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## Editorial



The villages have done us proud with their displays of Christmas lights this year especially along Banbury Road in Ladbroke. In Harbury, as well as the colourful lights in Frances Road, Manor Road and Pineham Avenue, the Christmas trees along the driveway to the Manor House have been particularly effective.

Moving on to celestial lights, on the right is Moira Rollason's photo of the Super Moon, the day before it was full, from the road going out from Temple End.

The editors wish all our readers a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Finally, we extend our condolences to the family of Lisa Wicker.



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# Harbury Diary

## JANUARY

- Mon 9 Upholstery Class, 9.15am in Village Hall  
Toddler Group starts again, 9.30am, Wight School  
Martial Arts Class, 6.30pm in Village Hall
- Tues 10 Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall  
Junior Theatre Group, 6.30pm in Village Hall  
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 11 Wednesday Walk, Clifford Chambers - Stratford Greenway,  
(4 miles)  
Holiday at Home Away Day, 10.00am - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley  
Room  
Inspire Dance, 4.00pm in Village Hall  
Beginners Dance Class, 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Thurs 12 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee  
Harbury WI, 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room - "Rowing the North  
Atlantic", with Gilly Mara, PhD.
- Sat 14 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid  
of Children's Air Ambulance  
Harbury Village Cinema presents, 'Love and Friendship',  
doors open 6.30pm, film starts 7.00pm
- Sun 15 EPIPHANY II**  
Holy Communion, 8.00am  
Saints Alive! Informal Family Communion Service, 10.30am  
Evensong, 6.00pm  
Zumba, 9.00am in Village Hall
- Mon 16 Upholstery Class, 9.15am in Village Hall  
Martial Arts Class, 6.30pm in Village Hall
- Tues 17 Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall  
Junior Theatre Group, 6.30pm in Village Hall  
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 18 Wednesday Walk, Weston under Wetherley - Wappenbury,  
(4 miles)  
Inspire Dance, 4.00pm in Village Hall
- Thurs 19 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee
- Fri 20 Dandy Development, 9.15am, Farley Room Village Hall  
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- Sat 21 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid  
of Harbury Theatre Group  
Lunch in Tom Hauley Room, 12.30 - 1.30pm

**Sun 22 EPIPHANY III**

Holy Communion, 8.00am

Sung Eucharist, 10.30am

Children's Church, 10.30am, Tom Hauley Room

Zumba, 9.00am in Village Hall

Mon 23 Adult Upholstery Class, 9.15am in Village Hall

Martial Arts Class, 6.30pm in Village Hall

Tues 24 Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall

Junior Theatre Group, 6.30pm in Village Hall

Holy Communion, 7.30pm

Julian Meeting, 8.00pm

Wed 25 Wednesday Walk, Preston Bagot, (3 miles)

Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room

Inspire Dance, 4.00pm in Village Hall

Thurs 26 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee

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5.30PM

Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, Farley Room, Village Hall

Fri 27 Dandy Development, 9.15am, Farley Room, Village Hall

Harbury WI, New Year Party, 7.30pm at the Village Hall

Sat 28 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid  
of Myton Hospice**Sun 29 EPIPHANY IV**

Holy Communion, 8.00am

Sung Eucharist, 10.30am

Children's Church, 10.30am, Tom Hauley Room

Zumba, 9.00am in Village Hall

Mon 30 Adult Upholstery Class, 9.15am in Village Hall

Martial Arts Class, 6.30pm in Village Hall

Harbury & District Conservative Party AGM, 7.30pm, Tom Hauley  
Room

Tues 31 Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall

Junior Theatre Group, 6.30pm in Village Hall

Holy Communion, 7.30pm

**FEBRUARY**

Wed 1 Wednesday Walk, Radford Semele - Crown Hill (4 miles)

Holy Communion, 2.00pm

Mothers' Union Meeting, 2.30pm, Tom Hauley Room

Inspire Dance, 4.00pm in Village Hall

Thurs 2 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee

Folk Club, 8.00pm in Village Club

Sat 4 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon in Tom Hauley Room in aid  
of Guides & Scouts Support**Sun 5 4<sup>TH</sup> BEFORE LENT**

Sung Eucharist 9.00am

- Sun 5 Little Saints' Service, 10.30am, followed by breakfast  
Evening Service, 6.00pm
- Tues 7 Junior Theatre Group, 6.30pm in Village Hall  
Holy Communion, 7.30pm  
Horticultural Society Meeting, 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Wed 8 Wednesday Walk, Stoneleigh - Stareton (3 miles)  
Holiday at Home Away Day, 10.00am - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
- Thurs 9 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee  
Harbury WI, 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room, Members' Night

<b>Refuse Collection Rota</b>			
	<b>Deppers Bridge</b>	<b>Harbury, Ladbroke &amp; Deppers Bridge outlying properties</b>	<b>Collection Week</b>
<b>January</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Fri</b>	
	11	13	<b>Green &amp; Blue Lid Bins</b>
	18	20	<b>Grey Bin</b>
	25	27	<b>Green &amp; Blue Lid Bins</b>
<b>Feb</b>	1	3	<b>Grey Bin</b>
	8	10	<b>Green &amp; Blue Lid Bins</b>
	15	17	<b>Grey Bin</b>

	<b>From the Rector</b>	<b>Reverend Craig Grocock</b>
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### **Another year . . .**

As we begin 2017 I can think of at least two significant events taking place shortly - the inauguration of Donald Trump as the new American president (is this really happening?) and the 'trigger' being pulled by the Government to set the clock ticking on our exit of the European Union (is this really happening too, many are asking!). What a strange place we seem to be in as we enter a new year.

Perhaps we enter 2017 feeling like we've just climbed into the front carriage of a roller coaster; we fasten the seat belt, grab the side of the carriage awaiting the beginning of the 'white-knuckle' ride that looms ahead. As is true on the rollercoaster, the year ahead, with its up and downs, is a journey we cannot get off, we've got to sit it through. Perhaps your personal

circumstances feel a bit like this too and the year ahead feels uncertain and worrying.

Anxiety and stress causes all sorts of physical and mental problems and we are rightly advised to adopt strategies in order to help us combat them. Mindfulness as a tool to deal with anxiety is trendy at the moment; numerous courses are running and many books have been written on the subject. I find it amusing that modern stress busting techniques such as this are drawing on what people of faith have found to be true and beneficial for thousands of years.

Finding a sense of inner stillness and rest are vital to us especially as we enter another 'roller coaster' year. St. Augustine wrote about this in the fourth century. He said; "Our hearts are restless until they rest in Thee". He was of course talking about the rest and peace we find through faith, that although we may endeavour to find ultimate fulfilment in many places we will never be truly at peace until we come that place of connection with the God who made us and knows us best.

So, whatever 2017 brings, may you find rest and peace in the God who loves you and wants the best for you.

Happy New Year!

God bless.

## From the Registers

### *Funeral*

29<sup>th</sup> November      Liesel (Lisa) Wicker (90 years)



## From the Churchwardens

**Liz & John**

Well that's it for another year - the Christmas festivities are over, the new year has arrived and we are all slowly starting to settle back to our old (some new!) routines.

It has been a pleasure to see so many of you over the Christmas period and we trust you enjoyed the services or events you were able to come along to.

The Christmas Fayre started things off for us and, as always, there was a lovely atmosphere in the Village Hall. There was a variety of goods to buy and games to play and the children singing carols on stage helped make everyone feel Christmas was just around the corner. In total the raffle raised £2,212 to support the children caught up in the Syrian atrocities and the Fayre raised £1200 which will go to the new Memorial Garden.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> December around 50 children and adults got involved in Messy Christingle making their own Christingles ready for the service later in the afternoon. At the service Rev Nikki talked about Jesus being the light of the world and it was moving to see everyone light their Christingles and, as the church lights were turned off, sing "Away in a Manger".

It was good to welcome the children from school for their Christmas concert and to Banana Moon who came into church to have a short story and sing songs around the tree.

About 60 people joined together with members of the folk club to sing carols around the tree outside the Village Hall on 18<sup>th</sup> December which was followed by mulled wine and mince pies - and impromptu entertainment by the children.

There is always a real community feel around in the village on Christmas Eve and it is a pleasure to see so many people come along to our services whether that be to the Dressing of the Crib service in the afternoon, to our candle lit Carol concert in the early evening or to Midnight mass.

We are so lucky in Harbury to have Rev Craig and Rev Nikki and an army of people behind them who are so dedicated and do a wonderful job in making all that goes on in and around church so special over the Christmas period. But Craig and Nikki deserve special thanks for all they do, a lot of it unnoticed, to ensure Christmas in Harbury has a special meaning for everyone.

Now, for us as church wardens it's back to our day jobs, alongside which our priority this year is to develop our memorial Garden of Remembrance. Sincere thanks to everyone who has responded to our recent appeal and have contributed to our funds to help make this happen – this appeal is ongoing and we will report more on that next month.

If you would like to know anything about church or church life, please do not hesitate to get in touch with one of us.

Liz (612421) or John (614206).

	<p><b>Mothers' Union</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Gillian Hare</b></p>
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The communion at our December meeting was led by Rev Nikki and had a meditative mood – encouraging us to wait patiently during advent and prepare our hearts for Christ's birth. A welcome suggestion at a time of frenetic preparations which by now have faded into history!

Following our AGM – very brief as Chris Rutherford is willing to continue leading us – we were pleased to hear that our branch has 27 members and is

in good heart. We then had a happy time making table arrangements for our own Christmas decorations.

Our usual stall at the Christmas Fayre was well stocked with toiletries and raised around £90 – thank you to all who supported it. Unsold items, together with extra donations, have been given to the Blue Sky centre for victims of sexual assault.

As you read this we shall have enjoyed our New Year party and are looking forward to 2017.

Our next meeting, on 1<sup>st</sup> February, will be an opportunity to meet our new diocesan chaplain, Pam Gould.

Our meetings start with communion at 2pm in the Tom Hauley Room; the main meeting is 2.30pm. Visitors are always welcome to join us; there is no pressure to become a paid up member unless you want to.

**Gillian Hare**

## Ladbroke News & Diary

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

### JANUARY

Tues 10 Photography Club Meal

Wed 11 Parish Council Meeting, 7.45pm, Village Hall

**Sun 15 Epiphany II**

Holy Communion (BCP), 9.00am

Wed 18 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall

Fri 20 ADVERTS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE TO 36 MANOR ORCHARD, HARBURY OR EMAIL ADVERTISING@HLNEWS.CO.UK

**Sun 22 Epiphany III**

Holy Communion (sung)

Wed 25 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall

Fri 27 ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST OR EMAIL TO ARTICLES@HLNEWS.CO.UK BY 5.30PM

Film Night Doors 7.00pm, film starts 8.00pm, Village Hall

**Sun 29 Epiphany IV**

Holy Communion (said)

### FEBRUARY

Wed 1 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall

Thurs 2 WI, 7.30pm, Village Hall

**Sun 5 Candlemas**

Family Communion (with Christingles), 10.30am, followed by refreshments

Tues 7 Photography Club, 7.30pm venue TBC

Wed 8 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall



## Ladbroke Church News

Jackie West

The bells rang out clearly on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December, for a full three hours! My camera and I were privileged to be allowed in the ringing chamber as our visiting ringers rang up the bells before the start.

Once the bells were swinging, they made it look effortless but then these five ringers were real experts, each of them had rung at least 1000 peals. When they came back down into church just after 1pm, after completing the peal of 5040 doubles made up of two extents of 21 different methods with names like Gransire, Dragon and St Martins, I found out more about these ringers who called themselves the St Blaise Society. Sue, who hails from Kimpton, had organised their visit to us and Simon from Warwick had been one of the ringers for the last full peal at Ladbroke 40 years ago. Robert their conductor, from Hertfordshire, had rung 1000 peals of just the Stedman method and Colin and his wife Nicola who live in Oxfordshire ring about five peals a week; Colin is the campanology equivalent of a Munro bagger having rung around 7,000 peals in almost all of the 4000 or so working bell towers in the country with only a couple more to go! Even though they did not look tired after their three hour ringing marathon, I was surprised to discover that all five of them were off to Bubbenhall to ring another full peal there in the afternoon.



Although the bells were deafening in the churchyard there was no problem for those of us inside church to chat as we supped coffee and partook of the delicious cakes on offer, looked at the information on the bells and saw the return of the Christ the Good Shepherd banner. We met the very talented ladies from the Stratford NADFAS textile conservation group who had restored it and marvelled at their skill and the many hundreds of hours work they had put into it. Both the bell ringers and the NADFAS volunteers told me how nice it was that so many people came and appreciated their efforts that morning and wearing my fund raising hat, I'd like to thank everyone who

helped with or came to the coffee morning - we raised £295 for our All Saints for All Generations building repair fund.

There are more photos which you can access from the events page of the church website [ladbrokechurch.org.uk](http://ladbrokechurch.org.uk) or the photogallery page of the village website [ladbroke-pc.org.uk](http://ladbroke-pc.org.uk)

It was great to see so many people at our various Christmas Celebrations, special thanks are due to Huw, Ed and everyone at the Bell for hosting Beer and Carols, to Bill, Kate and the choir for leading the Nine Lessons and Carols Service and the ladies who provided the refreshments afterwards, to the Collins family for donating the Christmas tree and the flower arrangers for making the church look wonderful, not forgetting the bell ringers who reminded us it was time to leave the presents and dinner preparation and come to church on Christmas morning and of course Revs Craig, Nikki and Ann for leading our Advent, Christmas and New Year services.

Finally, although we will be well into January before you read this, I wish you a very happy 2017.

## Flower Rota

15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> January Val Copley

29<sup>th</sup> January & 5<sup>th</sup> February Carole Loftus



## 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.



We are sorry that our Christmas Party was cancelled last month due to lack of ticket sales. We know that Christmas is a busy time of year for all of us, and we are looking forward to seeing you at more events this year.

We are hoping to present another supper and film evening during January. Please contact Nicky on 815196 or email [nicolalewis24@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:nicolalewis24@tiscali.co.uk) for further information.



Further events will be planned for 2017 – so watch this space!!

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 November 2016

£50	Sue Lord	£50	Keith Tancock
£25	Debs and Seth Brown	£25	Nicky Lewis
£25	Richard Walker	£10	Linda Spence
£10	Tim Malby	£10	Trevor and Jan Jay
£10	A Dowdeswell	£10	Wild Indians

**Margaret Bosworth**



## Ladbroke Photography Club

**Kip Warr**

In December we had a look at our own photographs - and we realised that you can get really good pictures without having an expensive camera. A number of us had been to the open gardens day at Dorsington where the star attraction is the Garden of Heroes and Villains, commissioned by the late Felix Dennis, publisher and founder of The Heart of England Forest. The garden is populated with bronze sculptures of famous people and fabulous creatures, usually telling a story (such as van Gogh in the act of painting the chair and Einstein frying eggs - his favourite breakfast). The sculptures are wonderfully detailed and lifelike and were great subjects for photography although the rapidly changing weather made lighting difficult; sometimes the raindrops on the surfaces were as photogenic as the statues themselves.



**The Minotaur - a favourite subject at Dorsington**

We moved on to look at our personal choices of our own best pictures from 2016. Pictures taken on mobile phones held their own amongst others taken on high-specification cameras proving that it is the content and composition that matters most. Good cameras can, of course, make many things possible, but there are pictures taken nearly two hundred years ago with very basic equipment that we would be proud to have taken today. Here are two from the many we looked at. Sally's (shown overleaf), of the lamb in Farmyard Field will be made into a greetings card to be sold in aid of Ladbroke Church Building Repair Fund.



**Left: Eagle by Nicky Lewis**



**Lamb by Sally Simmons**

In January we have our annual dinner at the Bell. In February we have our (usually brief) AGM, as well as a practical session on painting by light. Visitors and guests are always welcome to our meetings which are usually held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in Ladbroke Village Hall. For more information see our website ([tinyurl.com/ladbrokephoto](http://tinyurl.com/ladbrokephoto)) or contact [jackieszone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jackieszone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk)



## **Ladbroke General Section**



### **Ladbroke Whist Drives**

Betty Winkfield, who has organised Saturday Night Whist Drives since 2003 in the Ladbroke Village Hall, was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Village Hall Trustees for her service to the village at the Ladbroke All Saints Parish Church on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Betty has recently decided to step down as Coordinator of the Whist Drive and she will be greatly missed. During the 13 years that Betty ran the drive, this activity brought pleasure to many participants, and contributed generously to both the Village Hall and the Ladbroke Parish Church.

**Debra Neal**



## Harbury Parish Council

Linda Ridgley

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

### November 2016

In November there was controversy over the Diocese decision to prohibit church schools like Harbury from joining Southam's proposed Multi-Academy Trust. This means Bishops Itchington, Southam, Stockton and Byfield would be feeder schools for Southam College but not Harbury. Our children might not get places and, as the Chairman remarked it might make our village less attractive to families and the council will write to complain.

As always planning issues dominated discussions. The Council made no representation on an extension to 11 Heber Drive or on previously approved plans for Manor Cottage. They were concerned about plans to fell and reduce a number of trees at Studio Cottage, 39 Farm Street and, in particular, objected to work on the prominent roadside sycamore.

The planning group had met with the new developer for the Old New Inn who proposes to demolish it on the grounds it is structurally unsound. Four properties on its footprint would be built with the recycled stone, leaving the remainder of the site as a grassed area. Councillors will wait for a full application to be received before commenting.

Stratford Community Infrastructure Levy Consultation, which could bring funding to parishes to mitigate the effects of development on their services and facilities was welcomed, but there was cynicism about its ultimate advantages.

Stratford Councillor Jacqui Harris was talking to our MP about Harbury Surgery's Business Plan for the proposed new surgery on the old quarries development to serve Bishops Itchington. Discussions were also ongoing with our neighbouring Parish about moving the boundary to put all the quarry's development into Bishops Itchington Parish.

**Properties** - Cllr Knowles reported the aerial runway locking mechanism was faulty as he had tried it. It was not dangerous – just not exciting and it would be adjusted. Minor improvements to the tennis courts were covered by the Sinking Fund. The new arrangement for transporting bonfire material across the playing fields had worked well.

Requests for double yellow lines on Constance Drive were considered but as they would be very costly and WCC had very little money for these things now, Councillors decided not to support the application.

## December 2016

The December meeting was entirely on planning matters. First discussed was the plan to put another property on the frontage of 1 Farm Close. There were nine objectors present, all concerned about the impact on the Conservation Area and the adjacent Listed Building; the loss of mature street trees; inadequate parking provision and decreased visibility at the junction with Farm Street; lack of amenity space and overlooking of adjacent property and overdevelopment of a very small plot. The Harbury Society wanted all permitted development rights extinguished to prevent further extension of the cramped “cottage” planned for the site if permission were to be granted.

The Parish Council agreed to object on:- impact on Conservation Area; road safety; overdevelopment; visual impact and loss of trees; impact on Listed Buildings; contrary to principles of the Village Design Statement, Parish Plan and Neighbourhood Plan.

Then there was the tedious business of approving the Neighbourhood Plan. On the plus side, the Bull Ring Lane “Village with a Vision” site, which was finally rejected by SDC after more than a year, was removed from the “village boundary”. Similarly, the Council excluded the Spinney which is included in our Conservation Area!

This perversely could protect them from development, as now only sites inside the boundary are in theory likely to be approved for building but as Cllr Gibb pointed out, designating land for development is inviting development. The Council, thinking of the filling station site, decided it would not designate any land for future development. It refused to include a policy to demand a fully, up-to-date Housing Need Survey to accompany any future development proposals. It did not consider designating wildlife corridors or important trees for protection.

Eventually the Neighbourhood Plan will go out to referendum where villagers get to vote for or against it. Then, if it is approved, we wait to see what impact it has on our ability to have any say in our community’s future.



Our final activity of 2016 was a hands-on quiz, exploring a fascinating collection of household objects from mid-Victorian times onwards. Our speaker, Patricia Justice, explained that each item in her seemingly random assortment of things had a specific, useful purpose. But whatever did they do with that spiral of nails on a lump of wood attached to a stick? Members puzzled over the 20 mystery implements, arriving at generally unprintable uses, until Patricia could stand no more, and ran through the answers. No-one identified the fierce set of nails. (Making holes in digestive biscuits, of course.)

A few days later saw us at Stockton Church for the Southam Group carols. Each WI in the Group contributes a reading; ours this year was Maya Angelou's inspiring "Amazing Peace: a Christmas Poem". First read at the White House in December 2005 by Angelou herself, the poem affirms the goodness of life, and calls for the 'halting of hate'. Peggie did it great justice, with a moving reading appreciated by everyone.

And now, Happy New Year Harbury! We'd love to welcome new visitors and members, so here's a cut-out-and-keep outline of our programme for 2017 - mark your calendars. We also have access to many outings, workshops, concerts, trips, etc etc offered by the Warwickshire and the National Federation of WIs.

### **Harbury WI Programme 2017**

We usually meet on the second Thursday of the month, 7.30 for 7.45pm, at the Tom Hauley Room (THR). We cover a wide range of topics at meetings, and there's always plenty of time to catch up with old friends - and make new ones. Why not come along and see if it's for you? Contact us on [harburywi@gmail.com](mailto:harburywi@gmail.com), or 07834 667 523 or through our Facebook page - [www.facebook.com/harburywi](http://www.facebook.com/harburywi)

- **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January 10am, THR - Coffee Morning**
- **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 7.45pm, THR - "Rowing the North Atlantic", with Gilly Mara, PhD.** Gilly is a Harbury resident, engineer, author and record-holding athlete. She'll tell the story of completing the North Atlantic crossing in 49 days last summer, as part of a 5-woman crew. The first women to achieve this, the team set 5 World Records and 4 World Firsts.
- **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 7.30pm, Village Hall - New Year Party, with entertainment by The Five Daft Dames**
- **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 7.45pm, THR - Surprise Night** - fun activities arranged by a team of members - all women welcome, WI members or not.
- **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March, 7.45pm, THR - "A Brief History of Freemasonry", with Richard Brice.** An opportunity to find out about an organisation which, amongst its similarities to the WI, has about 250,000 members in the UK, and is secular, apolitical, charitable, and volunteer-oriented.
- **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April 7.45pm, THR - "FGM - some of the issues", with Alison Byrne.** The WI nationally has been concerned about Female Genital Mutilation, and calling for government action, since the 1970s. FGM has now been illegal in the UK for over 30 years, and so, since 2003, has been aiding or procuring FGM abroad. But many WI members feel more could be done to measure, disclose and reduce its prevalence in the UK, in order to help those women who have suffered or may be at risk of suffering it. In fact, one of the Resolutions we'll

discuss in May relates to it. Our speaker on this sensitive subject is a specialist midwife who runs a service for women who have undergone FGM.

- **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 7.45pm, THR - WI Resolutions** - The WI has a long history of campaigning on a wide range of issues that matter to women and their communities. At our May meeting we'll choose one of six shortlisted Resolutions to go forward to the national meeting in June.
- **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June 7.45pm, THR - "WI Past & Present"**. In the year following the UK WI's centenary - and the year prior to our own - a WI archivist will present an entertaining and informative session on the history of the organisation, the largest women's community group in the UK.
- **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July 7.45pm, THR - "Shipwrecked in Antarctica", with Georgie Hale.** The hair-raising tale of the night that Coventry resident Georgie, her husband and 150 other souls spent in the freezing waters of Antarctica after their cruise ship collided with a wall of ice - and capsized.
- **August, date TBA - Garden Party**
- **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 7.45pm, THR - "British Blind Sport", with Ian Carr.** Ian is Fundraising Manager at British Blind Sport, a charity providing sport and recreational opportunities for all blind and partially sighted adults and children across the UK from grassroots to elite level.
- **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September, 7.30pm Village Hall - Harvest Supper, with entertainment by John Stirling - "Life with Morecambe and Wise"**. And entertaining it will surely be - John Stirling has had a varied and colourful career backstage, and sometimes upon it, as an actor, stage manager, impresario, writer of plays and musicals, and many other roles. He's worked with everyone from Bob Monkhouse to the Beatles, Billy Fury, Marti Caine and Mark Knopfler, on shows including Coronation Street, the Royal Variety Show, Game for a Laugh, Surprise, Surprise and Gang Show. We'll hear about his time with Morecambe and Wise, remembered as some of his "happiest years".
- **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 7.45pm, THR - "Celebration of Entertainment", with David Moylan.** Professional comedy magician, Dave Moylan, talks of his life in the world of show business, recalling his work with some of this country's best-known entertainers. Containing many hilarious tales and anecdotes, with some bewildering magic tricks along the way ...
- **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 7.45pm, THR - Annual Meeting**
- **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 7.45pm, THR "Thoughtfully Wrapped", with Alan Keech** - tips and hints on wrapping gifts.



## Harbury Theatre Group

Ali Hodge & Emily Jackson

### Harbury Theatre Group Juniors

What a busy year HTG Juniors have had! The children have had many exciting performance opportunities in 2016, including: Sleeping Beauty, the Harbury Theatre Group pantomime in February, which every child was involved with; the opening of the Village Hall stage, the Carnival and the PTA's Victorian Street Fayre. During all of this, they were also working hard learning lines, songs and dance routines for their winter production, Olivia - a musical about a Victorian orphan trying to find her place in the world. We couldn't have been prouder of our young cast, aged just 7-13, who lit up the stage with their professional performances on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> December – see photos in centre of magazine. Despite it being the end of term, the children's energy, enthusiasm and excitement burst off the stage with each scene - they really are an incredibly talented bunch of kids and an absolute joy to work with! Pictures of the production can be seen on page 32.

There may be a few spaces in HTG Juniors from January, so if you are interested in joining, please email [htgjuniors123@gmail.com](mailto:htgjuniors123@gmail.com)

### Interested in the theatre as a career? Need some experience?

If so, Harbury Theatre Group might be able to help. We are an established amateur group and put on two productions a year. The finished production presented to the audience is the result of team work, a huge amount of hard work goes into a production literally behind the scenes. Obviously we have a director, who directs the actors, however we also have a producer. We are looking for someone to be the PRODUCER for our next production. Undertaking this voluntary role (all expenses paid) would provide you with experience of being involved in a production from start to finish. The Theatre Group relies on the producer to organise the publicity, programme etc and the rota for the front of house team. Access to a computer, an enthusiasm for the theatre and to get things done is all that is required! We have a guidance sheet which details the role, how to do it and several templates. The director of our next play, Ali Hodge has experience of the producer's role and will act as a mentor. Our next production is 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> May and we will be starting to organise it in February. So if you are interested please contact either Andrew Lawrence our Chairman - [andrew@vividbrush.com](mailto:andrew@vividbrush.com) or Ali Hodge [ali.hodge4@gmail.com](mailto:ali.hodge4@gmail.com)





## Folk Club

Sue Crum

December's theme for the Folk Club was 'Winter Warmer', and there was definitely a warm welcome to all performers from a large and supportive audience. Several of our regular performers were in need of winter warmers as they were suffering from nasty coughs and colds. Three themes developed throughout the evening. We had a fine selection of warming songs, a good smattering of Christmas songs, with what developed into "who can sing the oldest song" dimension thrown in.

After I had started off the first half by singing a version of "The Holly and the Ivy" and "Blow the Candles Out" (missing Ted who was at home nursing his cold), we were entertained by the excellent Ian and Sue singing "Drive the Cold Winter Away" (17<sup>th</sup> Century) and "Hard Times". Sue and Sally followed with three numbers including the hilarious "Wearing Thicker, Big Knicker Blues". Rik sang "A Pint of Old Peculiar" and "A Polar Bear Sang in Berkeley Square" (yes I did write that down correctly!). Following Rik, Ray and Anne sang "Banks of Newfoundland" and "Cherry Tree Carol". Thrup'ny Bits ended the first half with two rousing songs "Shepherds Arise" (12<sup>th</sup> Century) and a glorious spoof on Wassailing.

Peter McDonald started our second half in fine form by singing "Wandering Soul" and a very moving version of Tall Ships with Margaret reading "The Wrecker's Prayer" in between verses. John followed with two Christmas songs, one of which he had written himself. Peter Mason sang an old favourite "Who Knows Where the Time goes?" and a chilly song "When Winter Comes Howling in". A newly formed super group, Cappuccini, sang a beautiful version of the Spanish Carol "Riu, Riu, Chiu" (16<sup>th</sup> Century) followed by Morris Oxford singing "I am a Brisk Man". The Harbury Folk Club Choir finished the second half by singing two of their Christmas repertoire "Awake Ye Drowsy Mortals" and "Mary Did You Know?".

We were lucky enough to have a third half featuring Peter McDonald singing "Sweet Thames Flow Softly". David arrived with his double bass straight from work just in time for "Rumble-o" to perform "Who's Going to Build Your Wall" with beautiful cello playing from Anna and a version of "Three Jolly Fishermen". Peter Mason came back on to sing "The January Man". The evening was brought to a seasonal conclusion with Thrup'ny Bits singing "At Break of Day" about the three Kings and finally "Please to See the King". All that remained was for us to wish each other a very Merry Christmas despite it being only 1<sup>st</sup> December and venture out into the chilly night having been thoroughly warmed by Folk Club performers and audience.

The raffle raised a very generous £80.00 for the Motor Neurone Disease Association. January's Folk Club will be hosted by Des and Debbie and the theme will be 'Celebrations and Special Occasions'.



## Harbury Twinning Association

Tony Thomas

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December our Annual Christmas party was held in the Tom Hauley Room. Supper was provided by the members who brought savoury or sweet dishes to share. The evening started with a quiz set by John Stringer and after supper we all took part in a fun game of 'Snowman Drive' (Similar to a beetle drive but with snowmen instead of beetles). The evening was concluded by carol singing in French and English accompanied by Peter McDonald on the accordion.

On 6<sup>th</sup> January (Twelfth Night) we will be celebrating the "Festival of the Kings" which is known in France as "Fete des Rois" and marks the arrival of the three wise men in Bethlehem where they gave their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the baby Jesus. We take this opportunity to wish all the residents of Harbury a happy and prosperous New Year.



## Harbury Toddler Group

Lynne Barton

As the New Year starts we thank our families for coming so regularly to Toddlers, it gives us all great pleasure to see the children grow, develop and become 'ready' for their next grown up educational and social experience.

We shared a great Christmas Party at the Village Hall, we had arranged some soft play and a bouncy castle which unfortunately had to go outside just in time for the odd shower but who minds a little spot of rain when its only a few sleeps from the excitement of Christmas Day.

Father Christmas ho ho'd his way through the Badminton Group via Lapland and proved an instant hit with most of us, giving out presents and asking the children what they wanted for Christmas – thank you Santa please put us in your busy schedule for next year.....





By the time you read this we will be back ready and waiting, as Toddlers starts again on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January**.

We have prepared our usual Calendar extravaganza for the year, to please and delight everyone.

Aimee Mann, mother to Freddie, Bella and Jago is our fondly called Artistic Director and has agreed to lead some crafty activities throughout 2017.

Alison Hunt, whom many of you know, a well respected stalwart of Harbury village will come to visit us, read a story and teach us traditional rhymes.

We have discovered a magic, secret door which opens up endless possibilities with John at the helm and delights from the book corner.

Plus we will have other special guests to enhance our regular programme ensuring the children have every opportunity to have fun whilst developing social, physical, emotional and intellectual skills.



**The A Team**

Check out the programme, we will have a paper copy for everyone. We do also have our own Facebook page.

We are blessed to have so many wonderful helpers all of whom are volunteers and so from: Lynne, Selina, Reg and Chelly - we wish you a peaceful and healthy New Year.

We look forward to welcoming parents, carers, grandparents, childminders and children under five - come on round the kettle's on.

We are a fully inclusive group and welcome children with additional needs. If you would like a home visit before attending please ring me on the number given below. 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](mailto:lynnebarton@btinternet.com)



**The Nativity Story:** At the very beginning of the lead up to Christmas, we were delighted to welcome the Rev. Nikki and Gill Guilford who came to bring the Posada figures and talk to the children about the journey Mary and Joseph made to Bethlehem. They were both pleased to sing some nativity songs that the

children were beginning to learn for their Nativity Songtime production due later in the month. The following day we welcomed Isobel Grimes to collect the Posada to continue its journey around our village.

**Role Play** – The role play area became a nativity scene, with the dressing up rail full of outfits for angels, shepherds, sheep, donkeys, Mary and Joseph and the three kings. The children all chose their roles for the Nativity Songtime while they enjoyed trying on the various costumes.

**Nativity Songtime:** This was held at the Jackson's stable yard in front of the children's parents and other relatives. The children sang brilliantly, finishing with "Silent Night" using Makaton signing and challenging the audience to take part in the encore, which they did with much enthusiasm. We would like to thank the Jacksons for providing a beautiful and very meaningful setting for our nativity.



**Christmas Preparations:** In the creative area, the children put their cutting skills to use while making Christmas hats which they decorated. The three kings used theirs in the nativity and all the children wore their hats for Father Christmas' visit. Decorations using CDs were created and joining and estimating skills were put to the test



as the children wrapped boxes as "presents" to go under the Christmas tree. The children made lovely observational paintings of our tree using chopsticks applying different techniques to create varied effects. The pictures were made into special cards to give to their families after they did their own mark-making inside.



**Role Play again** – For the last week or so of the term, the role play area became a cosy Christmas home, complete with a beautiful fireplace. In a separate creative area, a workshop took shape, where the children acted as Father Christmas' helpers and used the woodwork bench with play tools and made Christmas gifts out of a variety of resources.

**Father Christmas:** The very last day of term culminated with the excitement of a very special

visitor. The children sang exuberantly as the visitor arrived and they were thrilled to receive gifts from his sack of goodies - many children were happy to chat to him about what they hoped to get in their stockings. Thank you Father Christmas for taking the time to visit Harbury Pre-School!

**Finally:** Anne, Angie, Lesley, Deborah and Vonnie would like to thank the parents and the children for all the lovely gifts and cards that we were given. We are now looking forward to a great year in 2017 and return to Pre-School for the spring term on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

*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 text 07907 598461 or look at the web site [www.harburypre-school.org](http://www.harburypre-school.org)*



## Village Hall Update

**Chris Finch**

At the last meeting, the Village Hall committee approved accounts set out by our treasurer, which had required ratification from an approved accountant to comply with the Charity Commission's requirement for an official analysis of all the income and expenditure for the year. This arrangement was essential, as the records show that there has been a financial throughput of over £450,000 to cover the cost of the extension and all the fixtures and fittings for the stage and the changing rooms. It has been a massive challenge for the chairman and several committee members to apply for grants from various sources over the past few years, so that the 'vision' of an impressive community building was realised in a relatively short time, which would not have happened with small scale fund-raising. As mentioned in previous articles, there is still a 'wish list' of improvements, which will again require many hours of research and form-filling in order to source the finance needed for future improvements to the heating and lighting.

During 2016, apart from the major investment in the fabric of the building, an improved P.A. (public address) system has been installed, thanks to a generous donation from a village family in memory of 'Mum, who so enjoyed coming to the Rural Cinema and meeting so many villagers'. The committee recorded its grateful thanks for the family's generosity, which will allow anyone with hearing impairment to follow the sound track of a film more clearly or listen to a lecture/Theatre Group presentation etc. The most recent production by the Junior Harbury Theatre Group of Olivia was exceptionally well-received, with many in the audience awestruck by the talent of the younger members of our community.

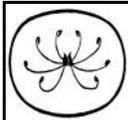
When the next film is shown in the hall in January, a new wider screen will be in operation, which has been supported by a grant from the Parish Council. The previous screen, which did not always completely focus the moving

images properly over the distance of the hall, has been donated to the school. The Village Hall's electrician, James Davies, has volunteered his services for mounting and arranging the electronic control of the screen at no cost to the school.

The contra-dance arranged for the New Year has attracted interest from line-dancers, whilst for those who enjoy a more sedentary musical offering, there is a Tea and Cake afternoon on 19<sup>th</sup> February (2.00pm-4.00pm) hosted by Steamchicken, who have used the hall for rehearsals of their special brand of music - (see details online [www.steamchicken.co.uk](http://www.steamchicken.co.uk)).

Finally, for those who enjoy 'looking back' over former times in the village, whilst the committee continues to look forward, two new collages have been mounted in the Farley Room. As previously, these are all photographs from the archive built up by Mike Bloxham who recorded everyday life for over 30 years for the H&L News. This will be the third set of photos on display and as before, it's a good exercise to see who is instantly recognisable from several years ago and makes a good talking point when you queue for refreshment at the kitchen hatch. Some pointers have been included elsewhere in the magazine under the heading, Harbury Then and Now - have fun seeing who you can recognise!

Wishing all villagers, a lively and interesting time in OUR village hall.



**Horticultural Society**

**Judy Morrall**

Our December meeting of Festive Fun was a great success. It was a shame that there were only 21 of us but we more than made up for the lack of numbers in our enjoyment of the whole evening. Prior to the festivities we held a short AGM. At the AGM last December (2015) I said that all four of us on the committee would be standing down in 2017 after the May meeting and I promised to organise one last trip in June. Unfortunately, no one has come forward, however members still have until May 2017 so we will wait and see.

The evening then got into full swing. Jean had brought along two fantastic quizzes concerning chocolate and puddings and a picture board featuring plants. Everyone really enjoyed the quizzes and afterwards we tucked into some delicious food brought along by our members. Thank you to Jean for the quizzes and to everyone who brought food. A bumper raffle was drawn and David's tickets seem to be the only ones in the basket as in theory he won four prizes but, of course, being a true gentleman he only claimed one. Thank you too to everyone who stayed and helped clear and tidy up and wash up, very much appreciated.

As I write this it is the shortest day so after today it will be two minutes a day lighter from now on, hurray! The continuing mild weather has tricked some

plants into early flowering and, when I went for a reunion with two ex-colleagues in Oxford recently, there were snowdrops emerging in the Botanic Gardens. My evergreen clematis has flowered in every month of the year and has some really fat buds on now. Heuchera flowers are still putting in an appearance as are hellebores and primroses. My sprouts at the allotments are doing well as are the celeriac, parsnips, leeks and so many types of red and green cabbages. We are enjoying the ratatouilles I made with courgettes and other vegetables from the allotments which I froze and they are delicious. So nice in Winter to enjoy the taste of Summer. Let us hope that we get some nice frosty mornings in January and February and not flooding as last year. My seed order has been sent and I eagerly await the seeds from the Dobies catalogue. As I mentioned last month we, as members, get a huge 50% discount from seeds and they really are excellent quality. Every one of the three types of courgettes that I planted this year germinated, hence the ratatouille! So much to look forward to, planning where to plant etc.

Here are a few suggestions for visits in January and early February as it is nice to get outdoors and enjoy different surroundings and maybe get ideas for your own gardens. Hill Close Gardens in Warwick are open from Monday to Friday to the end of March from 11am to 4pm, admission £4. There are fantastic views over the racecourse and beyond and the lovely summer houses to enjoy. Can you remember our day trip to Trentham Gardens last year? What a fantastic place it is and with a shopping village! They have a complimentary tour of the newly-discovered areas by the head gardener on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January from 1.30pm to 3.30pm. Post code is ST4 8JG and only one and three quarters of an hour away – the admission is reduced in winter to £8. Who can forget the stunning wooden statues of otters carved in a tree around the lake and the magical fairies? Well worth a return visit.

Near to Cheltenham, Home Farm, Newent Lane, Huntley, post code GL19 3HQ, will be open under NGS on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January from 11am to 3pm admission £3. You will need stout footwear but it is worth the journey to walk through the woods and gardens with fern and heather borders and much more. In Oxfordshire at Cumnor, post code OX2 9PE, Stone Haven at 6 High Street will be open from 12.30 to 4pm on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February admission is £3. This is a superb thatched cottage surrounded by front and back gardens with a huge number of unusual plants and some more familiar. The gardens overcoll meadows and the fern display is excellent too. There are two excellent pubs in the village which serve food. I can vouch for both. In Hartlebury, Worcestershire you will find Whitlunge Gardens, post code DY10 4HD. They will be open on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February from 10am to 5pm and admission is £4. This is a 3 acre garden with over 800 varieties of trees and shrubs, some mystic features, a huge cascade, a turf labyrinth, a cave fernery and many more features. Light refreshments are available in the tearooms. As mentioned before, National Trust properties and gardens open in January and February - look in your membership book for

details. The House at Upton is open on Saturdays and Sundays from 12 to 4pm. Come and see us for your last chance to see the current exhibition before the launch of a Made to Measure House from 26<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

There is no meeting in January so the next one is at 8pm in the Tom Hauley Room on Tuesday February 7<sup>th</sup> when Howard Drury will be making a very welcome return visit. His topic is The Cottage Garden Story. His presentations are amazing with surround sound and sublime screen pictures. We will be in for another treat. Everyone is welcome and it would be good to swell our numbers to show our appreciation for Howard, who will be venturing out in dark February from the Birmingham area. I look forward to seeing everyone and I hope that you all will enjoy a happy and healthy New Year.



## Nature Notes

**John Hancock**

Frosty mornings which lasted over a week ended on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December and since we have had more typical weather with mist and damp combining to drip from branches and puddle the ground. At the Three Horseshoes pub in Princethorpe, David Brown's Lepidoptera Group had a convivial lunch. David showed us pictures of moths and butterflies and commented on their changing patterns of emergence and migration. He has been tracking these insects in Warwickshire for more than fifty years. Some have become extinct in the county in this time but a number have moved up from the continent and spread north to reach us. He was particularly pleased with Paul and Yvonne Hancock's find of a *Convolvulus Hawk Moth*. It was perching on the brickwork of their house back in September. A large moth from the Mediterranean, it is being seen here more commonly perhaps because of global warming. It is in the family known as *Sphingidae* which refers to the sphinx-like attitude that some caterpillars adopt with head and front segments rearing forwards.

With the warmer air edging up from the south the temperature reached 14C on 7<sup>th</sup> December. I was with the Wednesday Walkers on a circuit from Hampton Wood. We were atop the cliff-like western side of the River Avon on a good bridleway. In Hampton Lucy is a communal field with a bench which made a good place to have our coffee break. Coming back on field paths and minor roads some saw a butterfly moving away along a hedge line. It was possibly a Small Tortoiseshell, a Peacock or a Comma as these can be seen in any month of the year if conditions are right (i.e. the temperature is at least 13C).

The morning sky was clear of cloud on 11<sup>th</sup> December with plenty of standing water after overnight rain. The River Itchen was bank high at the Welsh Road crossing. Later, with the sun low in the sky, my shadow was impressive as I cycled home along the Salt Way through Knightcote Bottoms. A red sky that evening augured well for the morrow. Liz and Gordon Robbins beckoned from

across Mill Street. They had found a hornet in one of their bee hives. It looked enormous and alarming but was quite docile in the cool conditions. We wondered if it was an alien Asian species but a handy DEFRA chart helped us to say no as it did not have yellow legs.

The Itchen is an interesting stream. Rising in the Dassett Hills as a series of springs, it is soon winding across largely flat land. On early maps this area is a lake. It must have been a rich source of food with water birds and fish for the taking by those who settled the area. The stream speeds up a bit with several mill sites near Bishops Itchington and Southam before another old lake bed, which is now fertile farmland, close to its junction with the Leam at Marton.

I'm enjoying Nicholas Crane's latest book 'The Making of the British Landscape' published by Weidenfeld and Nicolson. Its scope is monumental, from the end of the last ice age (some 12,000 years ago) to the present day. As it says on the fly leaf "How much do we really know about the place we call home? In this geographical journey through time, we discover" the ancient relationship between people and place and the deep-rooted tension twixt town and countryside." The pictures are superb too, from Rannoch Moor where the ice was thickest 12,000 years ago to Silbury Hill, Wiltshire the largest man-made mound in Europe begun about 2,400 BC and on to the present - farming electricity - wind and solar plants in Oxfordshire.

Scrape away the leaf litter in any local wood to find signs of spring, seedlings sprouting and bulbs pushing growing tips through the ground. The moss is vivid green in its moist, relatively warm, heaven, clinging to trunks and fallen boughs. Evergreens such as holly and yew were imbued with magical properties by the ancients and no doubt were used in processions and ceremonies to mark the winter solstice. Today (21<sup>st</sup> December), Winter Heliotrope was in flower on the south side of Bromson Hill.

May I close by wishing you all a happy and healthy 2017.



## General Section

### Harbury & District Poppy Collection 2016

The final total for this year's poppy collection in the local villages was £3,731.79, which was just a few pounds up from the previous year. The breakdown of the collection, which has to be forwarded to the Royal British Legion Appeal was shown as:

The house to house collections in Bascote, Deppers Bridge, Harbury & Ufton: £2,009.72

The church collections in Harbury & Ufton: £523.81

Manned collection at Harbury Primary School: £214.21

Unmanned collections in the pubs, shops, Caravan Park & the Fosse Garage: £814.05

Donation from Harbury Parish Council: £55.00

Wreaths: £115.00

The contribution of all those people who make the collection possible is much appreciated by the RBL, which acknowledges the efforts by everyone 'on the ground' in raising an impressive amount in a relatively small area.

Many thanks to all those who volunteered their services this year.

**Chris Finch**



## **Christmas Lights**

The Christmas lights make a welcome cheer to the dark nights in December. This year the lights have been replaced through the kind support of David Wilson Homes. Thanks go to Ian Constance, Sam and Gethan Butler, James Edwards, Ian Cuthbertson, Brendan Watts and Wayne McElfatrick for giving their time to put the lights up.

**Brian Young**

## **Harbury Senior Citizens Committee Update**

We had 114 people come along to our Christmas Party and given the feedback and thank you cards, the evening was enjoyed by all who attended. People enjoyed the good company, good food and great entertainment from Ian and Sue Hartland aka The Harvesters. The Appalachian stomping (dancing?) also got the audiences feet tapping. Thank you for coming along to entertain us.

We must also thank everyone who donated raffle prizes and this year I think we had 40 prizes that were won. They were much appreciated.

Those of you who have organised events will know how difficult it can be without the help of volunteers. This year we had the committee, their partners and some new helpers which allowed us to be terribly efficient, I think, in getting the food to you and in clearing up. Thank you to everyone who came along to help and we hope to see you again next year.

Again this year, we had help from the Harbury Scouts who put up the tree and the decorations as part of their community involvement. The scouts who helped previously knew exactly what needed to be done and were also restrained in the number of decorations on the tree! Thank you. See you again next year?



### Some of the Committee and helpers

As has been the custom in recent years, the tree and decorations are left up for the pre-school Christmas fair so they get some extra use and add a bit to the ambience of the event.

As we roll into 2017 the committee would like to wish you all a happy and healthy New Year and we look forward to seeing you at our events during the year and for giving us your support. As usual, look out for our schedule of activities in the Harbury and Ladbroke News.



**Mike McBride**

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



**Lunch in the THR - Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January, 12.30 - 1.30pm**

Soup and sandwiches, plus tea/coffee and chocolates will be served on the above date (for donations). There will be a form, at the back of the church to sign for attendance, after 1<sup>st</sup> January. Offers to make soup or sandwiches or to help on the day to Rosemary Harley (613402), Gillian Hare (614809) or Elaine Barnden (07969011146).

People (perhaps a small group or even an organisation) are needed to organise future lunches.

**Rosemary Harley**

## **Harbury NSPCC Committee**

Many thanks to everyone who came to our Quiz on the 4<sup>th</sup> December in the Village Club. We made £330 on the night and then we had a donation of £20 so the grand total is £350.

### **Burns Night**

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

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

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

Happy New Year to all our dedicated and generous supporters in Harbury.

**Elaine Bruce**

## **Tea and cakes with Steamchicken**

Harbury has long been a hot-bed of activity on the music scene, and this coming February, the Village Hall will be hosting a concert featuring the music of Steamchicken, one of the country's top bands on the folk scene. They have long been renowned for their use of jazz influences in their dance music, and have now produced a brand-new CD featuring the captivating singing of Amy Kakoura in a wealth of new material aimed at concert-goers as well as their well-established dancing fans. The new CD is called Looking Both Ways, and will be on sale at the concert. February is often a bit of a dreary cheerless time, and there will be no better way of lightening the mood than coming along on the afternoon of Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2017 and enjoying tea and cakes to the live sound of a great band.

Venue: Harbury Village Hall.

Concert details: Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February 4.00 to 6pm (doors open 3.30pm)

Tickets cost £6.00 (inclusive of tea and cakes!) and are available from [suecram@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:suecram@hotmail.co.uk)

This concert will be raising funds for the Village Hall. For more information, go to [www.steamchicken.co.uk](http://www.steamchicken.co.uk)

**Ted Crum**

## **Oil Buying Group - Harbury & District**

As there has been no information about the oil buying group, which operates in Bishop's Itchington, Depper's Bridge, Harbury and Southam in the Harbury & Ladbroke News for some time, it might be assumed that nothing

has happened in 2016, but the community oil deliveries to approx. 30 customers have continued to flourish throughout the year.

There are still many properties in the local area, which rely on oil-fired burners for their central heating, but whilst oil was probably the most expensive method of heating a house some years ago, the price is far more competitive these days and especially if householders join together to form a buying group. The Harbury & District community group has been in operation for a number of years now and operates very successfully, with no problems experienced either by those who purchase oil through the group or the person who 'manages' the group. The term 'manages' is very loosely defined, as anyone in need of oil gets in touch to request a delivery; a current price is sought from the oil supplier and then each customer may decide how many litres are required. The oil is delivered as frequently as needed, according to the usage in each household and depending on the amount, which can be stored in a tank, so the system is very flexible.

Often, properties, particularly farms at a distance from the road, depend on oil as their main fuel supply - so grouping together to obtain a cheaper price makes economic sense. Over the years, word of mouth from a number of existing customers has meant that the group numbers have increased, but for anyone who would like to know how the system operates, information can be obtained by getting in touch with Chris Finch (612305/m.c.finch@btinternet.com). There's no joining fee, each household pays for the quantity of oil ordered, but at a lower price than can be obtained by an individual household. There's nothing to lose and everything to gain - make a New Year resolution to save money!!

**Chris Finch**

## **Harbury Village Club & Institute Ltd**

Thank you to everyone who took the time to read my article last month on behalf of the Club. It was pleasing to see some new faces and for local clubs etc to take full advantage of the concert room for meetings which is free. With the imminent closure of one and possibly two more public houses in our village it is so important to support the remaining ones. It was lovely to see the orchestra practice when I was there for a committee meeting recently.

It has been said that the club is not very friendly but I would like to dispel this. We have very hard working bar staff and a warm and welcoming atmosphere. There are bookings already for 2017 so why not see for yourself what we have to offer. It is only £10 a year membership, where else could you get this with snooker and pool tables, darts, crib dominoes and bingo.

We look forward to meeting old and new members in 2017 and I wish everyone a very happy and healthy New Year.

**Judy Morrall (Secretary)**

**The Hook Norton beer "Twelve Days of Christmas" is delicious and only £2.90 - Editors**

# Harbury Junior Theatre Group presents 'Olivia'



# Senior Citizens Christmas Party





## Harbury Heritage Room

We have been working our way through the thousands of photographs taken by Mike Bloxham for the Harbury & Ladbroke News. Mike was of course, the village photographer for many, many years.

Sorting them into various village events has been reasonably easy but identifying the people on the photographs is proving more difficult. Committee members Alf and Wendy Butler, Mary Thompson and Chairman Nigel Chapman have been able to add some names to faces. We have enlisted the help of the regulars at the Saturday coffee mornings in The Tom Hauley Room, by leaving some photos for them to look at and talk about over coffee. Also Doctors Wilne and Hancock have been helping us. If you have a couple of hours we would like your help too.

A typical example is shown below. Do you know these ladies? What Year? What Event?



At the primary school, Year 3 children have been learning about the Heritage Room and how to use it. Nigel Chapman, Mary Thompson, Haidee Powell and Bill Timson have been helping the children to research articles and photographs in the collection; thus sharpening up the children's literacy and research skills.

Don't forget the Room is open to the general public on the first Tuesday in each month, 6.30 to 8.30pm, the next time being in February 2017! We also have a website 'Harbury Heritage Room' and a Facebook page 'Harbury Heritage Room' which you can join. Please have a look.

A very Happy New Year from the Harbury Heritage Group Committee.

**Bill Timson**



## **Bumps and Bundles**

Happy New Year from Bumps and Bundles, hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. We had a fantastic Christmas party back in December with around 20 babies and tots attending and a visit from Father Christmas.

Bumps continues this year in its sixth year - do come and along, Bumps is in the church room every Tuesday morning from 10.30am until 12.00 noon for parents and carers of babies and tots up to three. We have a lovely group of ladies who make tea and coffee for us and provide biscuits. It's where you can meet other parents and form friendships whilst the babies play and meet new friends too.

**Kelly and Rosie Jones**

## **Wednesday Walkers**

Need help to recover from the Christmas indulgence? Not sure about going to a gym? Don't know much about the countryside on our doorstep? Like a walk in good company? The Wednesday Walkers welcome new explorers, just turn up at 9.40am in the Village Hall car park and see if you like the look of us! Or ring 614809 for more information.

**Gillian Hare**



## **Harbury Energy Initiative**

### **On the road**

475 bookings, 1,450 hours of use, 11,500 miles of journey, 5.6 tonnes of carbon saved with nil NOx or hydrocarbon emissions isn't a bad start for the first eighteen months of a slightly ambitious and experimental rural car club scheme. From the moment that we launched e-Wheels, however, this has steadily overtaken and supplanted private use of the E-Car vehicles. Now just over a year into the operation we have provided more than 600 hours of free transport and raised enough funds to run for a further year. During the early part of 2017 we will be launching our appeal to secure stable funding well into the future through a low cost regular giving scheme. This will be launched at a special Harbury Folk Choir and Orchestra event on 31<sup>st</sup> March - look out for details in these pages, on notice boards and on Facebook.

An evaluation of the car club performance was conducted in spring by Mike and Ruth Woollacott of consultancy Greenwatt Technology, who were very impressed by the unusual model that we have created. The results of this have been published and were passed to the umbrella organisation Carplus. They in turn liked what we were doing so much that press officer Beate Kubitz spent a day in the cold and rain guiding a photoshoot by Hugh Tottle with us here in Harbury. Not many days before that the low carbon charity 10:10

made a mini-film which has proved a valuable publicity tool in fundraising as well as highlighting yet another innovative and energetic Harbury project. In addition we were featured in the national magazine Energy Now.

The return of LY64 HHO photographed here dressed in new rather flamboyant clothes (renamed HERB-E by E-Car Club, for some reason) was intended by E-Car to raise the profile of the club. It has certainly raised a few eyebrows and wry smiles. One e-Wheels customer thought it the coolest thing ever and looked lovingly at its profile in every shop window we passed. Herb-E has gone now to beguile the population elsewhere and we have a replacement car.



e-Wheels is now a separate entity with its own board of trustees and ambitions ultimately to register as a charity and, if possible, expand further. Despite this separation the enterprise still feels part of HEI and I will report on it when appropriate. It is likely to be a key part of the car club for the future.

### **In the light**

Much to our surprise and delight the County Council fulfilled their promise to install LED lighting in some parts of the school. The main hall, kitchens and Heritage Room have all been upgraded to new lighting. We now have the challenge of completing the rest of the school interior. Community Energy Warwickshire (CEW) has been strongly involved and with the best quote we have to date as a guide they feel that funding the project is viable either through a community share offer repaid over five years or through a SALIX interest-free loan over four. We are now waiting for one more estimate from Cooperative Energy for a final opinion.

### **Down to earth and up to heaven**

Meanwhile our attempts to improve the church buildings and engage the congregation have not been entirely blessed. The Wight School, owned by the church, leased by the parish council, subleased to the library and Biblio's with an additional licence for the Pre-School, required permission and support from all those before we could apply to the M&S Energy Fund Community Grant competition. It took two years to get all the parties on our side, the parish council being the most wary of the project. After that we were faced with one failure after another by Energysare/Crowdfunder, the group responsible for administering the competition, and we were finally thwarted by a voting system so complicated that it mystified and confused many potential voters. We failed.

On the other hand, working jointly with the church Supporting Communities group, we delivered an excellent and well-attended evening in May in the Tom Hauley Room called 'Reconciling a Wounded Planet - My Home Our Future'. In November we worked jointly again to produce the extremely successful 'My Life in a Freezer' by polar explorer Mark Wood, which raised significant funds for Harbury e-Wheels with an audience of around 120 or more.

These two events have convinced the Diocesan Environment Officer that we are a beacon for eco-awareness and positive action within the diocese, not a claim I would dare to make.

Buoyed by this a bit, we continue gently to harass the PCC and specifically those responsible for the fabric of the church to work up to the Eco Church standards, which involve achieving levels of environmentally beneficial action in all aspects of the church's life. Some progress has been made.

### **In the limelight**

As well as important recognition for our work on the car club and e-Wheels we have hit the headlines (or, more realistically, sidelines) on other occasions. As Chair of HEI, I was invited to speak to Rotary 2000, Kenilworth All Together Greener, Carplus Annual Conference, Smarter Travel Live (a national event in Milton Keynes) and at the Warwickshire Rural Electric Vehicle Scheme final seminar at Stoneleigh. People have noticed what we are doing. We had a great opportunity to be part of an important village event when the Lord Lieutenant and Chair of Warwickshire County Council visited in April. Chauffeuring these two dignitaries to the event and back allowed a valuable opportunity to show them what HEI does.

### **In the village**

One of the final contributions HEI made was to provide a welcome sheet, drafted by Chris Christou, for newcomers to the village as part of a village Welcome Pack being prepared by the Parish Council. Throughout the year we continued our involvement with the Neighbourhood Develop Plan preparation; this is now close to completion.

### **Towards the horizon**

We have begun discussions internally in HEI about developing new projects for 2017. We must, especially in the light of worsening air quality in our local towns, continue to develop the electric car club and to promote awareness of less polluting travel from car sharing to choosing hybrid, plug-in hybrid and fully electric cars as a first choice. This and other ongoing projects can continue whilst we work up two new plans. But these can be another chapter in our unfolding story. We would love more people to join us; there's plenty to do.

**Bob Sherman**  
**Tel: 612277**

## Harbury - Then and Now

To coincide with the New Year, the framed collages of photographs in the Farley Room will be changed, so that villagers have a chance to enjoy another set of Mike Bloxham's photos, taken originally for publishing in the Harbury & Ladbroke News, as an ongoing record of village life. This is the third set of photographs which has been put on display and two members of the H&L News committee have mirrored the far-sighted presentation of the two previous sets, mounted by the Bloxham family, which covered - people/ places/activities and regular events throughout a year in the life of the village. For the latest set, a few details are given below to aid recognition of various people and their involvement in village life stretching back over 30+ years, as well as the changing 'village-scapes'.

### People

Jack Stobo - a retired vet pictured outside the church with a bird bath in memory of his late wife

Cecil (Bonzo) Bloxham - who ran a betting shop about the Fresh Produce shop in the 70's

Harold Wilkins - a master gardener who started the Horticultural Society with Fred Lines

Eleanor Zonik - a dramatist who created plays performed by the WI and local theatrical groups

Danny Killian - who master-minded the first Victorian Street Fair held in Chapel Street

Les Parker - the village milkman who ran the dairy in a building alongside the playing fields

Henson Banford - the celebrated artist whose line drawing of the village streets is still used for H&L News magazine front cover

Archie Taylor - who ran the Top Shop and Post Office in Church St, later managed by his son Brian

John Drinkwater - chairman of the Harbury Parish Council for many years

Alfie Over - who wore trainers every day - long before they became the fashion item of today

### Places

The Midland Bank - in the centre of the village, now an attractive nail bar

Treen's Hill, Binswood End - used for tobogganing for many years, now covered with mature trees

Chesterton Windmill - Open Days continue to draw the crowds

South Parade - viewed from the playing fields **before** there was a village hall

The Dovehouse in Dovehouse Lane **before** the upper portion was lost

## Activities

Maypole Dancing - at Harbury House when Lady Watherstone lived there

Harbury Albion Football Club - still going strong after at least 50 years as a village team

Harbury Scouts' paper collection - scouts collected papers and gained valuable funds by recycling them

Harbury Senior Citizens' Bottle Opening event at village pubs, which collected funds for the charity

Remembrance Day at the Crown St memorial - annual remembrance of lives lost during WW1 and WW2

Harbury Senior Citizens Benefit Committee - the Senior Citizens' committee still prepare a Christmas dinner and organise a summer trip

The annual collection of bonfire material before the fireworks display and refreshments in the Village Hall

The above brief 'pointers' are designed as talking points when the collages are viewed, but doubtless there will be other well-recognised faces, which will draw attention - Tony Ceney, Dave Holyoake, Colin Oliver, Ian Holroyd and ..... Nigel Chapman. The last named person is now the custodian of the amazing collection of memorabilia in one of the school rooms. So, if by looking at the collages on display in the Village Hall for the coming months, your appetite is whetted to see more of Mike Bloxham's photos, along with countless documents about the village, make sure you look out for the opening times for viewing the collection on a Tuesday evening - (see bill boards set up in the village to advertise opening times).

**Chris Finch**



## Local Foodbank

Thank you to the many generous people who have donated food to the Foodbank throughout 2016. Fosse Foodbank in Kineton has distribution centres in Wellesbourne, Lighthorne Heath, Southam and Bishops Itchington. These centres serve all their surrounding villages. The collection box will remain in church just on the left by the red curtain as you enter. I know that many people will once again need to rely on your help in 2017. Any food that is dried, tinned and non-perishable will be very gratefully received. It might interest you to know that up until mid December last year, 278 people, including 96 children, were fed. The village of Harbury collected 507kgs of food (Foodbanks measure donated food by weight.) I would also like to thank eWheels for taking the food from Harbury to Kineton where it is sorted, then stored along with all the other contributions from the local area, ready to be sent out to the distribution centres when needed.

**Jill Winter - 612585**

## New Bus Service

From Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December a new bus service commenced. The 665 bus is a two hourly service, six days a week, between Southam, Harbury and Leamington. There are also still late evening Friday and Saturday bus services between Leamington and Harbury. The Sunday 67A is also continuing. There is a Saturday morning shopping service to Banbury.

The timetable is:

Napton • Southam • Harbury • Leamington										665				67A									
MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS except Public Holidays										SUNDAYS & some public hols													
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Napton Crown										0900 1100 1300 1628													
Southam Bowling Green										0908 1108 1308 1636													
Bishop's Itchington Church										0637	0747	0919	1119	1319	1647	1759	1907	1017	1217	1417	1617	1817	
Harbury Supermarket										0643	0753	0925	1125	1325	1653	1805	1911	1023	1223	1423	1623	1823	
Tachbrook Rd Spa Park										0654	0806	0938	1138	1338	1706	1818	1924	V	V	V	V	V	
Leamington Parish Church										0702	0811	0948	1148	1348	1716	1826	1932	1048	1248	1448	1648	1848	
Leamington Upper Parade										0706	0815A	0950	1150	1350	1718	1830	1936	1052	1252	1452	1652		
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Leamington Parish Church										0609	0714	1004	1204	1404	1539	1729	1839	0941	1141	1341	1541	1741	
Tachbrook Rd Spa Park										0617	0722	1012	1212	1412	1547	1737	1847	V	V	V	V	V	
Harbury Gamecock Inn										0630	0735	1025	1225	1425	1600	1750	1900	1006	1206	1406	1606	1806	
Bishop's Itchington Church										0636	0741	1031	1231	1431	1606	1756	1904	1012	1212	1412	1612	1812	
Southam Bowling Green										1042 1242 1442 1617													
Napton Crown										1050 1250 1450 1625													

The 501 Saturday Service to Banbury times are:

		Service:	501			Service:	501	502
		Operator:	STA			Operator:	STA	STA
Leamington Spa, Upper Parade (Stand K)		Depart:	08:48	Banbury Town Centre, Bus Station (Bay 2)		Depart:	12:15	13:35
Leamington Spa, Parish Church			08:52	Little Bourton, The Plough Inn PH			12:24	13:44~
Leamington Spa, Claremont Road			08:54	Great Bourton, The Bell Inn PH				13:46
Leamington Spa, Windmill Inn			08:57	Cropredy, Brasenose Arms PH				13:49
Harbury, Gamecock Inn			09:10	Mollington, Mollington Turn			12:28	13:53~
Bishops Itchington, Church			09:16	Fenny Compton, Wharf			12:31	
Southam, Bowling Green			09:27	Ladbroke, Radbourne Lane			12:37	
Ladbroke, Radbourne Lane			09:35	Southam, Bowling Green			12:45	
Fenny Compton, Wharf			09:41	Farnborough, Inn				13:59
Temple Herdewyke, Stuart Gardens		Depart:		Avon Dassett, Memorial				14:04
Fenny Compton, Bus Shelter				Fenny Compton, Bus Shelter				14:08
Avon Dassett, Memorial				Temple Herdewyke, Stuart Gardens				14:18
Farnborough, Inn				Bishops Itchington, Church			12:56	14:28
Mollington, Mollington Turn		09:44		Harbury, Harbury Supermarket			13:02	14:34
Cropredy, Brasenose Arms PH				Leamington Spa, Windmill Inn				14:48
Great Bourton, The Bell Inn PH				Leamington Spa, Charlotte Street				14:50
Little Bourton, The Plough Inn PH		09:48		Leamington Spa, Parish Church Stand A				14:54
Banbury Town Centre, Bus Station (Bay 2)		Arrive:	09:57	Leamington Spa, Upper Parade (Stand E)		Arrive:		14:58

## Greenshoots Foundation Coffee Morning

A big thank you to those friends who helped with this event and to all those people who attended. Thank you also for the many raffle prizes that were donated. It was a last minute rush but was extremely successful. Including a number of donations we raised a total of £170.

As a number of people are aware, our son, Brian, is spending five months in Cambodia working as a volunteer with Greenshoots Foundation. He is based in a small town near Siem Reap in the North of Cambodia and is working with the local schools helping children and young adults become more self sufficient in the production



of food, particularly fruit and vegetables. Follow Brian's exciting adventure and see his amazing photographs on Facebook.

To find out more about the charity visit [www.greenshootsfoundation.org](http://www.greenshootsfoundation.org) or to see Brian's profile visit the BT My Donate website and enter Brian's name in "sponsor a fundraiser".

Or visit <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/brianthistlethwaite>.

Many thanks.

**Barbara Thistlethwaite**

## Warwickshire Residents Offered Free Car Servicing Quality Checks

Have you ever wondered if your car service was carried out properly? Did the garage really replace the oil filter, test the electrics and fit new brake pads?

As part of Warwickshire Trading Standards Service's car servicing inspection project, Warwickshire residents can now have the quality of their car service checked, free of charge.

On Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January and Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January a vehicle expert will be on hand to carry out checks on vehicles recently serviced. Checks will be carried out in Warwick and should take no longer than one hour.

For more information and to book an appointment, please phone 01926 414080 (from Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017). Appointments are limited so book early to avoid disappointment.

**Simon Cripwell, Trading Standards Officer**



## LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

### **Dear Editors**

*On behalf of my friends and myself and everyone that attended the Senior Citizens' Christmas party, I would like to say a very big and warm thank you to Mr and Mrs McBride and all their helpers. It was a lovely evening, the food was delicious and the speed that they served us (over 112) was amazing. We had four courses and each one as good as the one before; they even took care of people with dietary needs.*

*The wine never stopped flowing and the raffle was very popular, with over 40 prizes, all donated.*

*The entertainment was by Sue and Ian (The Harvesters) singing, dancing and playing a number of instruments, a very talented couple indeed.*

*All in all it was a wonderful evening. Thanks does not seem enough, we are already looking forward to next year.*

*Thanks again,*

**Norma Bicknell, Sue Field & Eileen Pickin**

### **Dear Editors**

#### **Walkers in Ladbroke (for those that may have missed this information in last month's edition)**

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

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

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

**Rebecca Sunang-Joret**

## 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

**BEAVERS:** Thursday, 5.30 - 6.40pm, Scout Hut, first contact via AGSL, Tel: 614494, Email: harburyscoutgroup@hotmail.co.uk

**BELLRINGERS:** Friday, 7.30pm, Alison Abbott, Tel: 612939, Email: alison@abt1.net

**BIBLE STUDY:** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of month, 1.45 - 3.15pm, Gillian Hare, Tel: 614809  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of month, 10.30am - 12 noon, Mary Catt, Tel: 612864

**BIBLIO'S CAFÉ (WITHIN HARBURY VILLAGE LIBRARY):** Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 9.15am – 12 noon and Saturday 10.00am – 12 noon

**BROWNIES:** Monday, 5.45 - 7.00pm, Scout Hut, Email: paulabranscomb@aol.com, Tel: 613007

**BUMPS & BUNDLES:** Tuesday, 10.30am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room, Tel: 611914

**CONNECTIONS CAFE:** (for those with dementia & their carers), every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 2.00pm, Tom Hauley Room

**CUBS:** Wednesday, 6.45 - 8.15pm, Scout Hut, first contact via AGSL, Tel: 614494, Email: harburyscoutgroup@hotmail.co.uk

**GUIDES:** Monday, 7.15 - 8.45pm, Scout Hut, Email: harburyguides@btinternet.com, Tel: 614316

**HARBURY FOLK CLUB:** 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of month, 8.00pm, Harbury Club, Tel: 613730

**HARBURY FRIENDS:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of month, 8.00pm, Tom Hauley Room, Tel: 612534

**HARBURY JUNIORS FOOTBALL CLUB:**

**Under 6's – Year 1 (Mixed)**

Coach: John O'Keefe Tel: 07939 127580

Training: Saturday 10.15am. Harbury School

**Under 7's – Year 2**

Coach: Marcus Birch Tel: 07904 670055

Training: Saturday 9.00am. Harbury School

**Under 8's – Year 3 (Mixed)**

Coach: Phil Hetherington Tel: 07773 352731

Training: Saturday 10.15am. Harbury School

**Under 9's – Year 4 (Mixed)**

Coach: Eugene Murphy Tel: 07506 518687

Training: Saturday 9.00am. Harbury School

**Under 10's – Year 5 (Mixed)**

Coach Katie Wales Tel : 07785 459232

Training Saturday 10.15am. Harbury Playing Fields

**Under 11's – Year 6 (Mixed)**

Coach: Jane Workman Tel: 07803 414380

Training: Monday 6.00pm. Southam College 3g Pitch

**Under 12's – Year 7 (Mixed)**

Coach: Malcolm Tanner Tel: 07950 312541

Training: Monday 6.00pm. Southam College 3g Pitch

**Under 13's – Year 8 (Mixed)**

Coach: Richard Gillingham Tel: 07528 580761

Training: Tuesday 6.00pm. Southam College 3g Pitch

**Under 14's – Year 9 (Mixed)**

Coach: Steve Burnell Tel: 07795 428087

Training: Tuesday 6.00pm. Southam College 3g Pitch

**Under 16's – Year 10 & 11 (Mixed)**

Coach: Richard Woodhead Tel: 07786 802803

Training: Tuesday 6.00pm. Southam College 3g Pitch

**HARBURY PRE-SCHOOL:** The Wight School, High Street, Harbury. Monday, 12 noon - 3.30pm, Tuesday and Thursday, 9.00am - 3.30pm, Wednesday and Friday, 9.00am - 1.30pm, Text: 07907 598461, enquiries@harburypre-school.org.uk

**HARBURY THEATRE GROUP:** Last Tuesday of month, The Shakespeare, Tel: 614937

**HARBURY TODDLER GROUP:** The Wight School, High Street, Harbury.

Monday, 9.30am - 11.15am, Lynne Barton, Tel: 612748

**HARBURY UKULELE GROUP:** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month, 8.00pm, Village Pubs, Tel: 612377

**HARBURY VILLAGE CINEMA:** Lana Long, Tel: 613311 or 07535 622707, Email: markandlana@aol.com

**HARBURY VILLAGE CLUB:** Contact 612498 (evenings). Bingo every Friday 8.30pm – non members welcome.

**HARBURY VILLAGE LIBRARY:** Wight School, High Street, Harbury. Tel: 258776, Monday to Friday, 9.00am - 5.00pm and Saturday, 10.00am - 12 noon

**HEREBURGH MORRIS DANCERS:** Wednesday, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall, Tel: 614217

**HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY:** 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of month (Oct - May excluding January) 8.00pm, Tom Hauley Room, Judy Morrall, Tel: 613103

**INSPIRE DANCE:** Wednesday, 4.00 - 7.00pm, Village Hall, Tel: 07875 715876

**KICK START APPALACHIAN STEP DANCERS:** Saturday, 10.00am - 12 noon, Scout Hut Sue Hartland, Tel: 612734

**HARBURY NETBALL CLUB (Senior & Junior):** Training: Thursday, Harbury Playing Fields U14 - 5.30 - 6.30pm, U16 - 6.30 - 7.30pm, Intermediate Seniors, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Senior League, 7.30 - 8.30pm, Tel: 613163

**MOTHERS' UNION:** 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of month, 2.30pm, Tel: 613757

**RAINBOWS:** Tuesday, 5.30 - 6.30pm, Scout Hut, Tel: 612036, Email: Debbie@dimmock.org.uk

**SCOUTS:** Thursday, 7.00 - 9.00pm, Scout Hut, Tel: 612897, harburyscouts@hotmail.co.uk

**SLIMMING WORLD:** Primary School, Ladbroke Road, Bishops Itchington, Wednesdays 5.30 and 7.30pm sessions, Jodie Tel: 07771 930568

**TABLE TENNIS:** Thursday, 9.30 - 10.30am, Village Hall, Gillian Hare, Tel: 614809

**TAI CHI (Nei Chia Association),** Monday, 7.30pm, Ufton Village Hall, Tel: 612277

**TENNIS CLUB:** Harbury Tennis Courts, South Parade. CV33 9HZ

Playing Times: Tuesday, 6.30 - 10.00pm, Thursday, 6.30 - 10.00pm,

Sunday 10.00am - 12 noon

**Members** may play at other times free of charge, provided the courts are not already booked. **Guests** playing with members should pay £1 an hour.

If you would like to become a member or find out more about Harbury Tennis Club, please contact Colin Mercer (613284 or email [sucolmercer@btinternet.com](mailto:sucolmercer@btinternet.com))

**Non-members** - Courts should be booked at Country Fayre, Chapel Street £4 per court per hour) Floodlit bookings - £7 per court per hour.

**Minis and Juniors** (age 3 - 17) For details of Junior membership, contact Sue Mercer: [sucolmercer@btinternet.com](mailto:sucolmercer@btinternet.com)

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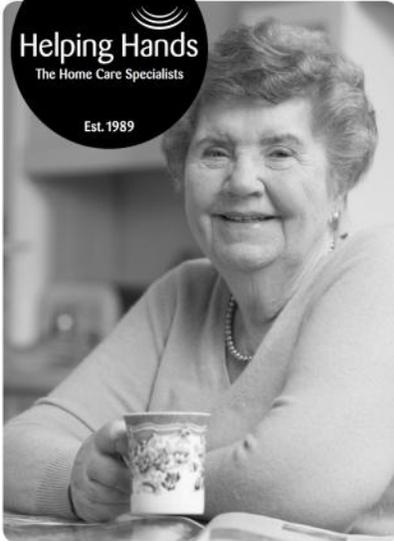
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