a restaurant area serving weekday meals and Sunday roasts. He intends to cook pizza specialities and has plans for a take-away service. Tel: 258859.

The **Old New Inn** (Tel: 614023) is still open at the moment and showing some great sporting events. Maybe the Shakespeare will re-open in the future, but nothing is certain.

Meanwhile the **Village Club** continues to provide a community venue and licensed premises. Tel: 612498.

The **Co-op Late Shop** is open every day from 7am until 10pm and has many special offers as seen by the Co-op's national advertising campaigns. There is a cash point outside the entrance. Tel: 612252.

The **Supermarket** houses the Post Office - which is a village essential! Guy tells me that he offers a banking service which some people may not be aware of and cash withdrawals. The Post Office offers a good rate on buying Euros for people going on holiday to Europe. The shop is an off licence and sells milk, frozen goods, confectionary, cakes, cards, newspapers and stationery items. Lottery tickets may also be bought there. Tel: 612645.

Mugleston's is the fruit and vegetable shop selling items such as cut flowers, gorgeous plants, animal foods/accessories and ornamental products. Tel: 612011.

Harbury Chemist needs your support as it provides an essential service to the community. A variety of presents, toiletries and medicines are sold there.

The pharmacist, Suresh, is always happy to help and suggest something to do you good! - maybe saving a visit to the doctor. Tel: 612858.

It is no good harping on about facilities we used to have in the village; LOOK FORWARD and KEEP WHAT WE HAVE NOW. If you have never been into one of the local pubs or shops, please try them as you will be pleasantly surprised at the welcome you receive.

Residents need to use them or we will lose them - forever!!

Pat Summers

The Future of Doctors' Practices in South Warwickshire

The South Warwickshire Clinical Commissioning Group of the NHS (CCG) is conducting a survey of patients and the general public on their experiences of using GP practices and their preferences for the future.

The survey is straightforward and anonymous, and no personal comments will be passed on that enable individuals to be identified. The information will help the CCG better understand our needs for the future.

Ideally, you should complete the survey online. It is open from 24th March to 1st May. You can find it at <http://bit.ly/2meDnsy>. No submissions will be accepted after 1st May.

Not everyone is online. So paper copies of the survey will be at the surgeries in Harbury and Bishops Itchington from 23rd March to 21st April. I shall also be visiting the surgeries during surgery hours to invite patients to take part.

This is an opportunity to express opinions and influence future thinking about the GP surgery provision in our neighbourhood. Please take it.

John Stringer

Chair of the Harbury and Bishops Itchington Patient Participation Group

Harbury Senior Citizens Committee Update

Summer Outing

This year we have decided to head south to the seaside and will be invading Poole in Dorset. The trip will be on **Wednesday 14th June** and we will be leaving the Village Hall at **8am**.

To quote (sort of) the Poole Tourism web site:

"Poole is a resort for all seasons and the perfect choice for making unforgettable memories.

A bustling tourist resort in the east of Dorset, known for Europe's largest natural harbour, award winning blue flag beaches including the world famous

Sandbanks beach, a bustling quayside and a beautiful historic old town. The harbour is a haven for sailors, wildlife and water sports and is a gateway to the world heritage Jurassic Coast.

With Poole's natural coastal setting you are sure to find plenty of superb beachside cafes, restaurants, pubs and bars making it a great place to relax".

We will be sending out invitations late in April or early May. So we can get a good idea of the numbers of people who will be coming we would like you to return them to Mugleston's Country Fayre by **Friday 12th May**.

More details will follow in the coming months but if you want to know anything about the outing please contact Julie Clarke on 612066 or me on 612421.

Thank you all for your support at the THR coffee morning in March. We raised £210.

Mike McBride

On behalf of the Harbury Senior Citizens Benefit Association



Chocolate Tombola

Harbury Senior Citizens are running a chocolate tombola at this year's Harbury Carnival and we need donations!

If you have gained too much chocolate over the Easter period, you could donate it and help this worthwhile village charity.

All donations (small or large) can be delivered to 32 South Parade, Harbury OR we can collect from your doorstep. All will be gratefully received. Telephone Julie Clarke on 01926 612066.

Thank you

From everyone on the Senior Citizens Committee



Do You Enjoy Baking?

If so, would you be willing to bake cakes, biscuits etc for the library cafe? It could be on a regular basis (eg once a month) or on an occasional basis to suit you and you would be paid for your ingredients.

If you feel you could help please contact me on sal.47@hotmail.co.uk or 612314 - I would be very grateful.

Sally Stringer





Harbury Energy Initiative

I can think of lots of reasons why you should be using our electric cars. I know that many of you might need a little more persuasion and help from me to find those reasons and I am happy to oblige. Obviously I am keen for greater use and more members. Our Harbury e-Wheels project can only function as long as we have an electric car club here. Without just a little more use from private members we may lose the cars at the next review in early autumn. That might be the driving motivation for me and the e-Wheels volunteers but there are very good reasons for you to share my enthusiasm for this non-polluting transport. Try these:

- Car insurance costs are on the rise and so is fuel. **Insurance and fuel (battery) are included in the fixed £5.50 hourly fee for booking one of the electric cars**
- Car ownership is expensive and can cost £2000 a year or more, depending on the model, before you drive anywhere. Most people living in rural areas need one car but, if a second car does very little mileage, it is certainly a drain on your purse, just for the convenience of having a vehicle outside the door (if you are lucky enough to be able to park that close). **If you are about to change your second car, why not try the car club first before you commit to the expense.**
- The new bus timetable is slightly better than we might have hoped and the initial two for one travel offer is welcome. **But the electric cars can conveniently take you door to door, making heavy shopping bags less of an issue.** Generally they are not booked much by e-Wheels on a Friday and rarely in the evenings or at the weekend, so you may be able to pick a time to suit yourself rather than wait for a bus.
- Harbury is too full of cars, many of them quite large. Roads are congested with parked cars and the centre of the village can at times be a tangled mix of lorries, cars, adults and children and even dogs with more intent than success in getting anywhere. **Only when we start to reduce car ownership will this change.**
- We are keen to see whether it suits people to join together for shopping trips in the cars. We have a friendly Harbury driver or two prepared to take you; and a couple of people have expressed interest. **Could you be the third to make a car full? Let's give it a try. Call me and I will see what I can fix for you.** Sharing the cost between you means that an hour and a half trip to Leamington and back, for example, would only cost each of you £2.75 or less. A two hour trip would cost £3.60.

It's a gas

Let's talk about something else. The up and coming fuel technology is definitely the fuel cell, of which the dominant type is likely to be driven by hydrogen. Hydrogen can be extracted from water and the 'exhaust' from the process is also mainly water. It seems to have been a slow progress from the first working fuel cell in 1838 but things really are gearing up now. Fuel cells can run power stations and sewage works as well as cars, buses and even space capsules (for those of you who have one in the garage).

Shell is going to host hydrogen fuel points provided by ITM Power in several of its petrol stations and Toyota have a car ready to go once the infra-structure is widely in place. The neat trick of the petrol forecourt hydrogen refuelling points is that they don't require a tanker to refill them. They extract the hydrogen on-site with power from solar panels. The first refuelling point is to be installed at the Beaconsfield Shell station just off the M40 with others planned for Gatwick, Cobham and Cambridge.

**Bob Sherman - 612277
shermanbob55@gmail.com**



Harbury e-Wheels

The Harbury e-Wheels team has now delivered over 925 hours of free volunteer transport to people in need using our village electric cars. By the end of this month we will have passed the 1,000 hour milestone. Before you ring me up for a lift, let me quickly explain that we only take referrals from agencies, such as Citizens Advice Bureau, Children's Centres, food banks, surgeries, hospitals, Age UK and churches. If you need help getting somewhere, please start with one of those.

Copy deadline means that I won't be able to tell you how we got on at the 'Music to Keep e-Wheels Rolling' concert in church on 31st March. Next month I hope to be able to tell you that our financing is secure for the long term. If you would like to support our appeal with a donation, please let me know.

Volunteer drivers needed

Harbury e-Wheels relies on a wonderful team of volunteers. As demand from local social agencies for our free green transport to help their clients and patients grows, so we could do with a few new volunteers. We need people prepared occasionally to drive the electric cars (you must be an E-Car Club member) and people to act as coordinators for requests. Please contact me (see contact details below) or Hugh (614276; hughtottle1@gmail.com) if you would like to join us.

**Bob Sherman, Chair, Harbury e-Wheels
Tel: 612277
email: harburyewheels@gmail.com**



Harbury Cemetery Update

The Friends of Harbury Cemetery met twice in March for the usual weeding in the cemetery.

Wild flower seeds have been sown ready for the Summer and the bulbs are blooming, as you can see in the photograph.

As the wild flowers grow please take a walk through the cemetery, as it is a lovely, peaceful, colourful area and well worth a visit.

Thank you for any past help and remember you can leave unwanted plants and bulbs inside the gate and we will use them. The next official Thursday morning weeding sessions are 6th April and 3rd May when there will not be as much to do as flowers (and bluebells) should be beginning to show.



Pat Summers - Tel: 612059

Harbury Village Club & Institute

Hello again everyone another monthly update although it doesn't seem that long since the last one. Once again another busy month and we have had an amazing 13 new members so we are obviously doing something really well. The total so far for new members this year is 28 and our aim is to increase our membership numbers month by month. With the opportunity to use the concert room free of charge for functions this is a great asset to have and a bonus for the community.

I forgot to mention last month that the WI ladies who play darts at the Club on Wednesdays gave us a most generous donation of £100. Thank you again ladies. Thank you to all who have paid their subscriptions and the cards which were left behind the bar are there for you to collect. John and I have been busy as promised last month with four lovely pots of herbs and flowers along the entrance wall, and either side of the entrance to the car park we have planted some daffodils, polyanthus and forget me nots. It just makes it more welcoming. Watch this space for future planting around the top edge of the car park. As my allotments are next to the Club I plan to bring some strawberry plants and herbs and maybe some beans from there.

No one has as yet suggested any activities but there is still time. What about putting games for the children on the tables outside during summer such as old fashioned snakes and ladders, ludo, dominoes and other board games? These are fun for all of the family, we can give it a try. What could be nicer than sitting in the fresh air, hopefully in the sunshine, with friends and family and a glass or two of something nice? Did you know also that the prices for our drinks are cheaper than in public houses. We look forward to welcoming you. Talking of family fun: on Saturday 8th April there will be an Easter Bingo with eyes down at 8pm. Lots of prizes plus a raffle; children are welcome as are non-members. I have been busy putting up posters around the village to advertise this. Do come along for a great night.

Very importantly I will finish by saying that the AGM will be held on Monday 3rd April at 7pm. Please come along to hear how the past 12 months have progressed and your chance to ask any questions that you may have. We look forward to a successful meeting. Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Judy Morrall

Prepare for Carnival – Saturday 10th June

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

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

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

- Trade Float
- Independent Float
- Childrens' Float
- Decorated Bike/Pram/Car
- Horse Drawn/Mounted/Lead
- Walking Tableau Children 2-8 persons
- Walking Tableau Children more than 8 persons
- Walking Tableau Family
- Walking Tableau Adults
- Walking Adult
- Walking Child

The Parade will be led as usual by the Shirley Pipe Band.



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

To book a stall/pitch on the field, please call Mike McBride on 612421 or you can email him at mike_mcbride@talk21.com (***Games and equipment available on a first come first served basis.***).

To advertise in the Programme, call Julie Marshall-Hardy on 613355 or email on joolze.mh@gmail.com

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

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

And look out for Games Week!

We will give details next month of what games will be in what pubs and the Village Club during the week starting Monday 5th June.

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

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



Harbury Village Show

Planning for this year's show, on 9th September, is now underway. The new schedules should be available in the Library, by kind permission, during this month and also on our new website www.HarburyVillageShow.uk

Have you seen the lovely photos on there yet?

We also plan to have a stall at the Carnival on 10th June to sell home grown plants of various sorts. If you have any surplus and would like to support us, we should be very grateful.

Show Steering Group



Harbury Heritage Room

As usual the Heritage Room, with its hundreds of Harbury-related documents and photos, is open on Tuesday 4th April and Tuesday 2nd May from 6.30-8.30pm. You are welcome to come and browse at your leisure. We would be delighted to see you. We are always open on the first Tuesday of the month, and other times by request.

Anita Williams, whose children attended the school in the 1980s, donated a trophy in memory of her late husband for presentation to football players. We have been trying to trace this cup recently, without success. We were wondering if someone could shed some light on the subject.

This document shows how the population of Chesterton has changed over the past 200 years. Unlike almost anywhere else, it has declined markedly. Also, unlike most other settlements, it doesn't appear to have had Council Housing added in the mid 20th century. We would appreciate any information explaining these figures - nigel.chapman@hotmail.co.uk

Population Figures – Chesterton

1801	205	1921	
1811	224	1931	135
1821	231	1941	
1831	188	1951	138
1841	192	1961	156
1851	232	1971	110
1861	217	(1977)	131
1871	207	1981	114
1881	192	(1986)	107
1891	184	1991	105
1901	142	2001	
1911		2011	123

Whilst looking for inspiration myself, I came across the following on a site called LiveHere.“Chesterton has a lower level of residents with either no qualifications or qualifications equal to 1 or more GCSE at grade D or below, than the national average. Chesterton also has a high level of residents with a higher education qualification (level 4) than the national average, suggesting that the residents of Chesterton are better educated than the average England citizen.” Good, eh?!

My trip to Rural Cambodia

On 1st February this year I set off on my great adventure to North West Cambodia. The object was to meet up with our son, Brian, who was working as a volunteer with a charity called Greenshoots Foundation which is involved with working with mainly rural schools in the Samrong Province area of Cambodia. My trip took me from Birmingham via Dubai and Ho Chi Minh (Saigon) to Siem Reap.

Siem Reap is the second largest “city” in Cambodia but is small by western standards. My little city centre hotel, around \$40 per night B&B, advertised a free pick up service for its guests arriving at the airport and sure enough my own personal TukTuk was waiting for me. Most of the large international hotels are clustered round the Angkor Wat temple complex which is by far the biggest tourist attraction in this part of the world. I preferred to be in the city centre near the night markets and the famous Pub Street which, as its name suggests, is full of pubs, bars and restaurants and is great for “people watching”. I could, if I had wished, have stayed in a rather nice backpackers’ hostel for \$6 per night with air conditioning or \$5 with a fan! Other than the Angkor Wat temple complex there are two other “must do” things to see in/near Siem Reap. A trip to Tonle Sap Lake, preferably by TukTuk, is a great learning curve. It is the largest freshwater lake in Southeast Asia and one of the richest inland fishing grounds in the world. The fishermen build their houses on long stilts to cope with the amount of flooding in the rainy season. Boat trips down the river and onto the lake are great fun and lunch on the floating restaurant is interesting! The menu includes deep fried alligator, specially bred for food and its skin, which tastes a bit like chicken. Don’t worry, they are not swimming wild in the rivers! The war museum is on the outskirts of Siem Reap and is a display of well used MIG fighter, helicopters, tanks, bazookas and other weaponry and is well worth a visit.

From Siem Reap it is a two hour journey in a shared taxi to Samrong. Samrong is best described as a market town surrounded by miles and miles of largely undeveloped countryside. The countryside is very picturesque and largely flat. Plenty of trees and lakes of all sizes and dotted with small farms. The main crops are rice, cassava, coconuts, soybeans and sweet potatoes. The rice is taken to Thailand for processing as is the cassava which is turned into animal food. There are some cattle but only a relatively small number. Cambodia enjoys an excellent relationship with Thailand but rather less so with Vietnam.

Under the Pol Pot regime an entire generation was wiped out. Pol Pot was finally overcome only 20 years ago and the country is rebuilding both its infrastructure and population as quickly as it can. There is a substantial local telephone network and FREE WiFi is widely available even in the most unlikely places. There is however no public transport system as such and outside the cities you have to rely on shared taxis, small motorbikes, the occasional TukTuk or tractor and trailer. I say tractor but they are a VERY

small version of what we are used to seeing in Harbury, but then they only cost \$3,000.

Round Phnom Penh and Siem Reap there are coaches for the tourists to go "sight-seeing".

I stayed in the same small apartment block as Brian at a princely \$15 per night. Dinner could be had in a small roadside restaurant for about \$4 and a very pleasant can of beer came in at 50 cents. Wine was a total luxury and we only found one bottle in the three weeks I was there.

Working with and visiting the schools was fascinating. A lot of the pupils had never seen a Westerner and it was a bit like being the "Pied Piper of Hamelin" as we were followed round by the children who wanted to practice their limited English on us and just to give us "high fives". The children are all immaculately dressed in a uniform of white shirts or blouses and blue trousers or skirts. This seems to be standard uniform over most of Asia. On one occasion I was invited to hand out the prizes and certificates at the school's speech day. This was followed by lunch with the teachers and governors which included unlimited beer and it was then only 11.00 am!! In some areas there is such a demand for places in the schools that they operate a shift system with half the pupils going in the morning and the rest in the afternoon. The schools are very short of funding and Greenshoots provide the funds to develop allotments so that the children can learn to grow vegetables - typically long beans, aubergines, morning glory and cucumbers. Any surplus is sold for the benefit of the school. A number of Western teachers actually pay the schools to be able to teach there for a term or longer.

At one small school that was not receiving funding Barbara and I bought them some netting to keep the animals out, hosepipe for irrigation and two watering cans. Total cost about \$80. I could see the benefit of this before we left the area.

Outside the two main cities the rural population is quite poor and to own a little motorbike is quite an achievement. Most of the housing we would call "shanty town" but brick built houses are starting to appear. We met one family who ran a small restaurant/BBQ in the local market square and the family of eight lived in a one room apartment and the whole family worked from early morning to late evening just to exist. Brian bought the six year old daughter a bike so that she could cycle to school. Being the only Westerners in town had its interesting benefits in that, on a purely social basis, we were introduced to the local judge, the Chief of Police, the local head of the Army and the head of the largest Buddhist monastery in the North of Cambodia. No wonder Brian did not have a problem renewing his visa!!

When I was there in February Cambodia was seven hours ahead of the UK but when we alter our clocks it will only be six hours ahead. The local currency is the Cambodian Riel which changes hand at about 4000 to a \$ and

5000 to a £ sterling. A pocket full of small denomination dollar notes will get you most things. A one month visa is available at your point of entry and costs \$30 or \$32 if you don't have a spare passport photo. Cambodia is regarded as being a safe environment for the tourist and the local population is very friendly and anxious to please. Language problems can usually be overcome with a smile and hand gestures.

My return journey was via Siem Reap, Bangkok, Dubai and Birmingham purely as it worked out to be the cheapest route.

If you are thinking of going to that part of the world try to go before it gets too developed or commercialised!!

David Thistletonwaite



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Southam's Windmill Singers present their latest concert, under the direction of Dr Gerard Hyland, 'This Green and Pleasant Land' - a celebration of England and St George.

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Bob Teers



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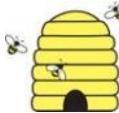
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Pam McConnell



Assistant Bee-Keeper

In the past I have been a bee keeper. Would anyone in the village like to help me look after bees? They are so interesting. All you would need to buy is a bee suit. I have all the rest of the equipment - except bees at the moment.

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Sue Hawthorn



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Ben James - Pemberton

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS



Dear Editors

Gordon, Sarah and Julie would like to thank the many friends of Corina for their kind messages of sympathy and offers of help. We are truly comforted by the waves of support we have received.

Harbury really is a special village.

Many thanks

Gordon Bennett

Dear Editors

Chris, Nigel and I would like to express our sincere thanks for all the wonderful people of Harbury who gave us such support and comfort before, during and after our recent bereavement. The many cards, flowers and offers of help have amazed us and again shown what a caring village Harbury is. Special thanks must go to all the people who, for several weeks, gave me lifts to and from Warwick Hospital to visit John – so well organised by Rosemary. Many thanks also to Reverend Craig for helping us through the most difficult time and for a sensitive service.

Chris, Nigel and Diana Buck

Dear Editors

Please accept my heartfelt and sincere thanks to friends and neighbours who have been so understanding and kind since my accidental fall earlier in February. The many cards and flowers have been such a boost towards my recovery.

Thank you.

Nancy Davies

Regular Diary Dates

- ART CLASSES:** Monday, 1.00 - 3.00pm, Tuesday, 10.00am - 12 noon and 1.00 - 3.00pm, Wednesday, 10.00am - 12 noon, The Studio, Church House, Crown St, Tel: 614251
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- BELLRINGERS:** Friday, 7.30pm, Alison Abbott, Tel: 612939, Email: alison@abt1.net
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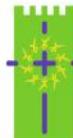
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April 9 th	Children's Church	10.30 - Palm Sunday
	Messy Church	3-5pm - lots of fun and games, worship and tea
April 16 th	Easter	10.30 - Easter Family Communion Come and celebrate!
April 23 rd	Children's Church	10.30 - The Lost Son
April 30 th	Children's Church	10.30 - Wise and silly ways of building!
May 7 th	Little Saints	10.30 - "We look for Jesus" short service followed by breakfast
May 14 th	Children's Church	10.30 - Jesus' story of sowing seeds
	Messy Church	3-5 pm - lots of fun and games, worship and tea
May 21 st	Saints Alive	10.30 - Service for all ages – tea, coffee and cakes
May 28 th	Children's Church	10.30 - Jesus heals a man with leprosy
June 4 th	Little Saints	10.30 – "Pentecost" - short service followed by breakfast
June 11 th	Children's Church	10.30 - Come and see!
	Messy Church	3-5pm - lots of fun and games, worship and tea
June 18 th	Saints Alive	10.30 – Service for all ages – tea, coffee and cakes
June 25 th	Children's Church	10.30 - Come and see!
July 2 nd	Little Saints	10.30 - Annual Pets' Service , followed by breakfast.
July 9 th	Children's Church	10.30 - Come and see!
	Messy Church	3-5 pm - lots of fun and games, worship and tea
July 16 th	Saints Alive	10.30 - Service for all ages – tea, coffee and cakes
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4.30pm - 5.15pm

Grade 1 Tap (10-11yrs)

4.15pm - 5.00pm

Grade 2 Tap (12-13yrs)

5.00pm - 5.45pm

Pre-Primary Ballet (6-8yrs)

5.15pm - 6.00pm

Grade 3 Tap (13yrs +)

5.45pm - 6.30pm

Primary Ballet (8-9 yrs)

6.00pm - 6.45pm

Grade 4 Tap (14yrs +)

6.30pm - 7.15pm

Grade 5 Ballet (15yrs +)

6.45pm - 8.00pm

Adult Tap (Adv)

7.15pm - 8.15pm

Inter Foundation Ballet

8.00pm - 9.15pm

Adult Tap (Beg)

8.15pm - 9.00pm

Wednesday

Mini Movers (0-5yrs)

9.30am - 10.30am

Grade 2 Modern (12yrs+)

4.45pm - 5.30pm

Grade 4 Ballet (15yrs+)

5.30pm - 6.30pm

Grade 3 Modern (13yrs+)

6.30pm - 7.15pm

Grade 4 Modern (14yrs+)

6.30pm - 7.15pm

Pointe Class (Beg/Inter)

7.15pm - 8.00pm

Grade 5 Tap (15yrs+)

7.15pm - 8.15pm

Pointe Class (Inter/Adv)

8.15pm - 9.00pm

Adult Ballet (no exp req)

8.00pm - 9.00pm

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/Contemporary (9yrs+)

4.45pm - 5.45pm

Funky / Modern (7-10yrs)

5.45pm - 6.30pm

Boys Street Dance

5.45pm - 6.30pm

Grade 2 Ballet (11-13yrs)

6.30pm - 7.15pm

Grade 1 Modern (10-12yrs)

7.15pm - 8.00pm

Grade 3 Ballet (14yrs+)

8.00pm - 8.45pm

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

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Baby Ballet (18mths+)

10.30am - 11.15am

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