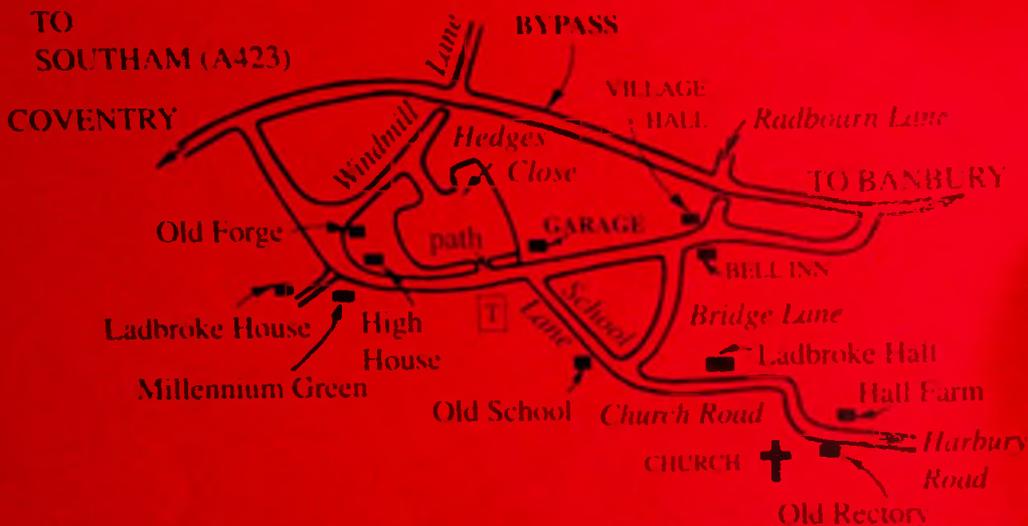


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## Editorial

On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March Joyce Windsor was presented with a significant flower arrangement by Father Roy to mark her retirement from almost twenty years of organising the Saturday coffee mornings in the Tom Hauley Room. Many village organisations have benefited from raising funds at the coffee mornings and our thanks go to Joyce for sterling work over the years.



**A dartboard finds a home at the sale**

During March Harbury featured in the local press with the Farm Street garage sale and, sadly, over damage caused to property following the Young Farmers' Disco held at the Rugby Club. This wanton damage was detailed in the Neighbourhood Watch reports and any information regarding the vandalism would be welcomed by the police.

In last month's editorial we wrote about changes to the format of the magazine. However, the four additional pages for "notes" was a printer's error and the omission of the magazine photographer's contact details was an oversight.

Congratulations to our editor, Adrian French, who came second in the Caravan Club's Photographer of the Year competition. Adrian's photographs were featured in a recent "Choice" magazine which is circulated with the Courier.

The Harbury and Ladbroke News AGM will be held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm in the Shakespeare and we would welcome villagers at the meeting to help develop the magazine.

Finally we express our sympathies to the families of Rene Drinkwater, Malcolm Fergusson and Freda White.

# Harbury Diary

## APRIL

- Sat 1 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Theatre Group  
10am – 12noon  
Harbury Society Pub Walk round Hampton Lucy Details - Ed Wilson 612345
- Sun 2 **LENT V**  
Sung Eucharist 9am  
Evening Worship 6pm  
Annual Church Meeting 6.30pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Mon 3 Harbury Society AGM 7.30pm for 8pm in the Tom Hauley Room  
followed by Mr Harding's talk on "The Fosse Way"  
Village Hall AGM 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Tues 4 Toddlers Service at 2pm in Church  
Horticultural Society 8pm in Tom Hauley Room  
Plant Pilgrimage to Western China, Linda Egging  
Youth Drop-in at Village Hall 7-9pm  
Holy Communion 7.30pm with laying on of hands with Lent  
Address – Healing and Wholeness
- Wed 5 Holy Communion 2pm with Hymns and Address.  
MU meeting for coffee after service
- Thurs 6 Holy Communion 9.45am  
Harbury Art Group 10am to 4pm in Tom Hauley Room  
Men's Society meeting in Tom Hauley Room 7.45pm  
Folk Club 8.30pm in Shakespeare Inn
- Fri 7 **SCHOOL ENDS**  
Holy Communion 12 noon  
Lent Lunch 12.30pm  
Children's Easter Disco 5pm – 7pm in Dog Inn, (Back Room).  
Reception to Year 3. Tickets £3
- Sat 8 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Alzheimer's  
Society 10.00am 12.00pm  
"Ballroom Glitz" 70's TRIBUTE NIGHT 8.30-12 Midnight in  
Village Hall Tickets £12.50 from Lana Long 613311
- Sun 9 **PALM SUNDAY**  
Holy Communion 8am  
Procession from School 10.15am  
Sung Eucharist 10.30am
- Mon 10 Holy Communion 7.30pm, Stations of the Cross 8pm
- Tues 11 Holy Communion 7.30pm, Stations of the Cross 8pm  
Youth Drop-in at Village Hall 7-9pm  
Senior Citizens Benefit Committee 8pm in Village Hall

- Wed 12 Holy Communion 7.30pm, Stations of the Cross 8pm  
BLOOD DONORS IN VILLAGE HALL  
"Talk it Through" 33 South Parade 8pm
- Thurs 13 MAUNDY THURSDAY  
Holy Communion 9.45am  
Sung Eucharist 8pm followed by Watch at the Altar of Repose.  
WI 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room  
Thursday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall
- Fri 14 GOOD FRIDAY  
Children's Service 9.30am  
Devotional Hour 2-3pm
- Sat 15 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7.30am Tom Hauley Room  
Easter Ceremonies 8pm  
RECYCLING & GREEN WASTE COLLECTION (One day late because of Bank Holiday)  
Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Air Ambulance  
10.00am 12.00pm  
ADVERTISEMENTS TO 31 BINSWOOD END HARBURY BY 5.30PM
- Sun 16 **EASTER DAY**  
Holy Communion 8am  
Sung Eucharist 10.30am  
Fairtrade Stall in Tom Hauley Room after Service  
Evensong 6pm
- Tues 18 Holy Communion 7.30pm  
Mothers Union 8pm  
Senior Citizens Benefit Committee 8.30pm in Village Hall
- Wed 19 Tea in the Tom Hauley Room 3-4pm
- Thurs 20 Holy Communion 9.45am
- Fri 21 H.M. Queen Elizabeth II 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday
- Sat 22 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Multiple Sclerosis  
10.00am 12.00pm
- Sun 23 **SECOND OF EASTER**  
Holy Communion 8am  
Sung Eucharist 10.30am
- Tues 25 Holy Communion 7.30pm  
Julian Meeting 8pm
- Wed 26 Drop in tea for the bereaved 2.30-4.30pm at 19 Farm Street  
"Talk it Through" 33 South Parade 8pm
- Thurs 27 Holy Communion 9.45am  
Parish Council 7.30pm in Village Hall  
Thursday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall
- Fri 28 RECYCLING & GREEN WASTE COLLECTION  
ARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST, HARBURY &  
EMAIL ARTICLE DEADLINE BY 5.30PM  
Nostalgia Evening in Tom Hauley Room 7.30-10.30 (£5 to include glass of wine) by Celia Barrett fund-raising for Meningitis.

- Sat 29 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of STEPS  
10.00am 12.00pm  
Myton Hospice Plant Sale at Dog Inn 11am – 2pm  
Junior Football Presentation Dance in Village Hall
- Sun 30 **THIRD OF EASTER**  
Holy Communion 8pm  
Sung Eucharist 10.30am

## MAY

- Tues 2 Holy Communion 7.30pm  
Horticultural Society 8pm in Tom Hauley Room  
Plants and Gardens of Cornwall, Tim Miles
- Wed 3 Holy Communion 2pm  
Mothers Union 2.30pm
- Thurs 4 Holy Communion 9.45am  
**ELECTIONS IN VILLAGE HALL**  
WI Teas in Village Hall  
Harbury Art Group 10am to 4pm in Tom Hauley Room  
Folk Club 8.30pm in Shakespeare Inn
- Sat 6 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Meningitis  
10am – 12noon  
Myton Hospice Plant Sale at Dog Inn 11am – 2pm  
Harbury Society visit to Fairford Church to see the Medieval  
Stained Glass
- Sun 7 **FOURTH OF EASTER**  
Sung Eucharist 9am  
Evening Worship 6pm



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## From the Rector

Father Roy Brown

“God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son” (John 3v16)

Of all the verses in the Bible, this is one of the best known and most widely quoted. It reminds us that our God has a heart of love, that his love for us and for the whole world is a giving and sacrificial love. He loved us, loves us, and will go on loving us no matter what the cost. To quote another well-known Bible verse, “God is Love”.

This is the message that is at the very centre of all that we remember and celebrate in this month when Easter falls; the most important festival of the Christian year.

We remember and celebrate a love that is extended to all without discrimination. We remember and celebrate a love that is willing to make the greatest imaginable sacrifice for us and for the world. We remember and celebrate a love that was not defeated by darkness, death or the Devil, but which rose victorious.

Can we find time to pause and ponder this love over the coming weeks? Can we allow that love to hold us and fill us and change us as we journey with our Lord to the Cross and celebrate the Empty Tomb? To inspire us and motivate us in loving service and sacrificial care for others? To move us and to empower us to share this good news with others? To affect the way in which we relate to others, especially those with whom we have differences, with whom we disagree or of whom we might feel tempted to disapprove?

In what ways might this amazing love affect and transform our lives?

May you have a thoughtful, blessed and Happy Easter!



### From the Registers

#### *Holy Baptism, All Saints' Harbury*

March 11 Bethany Ann Winchester

#### *Funerals at Oakley Wood*

March 10 Freda White (78)

#### *Funerals at All Saints Harbury*

March 13 Malcolm Fergusson (62)

March 23 Rene Drinkwater (89)

### Thought for the Month

**It is the greatest of all mistakes to do nothing because you can only do a little.**

**Do what you can.**

## From the Churchwardens

Tony & Fliss

Our observance of Lent began on Ash Wednesday with a service led by the school and well supported by parents and grandparents. Prompted by Father Roy's questions, the children's answers showed an excellent awareness of the significance of this season of preparation.



Diana Walls & Beryl Checkley

There followed the Women's World Day of Prayer. We were very pleased to welcome Diana Walls as our speaker and thank her and everyone else who helped to make the service so special.

The presentation of this month's Family Communion Service was given by Alan and Betty (otherwise known as Matilda). They were ably assisted by Sarah, Lilly and Eleanor and their theme was "Journeys". We were reminded that we're all on a journey, and with the aid of Matilda's suitcases, ever diminishing in size, that we take too much baggage with us. All we need is a very small travelling

bag containing most importantly a passport and a guide book. In fact, all we really need is the Bible because that points us to Heaven and tells us how to get there.

Finally, we congratulate Mr Daly, his staff and the children on a second excellent report, this time following the Statutory Inspection of Anglican Schools carried out in early March. Both this and the Ofsted report are very well deserved and the whole church family is delighted to join with the school in celebrating its success.



Elizabeth celebrates 75 attendances at Funday Club



Celebrations at Funday  
Club

Adam (25 attendances)  
and  
Chloe (10 attendances)



## Mothers' Union

Gillian Hare

Our afternoon meeting followed the Ash Wednesday Service, which included the imposition of ashes to mark the start of Lent. We continued in a quiet mood with a meditation called "A Quartet of Candles". We saw how Peace, Faith and Love were extinguished by the carelessness of modern life, but if the flame of hope kept burning they would be re-lit and maintained.

The evening meeting was most encouraging, as John Guilford enthused about his work with "Business in the Community". Started after the inner city riots in the 80's and ably supported by Prince Charles as its President, this organisation aims to involve businesses with the communities around them. It meets all sorts of needs in deprived areas, and John described some of a vast range of projects. These included reading help in local schools, a walking bus in Kings Norton, renovating play areas, helping Headteachers and community groups with business plans and marketing strategies, mobility access, rehabilitation for homeless men and employment for ex-offenders. The businesses apparently find a very positive spin off for themselves as staff get really motivated by their contribution. It was most heartening to learn about such worthwhile activities, of which we hear so little, but which make such a difference.

**Dates to note:**

May 4<sup>th</sup> - 7.30pm, Reg Bailey on Answering God's Call; St Marks Leamington.

May 18<sup>th</sup> - 2.30pm, Deanery Festival at Southam.

July 20<sup>th</sup> - Coffee morning and lunch. 296

**Next Meetings:**

Wednesday April 5<sup>th</sup> - Corporate communion in church at 2pm with address by Tony Stubbs.

Tuesday April 18<sup>th</sup> - Bible Lands Society at 8pm.

Wednesday May 3<sup>rd</sup> - Making and taking an M.U. banner to Papua, New Guinea.

**M.U.M.S**

Gillian Hare

**A reminder of M.U.M.S.**

Anyone expecting a baby is reminded that Mothers' Union members would love to offer you a helping hand. It may not be your first baby; indeed it is more of a struggle if there are toddlers in the household too. Ideally we would like to meet and get acquainted before the birth. If this sounds like you, or someone you know or live near, please phone Gillian Hare on 614809 and we can take it from there.

**Toddler's Service**

Lorna Bedford

At our Toddlers Service in March, Mr Jeff Bedford came and told us the story of Joshua and the walls of Jericho. Joshua and the people of Israel caused the walls of Jericho to fall down after God had told them to march around the walls seven times whilst blowing on their trumpets.

We made paper trumpets and marched around the church blowing as hard as we could to see if the church walls would fall down, fortunately the Church stood firm.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm in the children's corner of the church. Young children and babies, accompanied by an adult, are very welcome to join us.

# Ladbroke News & Diary

## APRIL

- Sun 9 PALM SUNDAY**  
Sung Communion 9am
- Wed 12** Holy Communion 2pm  
Womens Fellowship 2.45pm
- Thurs 13 MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
Holy Communion 7pm
- Fri 14 GOOD FRIDAY**  
Children's Service 10.30am  
Devotional Hour 12-1pm  
Music and Readings 7pm
- Sat 15** ADVERTISEMENTS TO 31 BINSWOOD END HARBURY BY  
5.30PM
- Sun 16 EASTER DAY**  
Sung Communion 9am
- Sun 23 SECOND OF EASTER**  
Sung Communion 9am
- Fri 28** ARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST, HARBURY  
& EMAIL ARTICLE DEADLINE BY 5.30PM
- Sun 30 THIRD OF EASTER**  
Holy Communion 9am

## MAY

- Sun 7 FOURTH OF EASTER**  
Family Communion 10.30am



## Ladbroke Church News

Betty Winkfield

Easter is almost upon us and hopefully everyone will have received their Easter cards with the times of services on them. We have a special service here at 7pm on Maundy Thursday (April 13<sup>th</sup>). Also, please notice we have a special children's service on Good Friday at 10.30am, followed by the **Devotional Hour from 12noon – 1pm**.

Also on Good Friday a Devotional Service of Readings and Music at 7pm. Michael Short has been rehearsing the Augmented Choir of Harbury and Ladbroke so the music should be of its usual high standard.

**HAPPY & BLESSED EASTER TO EVERYONE.**



## Women's Fellowship

Betty Winkfield

The Lent lunches have been a busy time for us in March. The last one is at Margaret Whitehouse's home in Deppers Bridge on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Our meeting in March followed on from the Lent Lunch at Beryl Ross's home when we watched some videos. One video was on the Cotswold Walks and the other was of a Gilbert and Sullivan evening held in Harbury Church just after the Rector and Pam first came to us. It was very enjoyable, but sorry to say folks, you all looked a bit younger then and sad to say one or two faces are no longer with us.

Next meeting on April 12<sup>th</sup> at 3, Ladbroke Hall, will be a talk by John Eid about the progress the Siloam Organisation is making in Southern India following the Tsunami disaster, among other things. This is after our service in church at 2pm.



## Ladbroke Parish Council - March

Betty Winkfield

A maintenance reclaim payment of £1262.80 was made by Stratford District Council for the Millennium Green.

**Planning Applications** – There was much discussion on the extension plans for the bungalow, "Elgin", next to The Bell Inn. Concerns were expressed about the size and amount of the proposed extension and the change of access.

All other planning applications have been granted. The felling of trees belonging to Dovecote are still outstanding.

There was no police presence at the meeting. Concern about this was expressed, especially as Police forces will be amalgamated next year and there will be fewer fully trained Police Officers around.

**Highways and Drainage** – A ditch is to be dug along the bypass, (the furthest side of the road to the village), to prevent flooding across the road from the higher ground.

**The Parish Plan** – With 80%+ of all questionnaires returned, and the collation of information completed, the printing and presentation will be ready for the Parish Council AGM in May.

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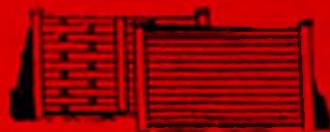
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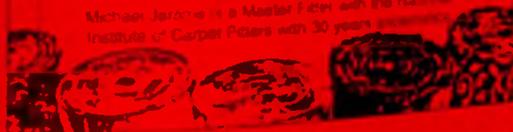
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## Harbury Parish Council

Linda Ridgley

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### Law and Order

Cllr Tim Lockley reacted with admirable despatch to vandalism that followed a Young Farmers Event at the Rugby Club when cars and property were damaged. He talked to all the complainants, the Rugby Club, YF and the Police who had agreed to have a presence in Harbury during the next event.

Cllr Van Spall complained that when he disturbed two intruders at night there was no back up for Pc Hill to pursue them. This proved there was insufficient police coverage. He also questioned police policy on illegal immigrants around the M40 Service Station.

### Consultation

Councillors attended meetings on Premier Freight Routes - intended to guide HGV drivers to preferred routes away from villages and on the Minerals and Waste Strategies. Dutch Van Spall volunteered to sit on the County Waste Forum and report back to the PC. Cllr Janet Thornley attended the regular Ufton Tip meeting with Biffa and was impressed that it received an excellent report from the Environment Agency.

**Planning** - The Council made no representation about: extensions to 4 Pineham Avenue; 9 Hillside; 5 Park Lane; 3 Percival Drive; 61 Deppers Bridge; 10 Margaret Close; Old Tom's Barn, Hall Lane and 12 Manor Road; an agricultural building at Middle Road Farm and a workshop within an existing building at Springfield Farm, Treens Hill and the raising of the crown of a willow at the Shakespeare Inn.

They supported the application for a café at Churchlands Farm, Bascote Road. After some agonising they agreed not to object to the Stands and Function Room planned for the "Brakes" Football Ground on Harbury Lane. However, they were opposed to the application to link the "home-office" built at the Lodge, Hall Lane. New access, required as a condition on the permission to create the "home-office", had not been discharged.

Cllr Hancock was unhappy that officers at Stratford District had not followed up enforcement on the caravans stationed beyond the Three Arch Bridge. There were also on-going problems with the Bungalow in

Mill Street which was higher and had features not in the approved plans.

There were complaints about the unhelpful attitude of Development Control Officers at Stratford District from two Councillors and the Council agreed to put their concerns in writing.

Cllr Van Spall complained that Stratford District had not produced the promised list of email contacts for those involved in the Quarries Masterplan and urged the Parish to construct its own version. He expressed dissatisfaction with the whole Masterplan process claiming that it would enable Follett Properties to say local people approved of their developments.

**Deppers Bridge** - Traffic Calming Bollards had been damaged yet again, and it was hoped that Harbury Scouts would be able to refurbish the milestone in the hamlet.

### **Recreation Grounds**

There was embarrassment that Councillors had not realised there were two Basketball Posts. One is currently damaged and out of use, so both will be refurbished. The Tennis Club was given permission to paint a net line on the kick wall. Permission was also given to close the field on 10th June for the Carnival.

"Some prankster" had gaffer-taped up the Car Park Barrier and there was considerable discussion on whether the Parish should pay someone to open and close it. Cllr Van Spall wanted to charge Village Hall hirers and Recreation organisations for the use of the Car Park.

"Village of the Year Award" Improvements - Cllr Lockley had made some progress discovering who owned which street furniture and had secured the agreement of Stratford District for all theirs to be painted black.

Neighbours had not responded to his letter asking their views on re-instating the Bus Shelter. Plans for a specially designed one will be drawn up.

**Traffic Management** - Cllr Biddle reported being made aware that at least one resident had been issued with a parking ticket, but the Council was still not happy with the attendance of the Parking Attendant – who had issued 5 tickets since October 2004. His report listed about 200 visits but it turns out that each street patrolled is counted as a "visit".

## Environment

Birse (working on the Railway) has agreed to repair the Pound Green and the Council will re-instate Binswood End Green and place temporary wooden posts there to stop a car driving over the newly seeded area. Cllr Van Spall wanted posts all round the Pound to stop cars driving over that..

Colin Sheasby reported on the state of the Parish's Trees. Five were dead and some young trees had been vandalised and would need replanting. There was a long list of remedial work which he would be asked to prioritise and undertake as the budget allowed.

Cllr Hancock was angered that rail contractors had installed intrusive and brutal metal fencing on top of the Three Arch Bridge. It was insensitive and detracted from the historic and architecturally elegant bridge. The Council would protest but it is on railway property and does not appear to need permission



Work in progress near the 'Great Western'

## Councillor's Corner

Andrew Patrick

At our Harbury Surgery on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March, the Parish was represented by Tim Lockley, the District by Andrew Patrick and the County by Bob Stevens.

- Inevitably, one of the immediate topics was the damage caused in the village the previous evening (see elsewhere in this issue).
- There were two comments about overhanging hedges.

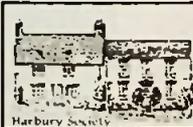
- But most comments were about roads:
- The speed of traffic:  
How to persuade residents to drive slowly in their own village?
- The state of the roads:  
But it's good to note there have been some very prompt repairs recently.
- The size of delivery lorries:  
The Co-op have assured us that they use 28ft – not 40ft – vans in the villages.
- The position of the 40mph sign by Percival Drive.
- A request for a pavement in Pineham Avenue.

**All of these are being followed up.**

Our next Harbury Surgery will be after the May 4<sup>th</sup> Elections. Will you have a new District Councillor by then? One of us hopes not!

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**Harbury Society**

**Linda Ridgley**

We invited Mr Howe back because he was such an entertaining speaker and he did not disappoint us. His talk's title was "Laughter – the Best Medicine" He gave a quick fire burst of racy jokes before examining humour in more detail.

We were treated to an exploration of what it is that makes us laugh. Relationships – the course of true love not running smooth; the comeuppance of snobs who get above themselves. How life embarrasses us. Mr Howe discussed jokes that played on misinterpretation and jokes that minorities told against themselves. And then there are the singular characters who never appear but have a role to play in situation comedy - Mrs Mainwaring in Dad's Army.

"Are there", asked Mr Howe, "things about which we should not joke?" Certainly the Government in the 1920's thought so and banned jokes about – the Prince of Wales; Hospital incidents; marital infidelity and drunken women. In the 1960's comedians came up against controls on – Figleaves, Honeymoon Couples and Underwear (winter draws on) when the hilarious official motto was "When in doubt – leave it out"!

And the pressures to self-censor are still there. Out go racial jokes and jokes about particular nationalities – the Irish. We're not supposed to joke about those who are mentally less able - so how did Baldrick, squeeze through.

### **FUTURE PROGRAMME**

Pub Walk on 1st April from the Boars Head in Hampton Lucy.

AGM Tom Hauley Room 3rd April at 7.30pm followed at 8pm by Mr Harding's talk on the Fosse Way.

Tour of Fairford Church on Sat 6th May leaves at 9am to arrive 10am.

News - **Wheels to Work** (mopeds for 16-25yr olds) have some bikes available in South Warwickshire for those with no realistic means of transport to get to work or training. Contact 02476 707400 for eligibility and more details.

Lastly, try visiting the website [www.cv81pl.freereserve.co.uk](http://www.cv81pl.freereserve.co.uk) for some wonderful photos of Warwickshire.



### **Harbury Women's Institute**

**Jeanne Beaumont**

It really was a fun evening in March. The usual group of members came up trumps with quizzes and tasks to tickle the grey matter.

What we did with playdoh was mind boggling and much laughter ensued. We thank the gels for their time and effort.

The W.I Harbury Map has now been hung in the Village Hall. Mike Bloxham popped in to take photos of the proceedings. By the time this article has gone to press the official evening to view and thank sponsors and those who worked on the map will have taken place.

Some members had lunch with Nell Gwyn and learnt all about her life. The walk was in the Offchurch/Radford Semele area.



**The Women's Institute Harbury Map**

The Group Meeting is at St Mary's School on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May  
7.30pm.

Outings to Warwickshire College, Moreton Morrell, Ironbridge Museum  
and Kew Gardens are in May, Visit Concorde and Golf Croquet  
Meer Hill Farm are in June.

April Speaker: Mr Nigel Bishop – Restoration of Jepherson Gardens.



## **Folk Club**

**Doug & Jan**

The snow and arctic winds outside were in stark contrast to  
warmth of the Shakespeare, the performers and audience. Doug  
Janny were the hosts for the evening, and Doug explained a tenu-  
link between the theme "Poets and Plays" and folk club number 25

Act 1, scene 1, started with a Silly Sisters number 'Hamlet' from J  
and Maureen. Hattie, accompanied by Ian, sang Kate Rusby so-  
'Underneath the Stars' and 'Bring Me A Boat'. If you have not atten-  
the Folk Club recently, or at all, then you are missing wonderful y-  
folk talent like Hattie. Rick not wanting to be left out declared he v-  
dyslexic 16 last week, and enlightened us about Samuel Cole-  
Taylor or Taylor Coleridge, and then amazed us with a flying Alba-  
capos change. Debbie, our resident poet, sang 'Down by the

Gardens' and a poem 'The Play' which she had penned earlier in the week; such talent in Harbury. That young at heart Des had us tasting 'Nottingham Ale' and another Silly Sisters number 'The Travels'. Dan and Will (CYS), those young stars of BBC local and national radio, blew us away with a virtuosi performance on guitar, harmonicas and melodeon, which included Tom Anderson's "poetical" tune 'The Slockit Light'.

Act 2, scene 1, presented that ageless Harbury star Peter McDonald, and he followed the now emerging Kate Rusby sub-theme with 'Wandering Soul', and then 'Do You Hear the People Sing?' from Les Miserables. Ron switched to the Coleridge sub-theme, and then true to form he was spot on with the main theme with his poem 'I Wish I Was a Poet'. Pete Grassby, back from his travels on the other side of the world, performed a song from a New Zealand poet/song writer, and then his self-penned Badger poem 'Brock's Last Trip'. Ian and Sue contributed two old favourites 'One Hit Wonder' and 'The Thistle and the Rose'. The act was brought to a close by the Harbury Folk Club Choir. They performed two new songs 'Linden Lea' and 'Wraggle Taggle Gypsies O', and used this opportunity to present the initial profits from their CD sales of £100 each to Tony Stubbs for Harbury Church, and Steph & Geoff for the Leamington Christian Mission.

Act 3, scene 1, the high spot of the evening for us. We had initially scheduled Pete Bones for late on in Act 2, but he selflessly agreed to give up that prime spot as we were somewhat overrunning. Those very few who departed at the end of Act 2 missed one of Pete's finest folk club performances with his Trunch rendition of 'Underwood's Milk', stunningly superb. We then asked Pete Grassby, Des and Ron to sing one more song each, and they all kept up the excellent standard. The penultimate spot of the night was Dan and Will (CYS), and the audience demanded and got an encore. The final contribution of the night was the Band of Folk playing 'Is That the Time?' and Tommy Bhetty's 'Waltz', joined by a number of other musicians for the second tune. The curtain came down, but the band kept on playing as the happy punters drifted home. We thank the licensees and staff of the Shakespeare for looking after us as always.

You would pay good money to see such talent at a theatre or club, so why not visit next month's Folk Club for the price of a £1 charity raffle ticket. This month's raffle raised £36 for Save the Children. The next Folk Club will be on 6th April led by Des and the theme is Alpha and Omega.

### U10's

#### Queensway 2-2 Harbury

This was a terrific team performance by all, since we were down 2-0 and behind for all of the match. It was new keeper George Hendry's second match and he made some great saves. The defence of Elliot Tawney, Harry Morrice and Angus Murray were all particularly strong to keep out a determined Queensway side. Goals scored by Adam Miles (1) and Oliver Thurogood (1) who along with John Van Kesteren played with great spirit. Oliver's first ever goal, a late equalizer for us, was one of the best moments of the season so far!!

#### Harbury 2 - 7 Banbury Irish

Harbury played very well and the final score was not a true reflection of the match which was closely fought. However, Banbury Irish proved to be the stronger side in the end. Both Harbury goals scored by Adam Miles.



**Neil Murray**

**Preparing the goals**

### U9's Hawks

#### Harbury Hawks 2 Tysoe 3.

The Hawks were once again disappointed by a close defeat in this game. The team began well, scoring 2 goals in the first 15 minute section of the match. However, Tysoe's confidence grew as the game progressed and in the end they scored to win. The Hawks continued to battle to the end, but the ball didn't quite run for them on this occasion. Only one match left this season and we hope to finish the season on a high note.

## U9 Eagles

Habury Eagles 6 - 0 Napton

The Eagles put on a great team display and finished their chances well. The goals were scored by Austin Dickson (1), Adam Grey (2), Cullen MacCauley (2) and goal keeper Aidan MacCauley (1) when he had a short spell out of goal!!

Habury Eagles 3 - 1 Harbury Hawks

The Hawks went ahead first but the Eagles came back and eventually came out winners. The match was closely fought with the Eagles defending well. Jack Groves was outstanding at the back but the man of the match went to Cullen MacCauley for his first hat-trick!

Hornton 0 - 1 Harbury Eagles

This was an excellent all-round team performance by the Eagles. Aaron Murray was outstanding at the back and Jessica Almond put in a great performance in mid-field. Also goal-keeper Aidan MacCauley had a very good match and made some great saves to keep out Hornton. Hornton are a strong team and a draw away from home would have been a very good result, however Cullen MacCauley scored for us with the very last kick of the match to make it three wins in a row for the Eagles.

**Neil Murray**

	<h1>Harbury RFC</h1>	<h2>Midi and Mini Rugby</h2>	<p><b>Mark Easton</b></p>
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Harbury Under 8's continued their good form on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March with a win and a draw in a three way fixture at Middle Road against Balsall and Berkswell and Alcester.

In the first game Molly Fisher bought her season's tally to 51 tries with 4 against Alcester, who said girls can't play Rugby!!! The other try scorers were James Darlison, Henry Steele and Alex Lewis. The two Henry's (Steele and Mancell) were excellent in defence and Harbury ran out winners 35 - 20.

In a much tighter second match, Harbury were still good going forward but not so hot in defence and the game finished 30 points each against Balsall and Berkswell. George McGowan ran well into the corners to score three tries; the other try scorers were Sam Tutt,

Ben C. and Keegan Williamson who was playing in his last home match for Harbury; afterwards he was presented with a signed rugby ball by the coaches and his team mates to wish him well as he goes back to South Africa.

The Under 7's, 9's and 10's were all beaten by stronger Alcester sides.

Anyone wishing to join us at **Harbury Rugby Football Club** is welcome. We play on a Sunday morning 10.30 – 12.00. Under 7's and 8's play - 7 A-side Tag Rugby. 9's and 10's - 9 A-side Contact.



## **Harbury Tennis Club**

**Colin and Sue Mercer**

### **PLAY TENNIS 2006**

Never played Tennis and would like to? Not played Tennis since school and would like to knock off the rust? Look no further!

Once again we are taking part in the Lawn Tennis Association's "Play Tennis". This is an initiative to provide the opportunity to sample tennis **FREE OF CHARGE!** This year we are running 2 sessions. The first one on **SATURDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> APRIL** from 1.30pm to 5.00pm is for anyone over 16 years of age. Club members and coaches will be on hand to explain the game to complete novices and give some basic coaching. For the "Rusty Rackets", members will be on hand to knock-up with and gently re-introduce you to the game! For more information and to book a place please ring Colin on 613284.

**League Reports** - March has been a very active month as the teams caught up with postponed matches. The "A" Team's winning streak continued with wins against Banbury "B", Charlbury "A" and Hook Norton "B". That should have been enough to clinch the Division 2 title although we are still waiting for official confirmation at the time of writing!

The "B" Team unfortunately ended its summer campaign with 3 straight but very close defeats! The first was at windswept Warwick where Keith Thompson and Colin Mercer were deprived of a win with an unfortunate net chord in the first set! They halved the match as did Angie Dean and Sue Panton. In the mixed doubles Angie and Colin halved their match but Keith and Sue lost a very close rubber so Warwick took the match 2½ to 1½. The following afternoon the team were in action against table topping Middleton Cheney "C" Colin and

Keith played again, with Caroline Morland and Sue Mercer. Colin and Keith continued their good form with a 6-4, 7-5 win but Caroline and Sue lost in straight sets to the home ladies. Unfortunately both mixed doubles matches were lost giving Middleton Cheney a 3-1 win.

The last "B" Team match of the season was away on the artificial grass at bottom of the league Hook Norton. Caroline and Sue took a while to get used to the surface and lost in straight sets although they came back strongly in the second. Colin Mercer and Ian Panton recovered from a very shaky start that saw them trailing 1-4 in the first set. However, they managed to turn the tide and won 5 consecutive games to take the set and then took the second, leaving the match evenly balanced for the mixed doubles. Both matches were very close with Sue and Colin halving theirs but unfortunately Caroline and Ian lost. Hook Norton took the points with a 2½ to 1½ win that may have been enough for them to leapfrog over Harbury. Looks like we might have to find room for a wooden spoon in the trophy cabinet!

In the Men's Doubles League Harbury secured another valuable point in a 2-2 draw with Claverdon "C".

**Juniors** - The highlight for the Juniors in March was a Talent Identification Day run by Mark Boden, head coach at Shipston Tennis Club and Harbury's Linda Casement. Shipston is a County Performance Club, which operates a Tennis Futures Academy, and Mark is a qualified Performance Coach who has strong links with the County Training Programme for Warwickshire. Mark was particularly impressed with some of the Mini Red and Orange youngsters who went along on the day and we are now going to establish a Junior Programme, whereby these youngsters are given the opportunity to further develop their tennis and be involved in a long-term development plan. Based on Mark's criteria we have also selected some of our Mini Greens for this programme. This is another great achievement for the Club and much of it is down to the quality of coaching that Linda has been providing over the last 2 years. I am pleased to report that Angie Dean will be joining the coaching "team" having successfully completed her LTA Tennis Assistant Course.

The Junior's summer programme starts on 24<sup>th</sup> April and is again providing more hours than ever before. This year extends to 20 hours a week. It has taken a tremendous amount of effort to arrange, and Sue Mercer has spent many hours poring over her spreadsheets trying to accommodate as many as possible and to fit in with the many other activities on offer in the Village. Let's hope we are blessed with some

! weather so everyone can enjoy his or her time on court!



One of the highlights this month was cooking pancakes to celebrate Shrove Tuesday. The children eagerly waited their turn to help prepare the batter mixture, before pouring it into the frying pan to cook. They then chose their favourite toppings and enjoyed tasting and eating them. We continued the celebrations outside where the children practised tossing a 'cold' pancake in the playground.

Continuing on our theme of spring and growing this term, the children have been busy gardening in the area just outside our classroom. They have planted crocuses, snowdrops and also the daffodils that they had grown for the Marie Curie Pots of Care, which raised a fantastic £106 for a very worthwhile cause.

Two year 6 pupils from school have been coming into nursery every day and have extended our growing theme by helping the children to prepare and grow mung beans. The nursery children excitedly awaited their arrival every day at lunchtime. The mung beans grew quickly and the children were able to take some home. The school children have



kindly offered to continue coming into the nursery, and are now going to help the children plant and look after some courgette, lettuce and carrot seeds. We benefit greatly from our close links with the school and a special thanks to Mr. Chapman for encouraging the children to come into the nursery.

Our resident artist Chris visited Windmills again this month to help the children create some beautiful hand sewn mothers day cards. She firstly showed the children a vase of daffodils and talked to them about the colours of spring, yellows, greens, oranges and browns. She then encouraged them to create their own individual designs – the results were stunning.

The children also made a badge and some chocolate truffles to take home for their mums. Here are just a few of the delightful comments about their mums:

"She gets my milky at bedtime and reads me a story" – Joe.

"My mum reads me a book. I love her and I give her a kiss" – Sophie.

"She tickles my tummy and plays with me and the dolls" – Grace.

A group of our younger children had great fun producing a huge spring painting using lots of different techniques with the rollers, and printing materials and lots of brightly coloured paints, which is currently on display in the nursery.

Another huge success with the children this month was a visit to Mrs Houghton's house to see her baby rabbits and guinea pigs. Despite the arctic weather conditions, the children fed the rabbits chunks of carrot and particularly enjoyed chasing 'Bruno' around her garden. Big thanks to Mrs Houghton for arranging this visit for us.



Our visit to the Toddler's service was particularly noisy this time!

Mr Bedford told us a story about the walls of Jericho then the children all made horns that they all enthusiastically tooted around the church.

Thank you to Harrison's mum Joanna for the kind donation of an easel for our outdoor play area. Thank you also to Alexis' mum Fiona for sending off empty ink cartridges for recycling. Last week we received a cheque for £54.00 in return. So please do not throw away your empty ink cartridges, bring them into Windmills Nursery, as this is a fairly painless way of raising some desperately needed funds!

### **Date for your diary**

**Easter Coffee Morning** – Wednesday 5th April 2006, 10.00 am till 12.00 noon, in the Tom Hauley room. There will be a cake stall, raffle, and spring plants for sale. The children of the Nursery will also be visiting during the morning to parade in their Easter bonnets and sing some songs.

Windmills Nursery School is situated in the grounds of Harbury Primary School. If you would like to register a place for your child or require any information on Windmills Nursery you can email us at [info@windmills-nursery.co.uk](mailto:info@windmills-nursery.co.uk), call Nicola on 614564 or Tina and Marie on 07906 519148.



March at Pre-School was filled with a great variety of exciting activities and visits. The main themes involved "Caring" and "Shapes". The children have been thinking about their "kind hands" and how they can take care of each other, their mums (with Mothers' Day in mind) and how we need to look after our animals. They have also been focussing on specific shapes and finding out where they can be seen in our daily lives.

**Shapes** - First of all we looked at the circle. Several children brought in a wonderful variety of circular objects and they identified circles in all sorts of places, both inside pre-school and on our trips out. Their circular paintings inspired by Kandinsky and their use of circular shapes to create other pictures demonstrated their inventiveness. We then looked at squares and, again, the children brought in a selection of objects for us to look at. Small boxes of various shapes were beautifully painted as a gift for each child's mum for Mothers' Day. Molly had square sandwiches, crisps and other square items in her lunch box, taking the place of circular ones in the previous two weeks. Congratulations and thanks to her mum for so cleverly entering into the spirit of the project.

**Pancake Day** - This gave the children a great opportunity in helping to measure out the ingredients to make the pancake batter, as well as sampling the circular pancakes at snack time, which they did with enthusiasm.

**Farm Visit** - A walk down to Chesterton House Farm enabled the children to see how Louise Trice cares for her animals. At the farm, Louise showed us her cows and calves and the children helped spread straw for bedding and saw what the cows had to eat. On the second visit, there was the added thrill of seeing a newborn calf. Clarice: "There was a baby cow called a calf". Very many thanks to Louise for giving up her time to show us round and also to Pam Parton, Carol Bastin and mums Sarah Morley and Kate Scothern for their help on the two visits.

**A Visit from the Vet** - The caring theme continued with a visit first from Sally Hutchinson, a veterinary nurse from the Heathcote Practice, (with her lovely Labrador Dimpleby) and then Andrea, a vet from the Avonvale Practice. Both talked about what happened when we take



our pets to the vet and allowed the children to practise with stethoscopes, bandages, etc. This gave them a great start for when we transformed the role play area into a vet's consulting room and reception area. The children had great fun dressing up as vets and diagnosing a variety of ailments in the assorted soft toy animals. Thank you Sally and Andrea for your time and expertise.

**Guinea Pigs** - Our thanks also to Karena Ellis, who brought Bella, Fizz and Milo to Pre-School to introduce them to the children. She gave a wonderful

talk and the children were able to hold the guinea pigs as well as learning about how they are cared for.

Finally Rocket the stick insect put in an appearance at the end of the month, when Lesley van Kesteren brought him to show the children that pets can be in all sorts of different shapes and sizes, but they all need special care and attention.

### **Fund Raising Update**

The Harbury Pre-School Barn Dance held last month was a total sell out. The Village Hall was alive with the sound of Reel to Reel and lively dancing, eating and drinking! During an interval, a Morris Dancing spectacular, courtesy of the Harbury Pre-School Morris Dancing Troupe,



further entertained revellers. A staggering £1,504 was raised from this event and we would like to thank everyone who supported and contributed to the success of the Barn Dance.

If anyone would like further information about Harbury Pre-School, please contact Nikki Kirk, Chair of the Pre-School Committee, on Harbury 614316.



This month we return to the children of Year 6 for a piece of creative writing. This particular story was written by Kerry Dorning – you can almost imagine the author speaking to you! And that ending.....!

*It's a mystery to me how it got there.*

*Honestly! I'm telling the absolute truth!*

*I'm Amanda, and I'm 20 years old. 10 years ago something happened to me that will go down in history.*

*All my life I have been wishing that I could fly like a bird. Well, when I was just 10 years old, my wish came true.*

*I had been having THAT dream again. It was my favourite dream, where I was soaring up to the moon with my fairy friends, higher and higher. I woke up when we were coming back. I always did.*

*There was a chest by my bed. I reached out and touched it. Yes, it was real. But how could it have got there? It was much too heavy to carry; my dad had a bad back.*

*It was decorated with engraved golden dancing fairies with wings! It had to be a dream, so I slapped myself. I woke up. It was still there!! I slithered out of bed and lifted the lid. There was a package inside it. And a label that said, "A gift from the Fairies". And then I noticed on the sides of the chest it said, "Dreams can come true". I started to get excited, but nervous.*

*I carefully opened the package. It was wings! They glittered in the moonlight and felt like satin, and were warm. I looked at the time - 2.30am. I would have a quick fly. I slipped them on, and away we went. Out of the window, out of my garden, out of my village, free!*

*I visited the Lake District and I pirouetted on the top of Scafell Pike. I stared at the stars until my eyes went crossed, and then it was time to go home. It was funny because mum and dad could never see it.*

*I did this every night, for 8 years, until my 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. I know, I know, sad isn't it?*

*I'd gone up to get ready for bed, when I noticed my chest wasn't there. I went over to its space. I could feel it, but it had a lock that I couldn't open. I could smell its smell; I just couldn't see it. Then I realised. That was why I couldn't see it. I was an adult, and that was why mum and dad could never see it. Adults can't see fairies.*

*But just a week ago, I found a key.....*

**Diocesan Inspection** – As you may be aware, the Diocese carried out an inspection of the school recently – a routine event following an OFSTED Inspection, as the Diocese has responsibility for inspecting certain aspects of the school, rather than OFSTED. I am delighted to inform you that the initial feedback from the inspection was as good, if not better than, the OFSTED report, and certainly confirmed that Harbury is a “Good” school. As at OFSTED, the inspector again mentioned the high standard of behaviour and confidence of the children as a particular feature of the school. The final report is due in school in the next few weeks.

**Cross Country** – Congratulations to the children who competed in the Central Warwickshire Cross Country Championships at Newbold Comyn on 11th March. The girls finished in an excellent 4th place overall – just two points away from the medals. Unfortunately, I am unable to confirm the boys team's position at the time of writing, as the results have not yet arrived in school – however, we were able, for the first race this year, to field a full team, due to the number of very enthusiastic Year 5 boys who were making their debuts – well done, boys.

On an individual basis, pride of place must go to Taisia Shuttleworth, still in Year 5, who finished in an outstanding 2nd place in the Girls' Championship. As a result, Taisia has been selected, along with Samantha Collier (who finished in an excellent 17th place) and Alex Vincent (19th in a highly competitive boys race), to represent Central Warwickshire in the county championships at the same venue in two weeks time. Congratulations to all three on this wonderful achievement.

**School Council** – The School Council met recently – the minutes of the meeting are on the website. Of particular importance at this meeting was the decision to support four charities through a number of fund raising events between now and the end of the Summer Term. The four charities selected by the children were Motor Neurone Disease; Breast Cancer; Diabetes; NSPCC. The money raised for the MND charity will be used to sponsor an aunt of two of our pupils who was taking part in a sponsored walk up Everest. Details of this trek can be found on [www.justgiving.com/annkathblanca](http://www.justgiving.com/annkathblanca) I shall be circulating further details of the programme of events in the next few days.

**Bird Boxes** – We have a few wooden bird boxes left for sale at an absolute bargain at just £6.50 each – please



Ron and I were away at the time of the last meeting, but it seems Mr Roger Smith didn't give his talk on "Paeonies", in fact, he didn't come, nevertheless it was a pleasant evening!

Judy has arranged another evening outing, this one is Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June to Sezencote near Moreton in Marsh, meet at the Village Hall at 5.45pm, price £6.50. For the trip to Fibrex Nurseries, meet at the Village Hall at 6pm, price £3.50. There is a small alteration to the coach trip on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June. **Tea is included** at Eastern Gardens, but of course, lunch at Grimsthorpe Castle is extra.

If you want to go on any of these trips and have not yet submitted your name, please contact Judy on 613103 and of course monies are being taken now.

The Heritage Restoration Fund for the "Hill Close Garden Trust" at Warwick has recently received a Lottery Grant. This enables them to have further work done and they should be open in June, at least it is scheduled for that time! As with all these schemes more money is always needed – you may become a "Friend" of Hill Close Gardens, £10 individually per annum, or £15 per annum joint membership and of course they can always use volunteers!

I have a leaflet of an interesting event on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May – Flower and Garden Festival at Feckenham 12noon till 6pm with many activities in addition to the 25 – 30 Open Gardens – Adults £3, Children under 14 years £1.50.

I seem to remember last month wondering what the spring would be like, it will be good when it comes! At least the blackbirds were busy this morning! The hour has definitely gone on hasn't it?

July seems a long way ahead, but the list is already being compiled for the Garden Walkabout on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July, hopefully a mixture of old and new gardens.

A reminder, the subject for the Photo Class for the September Show is SNOW SCENE, the weather we have had recently, you might just get one this spring!

Daphne holds the Ryton ticket – 612829, free entry for two people, useful for an odd day out during the Easter holiday perhaps?



## Nature Notes

John Hancock

First an apology - in February and March 'Nature Notes' I stated that atmospheric pressure remained high at 30.5 millibars. John Small pointed out that my units were wrong and this should have read 30.5 inches [over 1000 millibars]. Sorry. As I write (20th March), we are stuck with high pressure from the continent and a cold, raw, north easterly wind. Spring is on hold. Mind you it takes some stopping. I saw my first butterfly of the year in flight on 6th March. It was a Peacock drawn out of hibernation by the sun's rays at 11.0am in a relatively warm south facing valley where the Cotswolds dip down into Bath. According to Dr. Jeremy Thomas, in his excellent book 'The Butterflies of Britain & Ireland' illustrated by Richard Lewington, a hollow tree is frequently chosen for hibernation. Large numbers of insects cling together and, as a defence measure, flutter their wings and produce a loud hissing sound like a snake if disturbed. On the same day as the butterfly, a bee was 'revving up' its 'engine' taking nectar from some handy flowering pot plants outside a florist.

Birds are making more noise in the morning and nest building is beginning to get into its stride. We've had a Robin going into the ivy at the back of the house with nesting material and a determined look in its eye. Friends report frogs on the move in and about their ponds. I saw a squashed one in Mill Street on Friday 10th March after our first significant rainfall for at least a month (8mms on 7th & 6mms on 8<sup>th</sup>). On Thursday 9th a rainbow arched over the village as I cycled up Middle Road.

Searching for frogspawn in the Warwickshire countryside can be rather dispiriting. Garden ponds are much the best place and probably are the amphibians' salvation. Visiting the family in Yorkshire over the weekend 11th/12th March we were delighted to wake on Sunday to a fall of snow. Not much, but enough for a snowball fight with my grandson Tom. Later I visited two tiny ponds in the top field of Megan's primary school. One was choked with grass and sticks and needed some clearing. A thin skim of ice partly covered the other pond but underneath was a mass of spawn though the eggs showed no sign of maturing.

Nearer home, garden flowers are always a bit further on than their wild cousins. The bulbs are well in the lead but primroses are in flower in  
 I'll find more of our north facing garden. Two key flowers of spring

for me are Colt's Foot (*Tussilago forfaro*) and Violet (*Viola rivinia* - the dog violet - being the commonest). The mound at Fiveways looks an unpromising site but I'm glad to see Colt's Foot spreading on the village side. Some flowers were fully open on March 19th when Doug Freeman's cycling group stopped there on our way back into Harbury.

Today I set off to look for violets. One sure-fire site is close to the Grand Union Canal at Bascote top lock. The eye catching dark blue of just one flower glinted on the south facing bank of the cutting. The plants are being swamped by ground ivy and just hanging on in this spot. This poses a dilemma; should an area such as this be tended to favour the violets or should nature be left to itself? Opposite the old toll house is a copse. An unofficial car park is encroaching on one side of this small wood and rubbish is mounting up under the trees and shrubs. This has been an excellent place over many years to find white violets. Sure enough they're still to be found; one flower was fully open this morning and several others in bud. The solution is easier - stop dumping rubbish at this site and limit vehicle access.

Finally, have you seen the Llamas in the field near the water tower site?



## General Section

### Vandalism in the Village

Following the vandalism that took place on the evening of Friday March 10th in the village I thought it might be helpful if I outlined the steps that are being taken to prevent it happening again. The problems were caused by drunken youths going to and then returning from a Young Farmers event at the Rugby Club. The Young Farmers and the Rugby Club had arranged for official door security and all those under 18 were issued with an armband indicating that they should not be served alcohol. There were also regular sweeps through the bar to catch those under 18's who had managed to persuade older youths to buy alcohol for them. Despite these measures, it was evident that some underage drinking had taken place, most likely on the way to and from the event with alcohol purchased elsewhere or taken from home, which probably contributed to the vandalism that followed. It is quite possible that those who later caused trouble had actually been ejected from the event by security. As the event was open to all local

youths only about a third of those attending were members of the local Young Farmers group.

At future events the Young Farmers will be limiting members to one guest only, and will be contacting local taxi firms and encouraging them to be there when the event closes so that youths do not have to come back into the village seeking public transport. Furthermore PC Nigel Hill has informed both the Rugby Club and the Young Farmers that he wants to be notified in advance of any future event and he has promised me that he will try to have a police presence in the village during most of that night.

Nobody, not the Young Farmers, not the Rugby Club, and certainly not the residents of Binswood End or Mill St, wants a repeat of what happened on March 10th. Hopefully these measures will help to achieve that end.

**Tim Lockley**

## **The War Memorial**

The names of 33 Harbury men who gave their lives in the First World War are recorded on the War Memorial on Crown Green. It is difficult to imagine the impact the loss of so many young men must have had on this small community. Recently, I watched a TV series made by Ian Hislop, which looked at some of the thousands of memorials, and told just a few of the stories behind those carved names. It set me thinking of the number of times I have listened to the names read out on Remembrance Sunday and realised I knew nothing about those 33 who left the village to go to war and never returned.

I have begun to do some research and have found some information. I am sure there are descendants still in the village, so if anyone has any knowledge of any of them, however small, please contact me at 32, Mill Street. (612860). I hope eventually to be able to tell something of the story of these men in the Harbury News.

**Sharon Hancock**

## **Garage Sale Success in Farm Street**

Six residents of Farm Street combined together to put on garage sales on Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> of March, to clear out the bits and pieces that had been collecting dust for the last decade or two. Chris Rigby at No. 18 organised the advertising while Sue Ward put posters around the

village and Sarah Wilson made signs for the end of the road. All held their breath as the cold weather seemed to be determined to wreck the event, but the sun shone, there was no rain and about 200 people came from all around to look and see what had been turned out of various lofts and sheds.



There was everything from bicycles, pictures, silver ware, toys and even a framed tent. Everyone had a great day and over £1000 changed hands for what was otherwise household junk. So successful was the day that several other residents have asked if it can be repeated and some in Sutcliffe drive have also expressed their desire to be included.

Chris Rigby, who organised the event, even had phone calls from other villages who had been thinking of doing the same and was asked advice on how to set it up. Apart from a bit of mild road congestion when the Old New Inn car park became overloaded, there were no problems and the sun helped everyone to smile as they looked for bargains on the resurrected paste tables.

Anyone interested in making it into a village event for next year?

**Chris Rigby**

## **Old Harbury Remembered**

By request, I am having another evening of nostalgia in aid of Meningitis Research. Joining me will be Nigel Chapman (Sir!) and Vi Gilks (nee Thornicroft).

### **Bygones and Ephemera, Old Harbury in photograph.**

Have we got photos of your house or relatives in days gone by, see how Harbury has changed (or not) in 50 years. Come and join us and reminisce on Friday April 28<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in Tom Hauley Room. The tickets are £5 to include a glass of wine and are available from 17, South Parade, Harbury or you can telephone 612877.

**Celia Barrett**

## **Harbury Carnival June 10th - 2006**

### **King and Queen**

This year's selection process for the King and Queen will as usual be organised by Harbury School and will hopefully be under way by the time that you read this. Those chosen for Carnival 2006 will be announced in next month's Harbury News.

### **Fun for All**

The Wheelbarrow Race will be on Sunday 4th June, hosted this year by the Crown and will again include a separate race not involving alcohol (time to start training!). Please contact Dan Killian on 612265 to enter or for more information. The pub games competition will take place from June 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> inclusive and full details will be published in next month's Harbury News. In the meantime, please consider entering a team to represent your organisation, pub or simply get together with some friends (again, I emphasise that this is not just an inter pub competition).

### **Other Business**

If you want to book a stall or space on the field please call Mike McBride on 612421.

**John Broomfield**

## **Teenage Cancer Trust presentation**

The presentation of a cheque to the T.C.T. following the Sounds of the Sixties event last July took place in the Shakespeare Inn recently. Nigel Revill, the Senior Manager of the Trust was on hand to receive a £5,000 cheque from Lee Williams (the Big Fella), accompanied by Joe Griffin, Michelle Griffin, Gerry Walsh and the committed volunteers who have made the live Country and Western/Rock concert held on the Harbury Rugby Club grounds such a remarkable success.

In accepting the cheque, Nigel acknowledged the tremendous efforts of the Harbury SOTS team in putting on an event in aid of the T.C.T., which he said is "unique in the country" and "awesome in its outcome". He enjoys the evening so much that he always ensures that he keeps his diary free to be present and he has often brought beneficiaries of the charity to the event. He commented that the cash raised by the Harbury group in 2005 would be sufficient to purchase 3 specially designed beds, which would be placed in the local unit in Birmingham.



In April each year, the main fund-raising event for T.C.T. takes place in the Albert Hall, London with contributions from major groups, comedians and entertainers. Roger Daltrey from 'The Who' is one of the main promoters of the concerts and this year, Ricky Gervais has agreed to organise an evening's entertainment. The number of T.C.T. units increases each year and the U.K. is recognised throughout the world for its specialist provision for teenagers who might otherwise be in wards with much older or younger people.

Harbury's event for 2006 is booked for July 8<sup>th</sup> and details of how to purchase tickets will be advertised in the May and June editions of the H&L News.

**Joe Griffin**

## **Blood Donor Session**

Please note the change of date. This will be in the Village Hall on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April from 1.30pm – 3.30pm and 4.30pm – 7.30pm. The afternoon session is normally quicker, but if time is tight you can make an appointment by phoning 0845 7711711.

We were down to 71 last time; maybe with (hopefully) better weather there are fewer walking wounded and more healthy volunteers. The posters refer to treatment for a leukaemia patient; maybe you don't realise how many modern procedures require supporting transfusions. And, since C.J.D. appeared, anyone who has ever received a transfusion is now unable to give blood, leading to an ever greater need for new and lapsed donors. I would be happy to answer any queries – ring 614809.

**Gillian Hare**

## The Crows Nest

Crows building their nests is a good sign, could spring be just around the corner?

A crow is a nice looking bird, very intelligent and inquisitive and can live for many years if left alone by man. On the top of elm trees was a favourite spot for building their nests. Alas, these have gone from leafy Warwickshire owing to Dutch Elm disease.



A typical country scene often has a group of crows pecking up worms as they follow behind the plough. They also eat parasites off the back of sheep.

In the sunshine their plumage sometimes looks very glossy. Now sadly in decline, let us hope they continue to keep crowing. It would be a great pity to lose them forever.

Long Live the Crow!

**Mike Bloxham**

## Housebound Library Service

Is a new service for those who cannot get out to the library and who do like to read. The contact for further information on this service is:

Debbie Sly  
Senior Library Assistant,  
Kenilworth Community Services  
01926 851031

## Severn Trent

Following up comments in our last issue of Focus, three officers from the Consumer Council for Water very kindly agreed to meet SDC Councillors Andrew Patrick (Harbury, Bishops Itchington & Chesterton) and Nigel Rock (Stockton & Napton) in Harbury on Wednesday 22nd February.

We covered a wide range of complaints, including the leak outside Bishops Itchington Post Office, and the long-running saga of the sewer leak in the Fosse Way (Chesterton).

They made one very practical suggestion :-

If you are reporting a fault to Severn Trent, do not use the number printed on the front of your water Bill.

(This takes you to Customer Services & Billing in Derby, who then have to transfer you to Operations in Finham – and the transfer between Derby & Finham can take ages!)

Instead, use the number on the back of the Bill 0800 783 4444.

This takes you straight to Operations in Finham, and should save you a lot of time and frustration.

And they made one very good offer as well:-

If you report a fault to Severn Trent, make a note of when they promise to fix it. If it isn't fixed in the time promised, please get in touch with the Consumer Council directly: - 08457 023953.

You should find that will get it sorted.

If you have occasion to make use of any of this advice, I'd be interested to know how you get on.

Meanwhile, Lee Newman (Regional Manager, Consumer Council for Water Midlands) has kindly sent the article that follows.

**Andrew Patrick**

## **The Consumer Council for Water**

The Consumer Council for Water (CCWater) is an independent national consumer organisation with a statutory duty to represent the interests of business and domestic water and sewerage customers in England and Wales. It was established on October 1 2005 and operates through nine regional committees in England. The local Midlands Office is based in the centre of Birmingham and deals with those issues affecting Warwickshire customers of Severn Trent.

CCWater monitors and influences the activities of Severn Trent in a number of ways:

Advising customers in all aspects of their water and sewerage service

### Helping customers who have complaints

Carrying out snapshot audits of debt recovery, billing, complaints and new connections.

Raising issues with Severn Trent at public meetings throughout the Midlands.

CCWater speaks for water consumers putting forward their views and concerns about price, quality and value for money of water and sewerage services. It aims to help consumers drive debate in the water industry on wider issues such as sustainability and environmental quality. In particular it has a statutory duty to represent consumers with disabilities and chronic illnesses, those on low incomes, rural customers and pensioners.

Over the past twelve months we have secured £244,131 in compensation for consumers in the Midlands region. Recent success stories in the Warwickshire area include;

Severn Trent did not take a meter reading during two years occupancy and the current reading showed higher than normal consumption. Following pressure from this office to investigate, Severn Trent found the meter was serving a neighbouring property resulting in an amended bill and a rebate to the customer of £488.

A customer experienced a two month delay in receiving a new connection to property causing him to run behind schedule with other work needed. Following contact with our office, an appointment for connection was made. The work was further delayed due to a road work permit not being obtained as the department had forgotten to request it. The issue was raised at an audit of Severn Trent's new connections department and work began two days later. Severn Trent also refunded the connection fee totalling £795.

If you would like further information or need advice with a water and sewerage matter please do not hesitate to contact your Midlands regional office at the First Floor, Victoria Square House, Victoria Square, Birmingham, B2 4AJ: our telephone number is 0121 345 1017 or alternatively you can visit our website on [www.ccwater.org.uk](http://www.ccwater.org.uk), or email [midlands@ccwater.org.uk](mailto:midlands@ccwater.org.uk). Our contact details can also be found on the back of your water bill.

**Lee Newman**

## Harbury Village Club

The Club must be one of the best kept secrets of the village although it has been in existence for nearly 100 years. Just a few yards down from the Crown, visitors are surprised at the size and range of facilities available to its members.

The large concert room is perfect for dances, parties, receptions and a range of functions; the annex is ideal for laying out a buffet and an adjoining preparation room provides all you need to prepare, serve and wash up. The room is available for members' private functions at a very modest fee of £30! A disco can be provided for a small extra charge. We also allow charities to use the room without charge, at the discretion of the Committee. A fully equipped bar, serving a range of drinks, at possibly the lowest prices in the village, complete these facilities. There is a permanent stage complete with spotlights, disco lights and a glitter ball. Equipment, including Short Mat Bowls mats, a pool table and a darts board are also available. The room is also used for the Friday night Bingo sessions, Line Dancing and Quiz Nights.

If your preference is a quiet drink in comfortable surroundings take a look at our newly redecorated lounge, recently fitted with velour seating and low level lighting. Off the lounge is a Television Room with a new large screen television so you can keep in touch with your favourite programmes or check up on the latest football results etc.

In recent times the entrance hall has been reconfigured and refurbished and we have installed a new ladies cloakroom, disabled facilities and gentlemen's toilet.

Off the entrance hall is a highly regarded Snooker Room with two well maintained full-sized tables.

Our licence allows us to serve drinks until midnight every night, except Sundays when it is 11.30pm with additional hours on Bank Holidays.

With all these facilities available you could be forgiven for thinking it would cost a small fortune to become a member. In fact it only costs £5 p.a. plus an initial 13p for your share in the Club.

The Club is owned and run by its members, all of them locals, and we would gladly welcome new members, particularly younger people — why don't you call in and see us sometime or telephone 612498 and speak to one of our friendly staff?

**Gordon Bennett**

## **Art and Craft Exhibition at Napton**

The Art Group at Napton would like to extend an invitation to all readers of the H&L News to the annual exhibition, which takes place in the Village Hall over the Bank Holiday weekend. The exhibition is mounted for 3 days and opens on Saturday and Sunday between 10.00am and 5.00pm and on Monday from 10.00am-4.00pm. There is a vast array of pictures and craft work on display; the majority of which are for sale at very reasonable prices. Well known artists from the area regularly display their artwork, which covers a complete range of styles from still-life, country scenes and coastal views to abstract forms and computer enhanced images. There is also a produce stall which sells jams, cakes and chutneys and there is a wide selection of cards (some based on the artwork on sale), as well as a major raffle. Refreshments are available throughout the day, so a visit to the exhibition makes for an interesting outing on the public holiday without having to drive a great distance and run the risk of getting caught in a traffic jam! The Napton Art Group is self-financing and invites artists from the local villages to join their weekly meetings, which offer demonstrations, guest speakers, art workshops, as well as trips to art shows and galleries. The group has been in existence for over 30 years and is very popular, but it is worth enquiring if there is a vacancy for membership if you want to develop or appreciate artistic talent.

**Joan Sherratt**

## **Harbury's Young Entrepreneurs**

Enterprise and entrepreneurship were not included on the school curriculum when the two young entrepreneurs featured in this month's magazine completed their full time education. Nowadays, alongside the main subject areas, students are presented with the skills to help them build an understanding of the business world with lessons in understanding 'risk taking' and the importance of 'creativity and innovation'.

Both Harbury's young entrepreneurs went to Southam School (now a Technology College) and embarked on career pathways which have led each of them to set up their own business. Jeff will be 31 this year and 'Kipper' has just celebrated his 30<sup>th</sup> birthday.

## **Harbury Landscaping and Groundworks**

Jeff Maule left school after taking his 'A' levels, which included Art and Design and went to work for the Dowdeswell Agricultural Engineering

Company, which is located in Stockton. He worked for 3 years in the machine shop before deciding he would prefer to work outdoors and took on his first job in the construction industry with Tony Hall from Cubbington. After a year he joined Rex Payne (builders) in Cubbington where he first learned the skills needed for groundwork when he was involved in the preparation of a site prior to building and in completion of a project, which required laying driveways and boundary walls. He stayed for 2 years before moving on to work for Cavendish Construction and then Sol, which was formerly the well known Leamington builders, Crosbee and Atkins. At this point, he was introduced to the skills which he now employs in his own business, as he was involved in ground work for English Heritage. He visited old properties in Alcester and Stratford-on-Avon where he was required to take up old paving and re-lay it to look as authentic as the original. He also worked on the boundary wall at Chesterton Church, which needed restoration after large sections had become damaged due to the effects of weathering. As Jeff comments, he learned his trade 'on the job' by working alongside skilled employees who taught him all the skills he needed to complete the work to a high standard.

Jeff set up his own business, Harbury Landscaping and Groundworks last July and he has been employed continuously as a 'one man band' carrying out a variety of projects in the local area. His distinctive pick-up truck, emblazoned with the company name, has been a familiar sight around the village as he has carried out work in the Beeches, Percival Drive and at the junction of Farm Street and Binswood End. He carries out all the typical groundwork projects, including block paving, slab work, stone work, turfing and decking, which are much in demand for householders who seek to improve the appearance of their properties, but 'fight shy' of carrying out the work themselves.



If Jeff is the 'brawn' of the business, then the 'brain' who supports him and carries out the book-keeping required by any business is his partner, Tracey. She is a born and bred Harbury girl who embarked on



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several operations, including the removal of bone from his hip, which was used to reconstruct some of the damaged neck vertebrae. Whilst he was in hospital with 'time to think', he decided that he would set up his own boat building business when he was fully fit.

He eventually managed to find a sizeable farm building in Ladbroke, which the farmer was willing to loan and set to work building a narrowboat. In a short space of time, canal enthusiasts found their way to Bluewater Boats; admired the quality of the workmanship of the boat under construction and started to place orders. The workshop space at Old Barn Farm in Ladbroke allows David to produce canal boats in a variety of lengths and widths, so that a customer can specify their exact requirements. David is involved in all stages of the 'in-house' boat-building package from preliminary designs, in partnership with the customer, to construction of the hull and 'fit-outs' of the interior. He builds narrowboats which can be up to 60 feet in length and Dutch barges, which can be 70 feet long – considerably longer than the average bus which negotiates the streets of Harbury!

From the early beginnings, 5 years ago, David has now built up a family run business with several employees, including his Dad, an uncle and a cousin, who have the necessary carpentry or welding skills needed to construct each craft to perfection. A visit to the boat-building premises is mind-blowing, as it is possible to see boats in various stages of construction from the skeleton hull; to the welded shell and the fully fitted and painted 'end product'. It is all the more amazing when it is realised that the outline 2D drawings for each boat will be converted into the enormous fabricated craft, which are created from nothing more than massive sheets of steel and wood, which are delivered regularly. Each narrowboat takes 5 months to complete, whilst the larger Dutch barge, which can be used to navigate waterways throughout Europe, takes approximately 9 months in construction.

David recently featured on I.T.V's Waterworld programme, which showed stages in the construction of a Dutch barge with its eventual launch in a canal in Worcestershire and he also attended the National Boat Show held in London in January. Most of David's trade comes from advertising in canal boat magazines, but he also receives recommendations from both private and trade customers as a result of the superb quality of his workmanship. He has been awarded with membership of the Guild of Master Craftsmen in recognition of the company's commitment to work with skill and integrity, which followed references from a number of satisfied customers.

During David's recovery period in hospital, apart from considering the start up of his own business, he also proposed to Sharon who he married in the following year. They now enjoy bringing up daughter, Jessica, aged 2 years, who knows all about Daddy's boats and loves to cruise on their show boat. As with Harbury's other young entrepreneur, Sharon is responsible for all the accounts and is involved in buying the raw materials and selling the finished product.

The adage, "behind every good man, there is an equally good woman", obviously applies to Tracey and Sharon as they provide the essential 'back up' by 'keeping the books' for their enterprising partners. Congratulations to the two young entrepreneurs – may the 'wind of change' they took in their careers, continue to blow in the right direction!

SPOTLIGHT next month will feature more local businesses.

Chris Finch

## Ufton News

**Saturday 22nd April at 7.45pm**

Family Bingo Night in the Village Hall. Do come along and try your luck. Prizes to be won!

## Take Time Out

Transfer Any Image onto Any Surface! – Thursday 20th April 10.00am – 2.00pm at Ufton Village Hall

Pat Osborne, from W. Yorkshire, will show how to transfer any image/ picture onto a wide range of surfaces, inc. wood, leather, pottery and glass. This 'magic' film system can be used to enhance many ready made and handcrafted items. Please note this is a four hour session to give us plenty of time to try everything out.

Cost: workshop £7.50 + £5.00 for materials.

**Friday 19th May - 7.30 – 9.30pm 'Who Do You Think You Are'?**

An evening event researching your family history with internet expert Margaret Loughran.

To book these events contact Karin Kirk. Book early to avoid disappointment.

**Karin Kirk 613003**



## LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

*Dear Editors, we would like to thank everyone who sent cards, flowers and letters following the sad loss of our dear son, Alan. We have been overwhelmed by the many messages of sympathy and the support of family and friends at the service in Harbury Church..*

*Thanks to Father Roy for conducting a lovely service and to Richard and Ian who gave such moving tributes about 'Paddy's' friendship and courage.*

*Many thanks to all at Harbury Surgery for their attention to Alan's needs, especially Dr. Panting, Di Halford and District Nurses, Frances and Hannah. Special thanks to Karen, Alan's Macmillan nurse, who was so caring and helpful.*

*We would also like to thank all Alan's friends in Harbury who were constant in their thoughtful actions whilst he was in hospital or at home, especially those from Harbury Rugby Club and the Old New Inn. We were especially grateful to Alan's friends who took us to visit him when he was in the Queen Elizabeth hospital and regularly visited him in Warwick hospital and at the Myton Hospice. Special thanks to Nigel and Richard who were always there for Alan and to Carl, Dave, Gaffa and Pecker who helped him achieve his goals of being out with his friends as often as possible. We would also like to thank Paul who offered the use of his specially modified vehicle, so that Alan could get out into the countryside and enjoy events at the Old New Inn and the Rugby Club as often as he did.*

*Thank you to Sandra at the Old New Inn for her efforts in welcoming all Alan's friends after the service - it meant so much to us to meet everyone. We are very grateful for all the loving support shown to us and to Alan throughout his illness. The total amount raised so far is £1,773 and donations will be sent to Macmillan Nurses and Myton Hospice in his memory.*

*Derek and Joy Padbury*

Dear Editors, I have been approached by a 17 year old German girl who wants to exchange with an English girl/boy during this summer.

She would like to be here 4 weeks. The exchange student would be able to return with her to stay. The lady she approached to help her in her search used to look after my children when they were small. Anyone who wants to improve their German prior to A Level might be interested. She lives in North Germany not far from the Dutch border in Husby.

If you would like to have more details please contact me on 614359.

Jenny Patrick

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Dear Editors, A sharp-eyed reader of last month's Harbury and Ladbroke News provided further information about Mr Williamson who was featured in the article on the Wight School / Library.

After teaching at Harbury, he transferred to the Pendyke Street premises where he taught woodwork to 'senior boys' from across the local area. In 1957 when Southam High School was opened, Fred Williamson, as he is listed in the school archives, was one of two teachers from the district who were recruited to staff the newly opened school. He taught metalwork and woodwork to students from all the local villages and stayed at the 'High School' until he eventually retired.

A former Deputy Headteacher of the school still retains a photograph of all the teachers present at the opening of the first secondary school in the Southam area and Mr Williamson is clearly identified in the 'line-up'

Chris Finch

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Dear Editors, As a responsible dog owner I continue to be disgusted and slightly embarrassed at the quantity of dog mess on the pavements of Harbury!

It takes just a couple of seconds to 'pick up' after your dog - so please would the irresponsible dog owners of Harbury become responsible. By not 'picking up' you are to blame for an unsightly and unhygienic obstacle course for

both adults and children to encounter on their way around the village. No one would take pleasure in knowing that their child has spent the whole day at school with shoes that have been hastily wiped with a small crumpled tissue from the bottom of their pocket.

Remember, you don't want to put YOUR foot in it so 'pick up' - you may forget tomorrow which side of the road it is safe to walk on!

J. Jennings

A Disgruntled Dog Owner

Dear Editors, The Pamper Night at the Tom Hauley Room on Friday 3rd March raised £210 for the charity 'Choice Donations'.

Thank you to all of the therapists who gave up their time for free and all those people who attended.

Dayle Adams

**DATES FOR INCLUSION IN THE HARBURY DIARY PLEASE TO:  
LINDA RIDGLEY - TEL. 612792.**

**Bookings for:**

Scout Hut	Lesley van Kesteren	613411
Tom Hauley Room	Liz Bunting	612450
T. Hauley Room Coffee Morning	Sally Stringer	613214
Village Hall	Wendy Hawkes	613198
Wight School	Lin Hayes	613488

**MAY EDITION - HARBURY & LADBROKE NEWS**

**Adverts** to 31, Binswood End by 15th April

**Articles** to Harbury Pharmacy by 28th April

## Regular Diary Dates

**ART TUTORIALS:** Tom Hauley Room 1st Thursday of the month

**BABY CLINIC:** Surgery, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 2:00-4:00pm

**BADMINTON:** Village Hall, Monday mornings (612877) 10:00am-12:00noon  
 Mondays (612627) (Seniors) 7:00-9:00pm;  
 Friday (612029) (Juniors) 6:30-8:00pm;  
 Sunday (not in summer) (613340) 7:00-10:00pm

**BELL RINGING PRACTICE:** (613605) Church, Fridays 7:30pm

**BIBLE STUDY GROUPS** various homes 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month 2.00-3.00pm  
 (613207); 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month 10.30-12.00 Noon (612864)

**BROWNIES:** Scout Hut, Mondays 6:15-7:30pm

**CHILDREN'S DANCE CLASSES** Farley Room Wednesday 4.00-8.00pm (01789 290733)

**CHOIR PRACTICE:** Church, Fridays 6:30pm

**CHURCH NEN'S GROUP:** Tom Hauley Room 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday in the month 7.45pm

**COFFEE MORNING:** Tom Hauley Room Saturdays 10:00am-12:00noon

**CUBS:** Scout Hut, Wednesdays 6:30-8:00pm

**DROP-IN TEA:** (612585) 19, Farm Street, 2.30 to 4.30pm, Last Wednesday in the month

**GYMNASTICS:** Harbury School, Mondays 6:00-7:00pm

**HARBURY FOLK CLUB:** Shakespeare Inn 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday in the month 8:30pm

**HARBURY FRIENDS:** Tom Hauley Room, 2nd Tuesday in the month 8:00pm

**HARBURY JUNIORS FOOTBALL CLUB:** Chairman: Mike Jones Tel: 614040

**Year 1 -** Training: 9.00am Saturday at Harbury playing fields  
 Coach: David Hoey Tel: 311097

**Years 2&3 -** Training: 10.45am Saturday at Harbury School  
 Coach: David Hoey Tel: 311097

**Year 4 -** Training: 9.00am Saturday at Harbury School  
 Coach: Neil Murray Tel: 612524

**Year 5 -** Training: 9.00am Saturday at Harbury School  
 Coach: Neil Murray Tel: 612524

**Under 12s -** Training: 10.30am Saturday at Harbury playing fields  
 Coach: Andy Dickson Tel: 612192

**Under 15s -** Training: 11am Saturday at Myton School  
 Coach: Keith Edwards Tel: 421414

**HARBURY PRE-SCHOOL:** Wight School (behind Library), High St. Monday 12:30pm -  
 3:00pm, Tuesday to Friday 9:00am-1:00pm (614316)

**HARBURY RAINBOWS :** Scout Hut Tuesdays 5.30-6.30pm

**HARBURY THEATRE GROUP** Last Monday of the month Shakespeare Inn (612150)

**HARBURY TODDLER GROUP:** Wight School, Monday 10:00-11:30am & Wednesday 1:30-3:00pm (613311)

**HARBURY VILLAGE CLUB:** Contact 612498

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

**HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY:** Tom Hauley Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in the month (Oct. to May) 8:00pm Contact Daphne Clifford 01926 612829

**KICK START APPALACHIAN STEP DANCERS:** (612734) Scout Hut, Saturdays, 10:00am-12:00noon

**LIBRARY:** (613297) Mondays 2:00 - 5:00pm and 5:30 - 7:00pm;

Thursdays 10:00am - 1:00pm; 2:00 - 5:00pm & 5:30 - 7:00pm;

**NETBALL CLUB:** (613239) Village Hall Car Park, Training Thursdays 6:30pm;

Matches on Saturday Afternoon

**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** Tom Hauley Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in the month 7.30am

**MOTHER'S UNION:** Tom Hauley Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday in the month 2.30pm; 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in the month 8pm

**SCOUTS:** Scout Hut, Thursdays 7:00pm

**PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP:** (612792) Meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday in the month at the Shakespeare 8:00pm

**TENNIS CLUB:** CLUB MEMBERS PLAYING TIMES

ADULTS: Tuesdays: 6.00pm - 10.00pm

Thursdays: 6.00pm - 10.00pm

Wednesdays: 1.45pm - 3.15pm

Saturdays (Winter only): 3.00pm - 5.00pm

Sundays (Summer only): 10am - 12 noon

Club 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, please contact Angie Dean (secretary) on 614513 or Colin Mercer (Chairman) on 613284.

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**NON MEMBERS:** Courts should be booked at Country Fayre, Chapel Street (£2 per hour per court) For Floodlight Bookings (£5 per hour + £5 deposit for the key) - Ring 613284 April to September:

**THURSDAY CLUB:** (612273) Farley Room of Village Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday in the month 2:30pm

**W.I.:** Tom Hauley Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday in the month 7:45pm

**WINDMILLS NURSERY SCHOOL:** Primary School, Monday-Friday; 9:00am-3.15pm; Friday 9.00am-1.00pm

**YOGA:** Tom Hauley Room, Wednesdays, 7:30-9:30pm Dianne Surgery Tel. 817904

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