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Editorial

Over the Christmas and New Year period there are variations in the refuse collections days. Please consult the rota on page 5. The good news is that the garden refuse will be collected through the winter, and a greater range of plastics can be recycled in the blue bin – please see the Councillor's Corner article.

We continue to receive a number of articles after the 5.30pm deadline. The editors can't guarantee that these will be included in the next edition. For the first time, members of the Harbury Young Voices Choir with musicians from the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, performed a contemporary concert at the War Memorial to raise money for the poppy appeal.



Remembrance Sunday 2009

The editorial team wish all our readers a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Finally we extend our sympathies to the family of Jorja and Hollie Foster.

Harbury Diary

DECEMBER

- Sat 5 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of the WI, 10.00 – 12 noon
Christmas Fayre in Village Hall 2.00pm
Folk Group Concert in Church 7.30pm Tickets £7 from 612819/612002
- Sun 6 **ADVENT II**
Sung Eucharist 9.00am
First Light Service, Tom Hauley Room 10.30am
Service of Benediction 6.00pm
- Mon 7 Toddler Group, Wight School, 9.30am – 11.30am
- Tues 8 Toddlers Service in Church 2.00pm
Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Wed 9 Southam Children's Centre in Village Hall 12.30-3.00pm
- Thurs 10 Table Tennis in Village Hall 9.30-10.30am
Holy Communion 9.45am
Harbury School Choir in Village Hall 6.00-9.00pm
WI Lord Leycester Hospital talk by Lt Col Gerald Lesinski, Tom Hauley Room 7.45pm
- Fri 11 Twinning Christmas Party in Tom Hauley Room
- Sat 12 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of the Horticultural Society, 10.00am – 12 non Senior Citizens Christmas Party in Village Hall
- Sun 13 **ADVENT III**
Holy Communion 8.00am
Sung Eucharist 10.30am
Harbury Pre-school in Village Hall 2.00-6.00pm
- Mon 14 Toddler Group, Wight School, 9.30am -11.30am
"Beer & Carols" at The Crown 7.00pm
- Tues 15 ADVERTISEMENTS TO 31 BINSWOOD END BY 5.30PM
Holy Communion 7.30pm
N.B. No Mothers' Union Meeting
- Weds 16 Tea in Tom Hauley Room 3.00 to 4.00pm
Harbury School Carol Service 7.00pm
- Thurs 17 Table Tennis in Village Hall 9.30-10.30am
Holy Communion 9.45am
- Fri 18 SCHOOL ENDS
- Sat 19 Men's Prayer Breakfast Tom Hauley Room 7.30am
Free Coffee Morning Tom Hauley Room, 10.00am – 12 noon

Moving Pictures ICE AGE Dawn of the Dinosaurs. Village Hall, doors open at 4.00pm, film starts 4.30pm, 613311

Sun 20

ADVENT IV

Holy Communion 8.00am

Sung Eucharist 10.30am

Christingle Service 3.30pm

Mon 21

Harbury Toddlers' Christmas Party in Village Hall 9-1.30pm

Holy Communion 7.30pm

N.B. No Julian Meeting

Wed 23

N.B. No Drop in Tea

Thurs 24

CHRISTMAS EVE

Dressing of the Crib 2.00pm

Village Carol Service 6.30pm

Midnight Mass 11.15pm

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Fri 25

CHRISTMAS DAY

Sung Eucharist 10.30am

Sat 26

BOXING DAY

Sun 27

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

Holy Communion 8.00am

Sung Eucharist 10.30am

Tues 29

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Holy Communion 7.30pm

Wed 30

Village Hall NEW YEAR DANCE in Village Hall

Thurs 31

New Year's Eve

Holy Communion 9.45am

JANUARY 2010 Happy New Year!

Fri 1

NEW YEARS DAY

Sat 2

Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Rotary 10.00am – 12 noon

Sun 3

Sung Eucharist 9.00am

First Light Service Tom Hauley Room 10.30am

Holy Communion with Laying on of Hands 6.00pm

Tues 5

SCHOOL STARTS

Holy Communion 7.30pm

Horticultural Society Hill Close Gardens, in Tom Hauley Room 8.00pm

Weds 6

EPIPHANY

Mothers' Union Party Tom Hauley Room 2.30pm

Thurs 7

Holy Communion 9.45am

Mens' Group Meeting Tom Hauley Room 7.45pm

Art Group meet in Tom Hauley Room 10.00am -4.00pm

Folk Club at the Dog 8.30pm

Refuse Collection Rota

	Deppers Bridge	Harbury	Ladbroke	Refuse Collection Week
December	Wed	Thurs	Fri	
	9	10	11	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	16	17	18	Grey Bin
	23	24	Tue 29	Green & Blue Lid Bins
January	Sat 2	Mon 4	Tue 5	Grey Bin
	Fri 8	Sat 9	Mon 11	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	Thur 14	Fri 15	Sat 16	Grey Bin
	20	21	22	Green & Blue Lid Bins



From the Rector

Father Craig Grocock

The Rectory, Vicarage Lane, Harbury Tel.: 612377

Slow down a bit

A vicar decided that a visual demonstration would add emphasis to his Sunday sermon. Four worms were placed into four separate jars. The first worm was put into a jar of alcohol. The second worm was put into a jar of cigarette smoke. The third worm was put into a jar of chocolate syrup. The fourth worm was put into a jar of good clean soil. At the conclusion of the Sermon, the vicar reported the following results: The first worm in alcohol - dead. The second worm in cigarette smoke - dead. Third worm in chocolate syrup - dead. Fourth worm in good clean soil - alive. So the Minister asked the congregation - What can you learn from this demonstration? A little old woman in the back quickly raised her hand and said, "As long as you drink, smoke and eat chocolate, you won't have worms!" . . .

. . . there's always a different way of looking at things.... and that's the only justification for that story! Advent offers us a different way of looking at time.

We are once again in the Advent season – the four weeks running up to Christmas and part of our consideration of Advent is about the role of time and waiting. We live in a world which doesn't want to wait. We live in an instant world where waiting is seen as a bad thing - whether that's in

terms of instant credit, or instant gratification. The way TV entertainment is going is that we can now access TV shows on the internet without the bother of having to wait for a particular day or time... we even have instant coffee and tea (what is that about?) because we can't wait to brew it...! Waiting had become countercultural. People often say "The waiting is the hardest bit..." And I'm sure that's true, which is why maybe we need to sit with the difficult, to inhabit that space and to re-gain God's perspective.

.Advent traditionally has been a season of the year where we take a step back and reflect on what God's coming to us in the baby of Bethlehem really means. Sure, during this season all of us are preparing for the great Christian festival of Christmas - buying and wrapping the presents, decorating the house, wringing the turkey's neck (sorry to the vegetarians), even arranging the family visits! But Advent is about much more than this. It invites all of us to take some time out to think about Jesus' coming, not just as an event in history, but his coming to each of us every day of the week.

So, take some time out this Advent to stop, think and reflect. Enjoy the season of Advent, slow down a bit, watch and wait and then be truly prepared to celebrate the greatest event the world has ever known with real joy.

God bless

Fr Craig

From the Registers

Funerals at All Saints' Harbury

November 12 Jorja and Hollie Foster



From the Churchwardens

Will & Fliss

November has been a busy month. It began with the All Souls'

service in which we remembered those whom we have loved and lost; we were very pleased to welcome the Reverend Francis Tyler as our preacher. Then there was the Remembrance Sunday service which was particularly well attended and we were glad to see so many from the young people's uniformed organisations there.



We were delighted that Bishop Christopher came to preach and preside at our Family Communion service; one young member of the congregation was thrilled to see that he was wearing his tea cosy! We have also held our annual children's party and Songs of Praise has been revived after a lapse of a number of years. This last proved very popular and we hope that it will become an annual event.

As we write, Advent, the beginning of the Church's year, is almost upon us. It seems a good time to look back as well as to look forward, and especially to give thanks for the life of the Church in the past twelve



months and to thank everyone who has contributed so much to it. There have been some initiatives – among them the Family Social Evening, the Retreat in Daily Life and Icon, the much needed youth club for which there is already a waiting list. If we began to name names in our thanks, we wouldn't know where to stop, but we do want you to know that, whether your help is given front of house or behind the scenes, we are very grateful to you all.

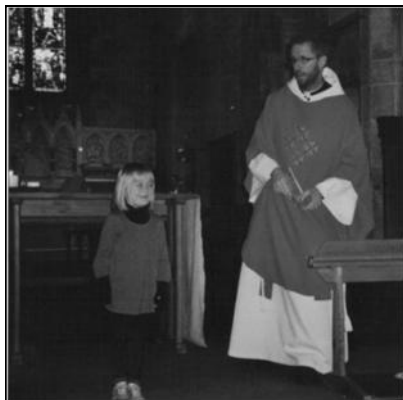
As we look ahead there are some important dates for your diary:

5th December, 2.00 – 4.00pm – the Christmas Fayre

14th December, 7.00pm – Beer and Carols at the Crown Inn

20th December, 3.30pm – the Christingle.

Please note that there will be **no** Family Communion service that morning. It will be replaced by Sung Eucharist.



We wish you the blessings of Advent as we all watch and wait for Christ's birth and a very happy Christmas when He arrives.

	<h2>Mothers' Union</h2>	<p>Gillian Hare</p>
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In November we heard Mrs Yvonne Wheeler describe her years working with her husband as missionaries in Bangladesh for 12 years, India for 3 years and Albania for 8 years. She talked about the qualities and the strong faith needed to deal with the many problems. She emphasized how much difference prayer makes, with specific requests for health, personal safety and cross-cultural understanding amongst others.

At the evening meeting, Father Craig explained to us the significance of different aspects of the Eucharist, his vestments and the liturgical colours. There was a lot that many of us didn't know; it was most enlightening and we hope our visitors also found it so.

When you read this we will have had our afternoon meeting reminiscing on childhood games; I am confident we shall have enjoyed it.

We meet again at 2.30pm on January 6th for our New Year afternoon; please bring wrapped gifts to the value of approximately £1. There will not be a service that day.

And may your leader and committee wish you a very blessed Christmas.





Toddlers Service

Barbara Thistlethwaite

Mrs Mary Catt asked us “how many people do we know who help us?” We looked at pictures around the room of all the different people who do help us. There were Policemen, Life Boat men, Nurses and Doctors as well as lots of other people particularly our Mums and Dads.

We then talked about how each different person helped in their special way.

Mrs Catt then told us the story of The Good Samaritan. Simon had been travelling between two cities and had been set upon by robbers and been just left in the road badly hurt. Two people just walked past him and did not stop to help in any way.

A Samaritan came by on his donkey and helped Simon by bandaging his wounds and giving him food and drink. The Samaritan then took Simon to an inn and paid the landlord to look after Simon until he was well enough to go on his way again.

Mrs Catt asked us who looked after us whatever we had done and that person was of course, Jesus. He will look after us and be there for us whatever we have done.

Mr Hare then played two songs for us and we did all the actions to “Jesus’s love is very wonderful” and “when I needed a neighbour”. We then made “stickings” of lots of people who help us, had our drinks and played until it was time to leave.

Our next Toddlers Service is on Tuesday 8th December in Church. All children and babies accompanied by an adult are very welcome to join us. See you all then!

Beer 'n' Carols

Mon 14th December at 7pm - The Crown Inn, Harbury

Back by popular demand! Following the success of last year's event we are running this again.

Come along to the Crown, buy a beer (or whatever you fancy) and join in with some of your favourite carols.

Sponsored by All Saints' Church.

Hope to see you there!

Father Craig

Ladbroke News & Diary

DECEMBER

Sun 6	Advent II Family Communion, 10.30am followed by refreshments
Mon 7	Table Tennis in Village Hall, 8.00pm
Sun 13	Advent III Holy Communion, 9.00am
Mon 14	Table Tennis in Village Hall, 8.00pm
Fri 18	Pantomime in Village Hall, 7.30pm
Sat 19	Pantomime in Village Hall, 2.30pm and 7.30pm
Sun 20	Holy Communion 9.00am, BCP
Mon 21	Table Tennis in Village Hall, 8.00pm
Thurs 24	Crib Service ,3.30pm
Fri 25	Christmas Day, Holy Communion, 9.30am
Sun 27	Holy Communion, 9.00am
Mon 28	Carol Service, 6.00pm, followed by Refreshments
Thurs 31	New Year's Eve Party, Village Hall

JANUARY

Sat 2	Whist Drive at the Village Hall, 7.45pm
Sun 3	Holy Communion, 9.00am followed by Refreshments
Mon 4	Table Tennis in Village Hall, 8.00pm



Ladbroke Church News

Betty Winkfield

The highlight of November for Ladbroke Church was the visit of Bishop Christopher on Sunday 15th. His gentle and sociable presence was truly appreciated and his service gave the congregation much inspiration.

The recent heavy rains have caused even more leaks in the roof and upper walks which is now damaging the interior. This will require further investigation and expensive repair work.

At a time when we are focusing on much needed income to sustain the fabric of th Church and its overheads, we are extremely grateful to a recent very generous donation from the village Bonfire and Fireworks committee. Many thanks indeed.

We now look forward to the coming festive period and hope to see our various services well supported.

Matters Arising – Change of road name: Only one family failed to



Ladbroke Parish Council

Betty Winkfield

respond to the questionnaire sent to the residents of Windmill Lane. Overwhelmingly, the people living in the village end of the lane wished the name to be unchanged. The upper end of the Lane's respondents suggested either Ladbroke Hill Lane or Lady Hill Lane. The Council thought the first name most suitable. A notice at the village end of the Lane would say "no access to any farm"; at the entrance to the upper end of the lane off the bypass would read "Access to Ladbroke Hill Farm and Ladbroke Grove Farm only".

The roadside parking, again in Windmill Lane, was discussed. Patch Byrne, the Highways and Drainage consultant, had seen the parking problem and was tendering for five parking spaces to be made. (If the tender is accepted before 30th November, we may get a grant.)

The caravan being lived in behind Ladbroke Village Farm is still on the agenda.

Dog Waste: notices have been placed at various places around the village warning people of the possible fines being imposed if they are not responsible for removing their own dog waste.

Parish Council Vacancy: the councillors are to have a special meeting in early December to discuss this matter.

Planning: the plans for the demolition of the old hall and erection of a new Village Hall have been granted, with new access and parking. Tesco's plans have also been passed. Blue Boats at Old Barn Farm have to retrospectively sign a contract regarding the control of noise and transporting of boats.

Highways: the signpost at the junction with Ladbroke Lane and Harbury Road is being attended to.

Parish Plan: this is still being discussed.

Village Hall: The hire of the Hall is now £10 per hour. The tickets for the pantomime on Friday 18th December at 7.30pm and Saturday 19th December at 2.30pm and 7.30pm are selling fast. The Village Hall AGM is on Tuesday 24th November at 8pm. Advance notice: there is a Quiz Night in aid of the Village Hall on 26th March 2010.

Millennium Green: following the safety inspection on the Green, items raised were advisory and generally everything was acceptable to the inspector. The committee is planning a Safari Supper on 30th January and the Fete next year will be on 19th June.

County Report: the Fire Service has not been upgraded for 50 years and the closure of small fire stations is to make mobilization more efficient and cost effective. The budget 2010/11 – this has caused many hard decisions to be made. Since the outcry over Baby P, more children are being visited. There is concern that the local police are not liaising with the community as promised. The PACT meetings have been cancelled but the Forum meetings, which everyone can attend, are being held in their place. Sergeant Fretwell is in charge in Southam.

District Report: there is now twice as much waste going into recycling since the wheelie bins began. More plastic waste will become recyclable soon which we can then place in the blue wheelie bins. Rural areas are more conscientious about recycling than urban areas.

The police have been busy with their cameras on the A423. 23 vehicles were stopped for speeding the last time the police were out. Several cars stopped also had no MOT or insurance and the drivers had no licences. In some cases, these cars were confiscated and scrapped. In general the overall amount of speeding on the A423 has dropped since the introduction of the 50mph limit – with the exception of motorbikes which are still a big problem.

The meeting closed at 21.05hrs. The next meeting will be held on January 20th 2010 at 7.45pm in the Village Hall.



Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge W.I.

Sue Halsall

At the meeting in the Village Hall on Thursday 26th November, John Church gave us the 'Wartime Memories of a Cockney Kid'. John was 12 years old when war was declared in 1939 and the excitement of what was to happen overshadowed the disappointment of the cancellation of the holiday the family were to start that day.

His entertaining talk - it was more of an informal chat - gave us the view from the eyes of a child: the Anderson Shelter serving as a playhouse, travel with other evacuees on a steam train, amazingly to him to Northampton for a brief stay, where he and his sister were instructed to take a bucket of water outside and throw it over the side of the house when the siren sounded (he reasoned that with all that technology, Hitler

wouldn't stand a chance), the fighting games changing from Cowboys and Indians to Soldiers and Germans, the monotony of helping his mother unpick woollens to knit into another garment - we all laughed at his description of his knitted bathing costume when it got wet! The highlight for John seemed to be the closure of the schools for some months and his regular job was to collect horse manure all week and take it on the bus and Tube to his grandmother in Harrow to help with the Dig for Victory campaign. When the school reopened he described loitering on his way there in the hope that the siren would go off before he got to the point of no return and let him come home.

John left school at 13 and our laughter stopped when he touched on the scene he witnessed when the telephone exchange at the back of his place of work was bombed.

His account brought murmurs of shared understanding from many and it brought an insight to those who were too young to have personal experience. I liked the sentence he used to sum up his attitude - when the siren went off while he and his friends were in the park 'I was not going to give up my place on the swing for the Battle of Britain!'

Don't miss the meeting next month which takes place at the earlier date of **10th December** when the Gala Singers will entertain us with Christmas music.

Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club



Ladbroke General Section

The results of the draw for October and November were:

October

£80 Kate & Kevin Pickin
 £50 Pat Kennedy
 £25 Geoff Timms
 £10 Kim Bendzak
 £10 Ken Whiteley
 £10 Linda Spence
 £10 Christine Payne
 £10 Francis Badman

November

Carole & Peter Loftus
 Geoff Lane
 Elaine Taylor
 Geoff & Georgina Middleton
 Margaret Bosworth
 John & Jenny Barrett
 Helen Ballard
 Christine Payne

Janet Goldson

Ladbroke Village Hall

Ladbroke Village Hall Trustees are pleased to announce that Planning Permission for a new much needed Village Hall has now been agreed. Now the hard work commences!

Christine Baker
LVHT - Secretary

New Year's Eve Event

A New Year's Eve event will be held at Ladbroke Village Hall on Thursday 31st December 2009. Tickets, to include a buffet supper, bar, champagne at Midnight and music, are £12.00pp and are available from: Janet 817733, Christine 811606 and Alan 810886.

Christine Baker

Poppies Galore!

At 4pm on the Friday before Remembrance Weekend, Jennie Daniels, who lives at Chapel Ascote Cottages near Ladbroke, sent an email to a friend on the internet Horse Forum, but little did she expect to find herself and her horse less than a week later posing for pictures outside Coventry Cathedral.

Remembrance Weekend came and went and the children attended the Southam Parade in their respective Beavers, Cubs and Air Cadets and all was quiet. Then suddenly, at 4pm on the Monday it all kicked off!

The next 24 hours were a frantic tangle of emails and phone calls interspersed with washing a white (no muddy brown) horse and preparing, cleaning and pressing a uniform. This was only Jennie, because in the Oxfordshire publicity office all the employees were taking it in turns to fix poppies by the dozen onto a horse's rug! The rug was to fit Jennie's horse, Lady Jane and a photo shoot was arranged for the morning of Armistice Day at Coventry Cathedral.

Many of you will remember the horse, as she was the one bring ridden by Jennie side-saddle in the pre-World War I FANY (First Aid Nursing Yeomanry) uniform at Harbury Carnival on behalf of the Southam Cardall Collection. This time, Jennie was asked to wear her World War I FANY uniform for riding astride, the more conventional army uniform.



Well Lady Jane was the star of the morning, there's no doubt about that. She wore her coat of poppies with pride and loved the fuss from workers and visitors alike at the Cathedral. The buses of children visiting the Cathedral loved the added bonus of seeing a horse. She even negotiated with flare the enormous range of steps up from the road outside the University to stand between the old and new Cathedrals and pose under the cross.



Apart from the professional photo shoot on behalf of the British Legion, various photographs flew around the internet between the horse forum members, BBC Coventry and Warwickshire Radio, local newspapers and to promote a big horse event at Stoneleigh Park, Your Horse Live, where a photo of Jennie and Lady Jane was signed by all the attending celebrities and auctioned off on behalf of the 2009 poppy appeal.

Linda Doyle
Ladbroke

Ladbroke Safari Supper – 30th January

Residents of Ladbroke are cordially invited to participate in a Safari Supper to brighten the dark month of January. It is a great way to meet up with people you know and others you haven't yet met. Following the successful formula of previous events, each household in turn hosts a course for a few guests and we all finish up at the Village Hall for a coffee and nightcap. Not a Ladbroke resident? If you know someone in the village well enough you could ask them whether you could host a course at their place - many do. Contact Helen Morten on 814516 or the Warrs on 815004.

Kip Warr

Ladbroke Bell Tower

It has been quite a month for the team at the tower. Some of the most astute of you within the village have already questioned why the bells were "a-ringing" on the night of the 5th of November. Let me enlighten you to an old tradition dating back to the 19th century, since when church tower bells were customarily rung on either Guy Fawkes Eve or Guy Fawkes Night. Jonathan Crouch, described the custom in Polperro, Cornwall, in 1871:

" 'Ringing night' is on the 4th of November, the eve of gunpowder plot. The usual belfry rules, imposing fines on those, who in a drunken or 'choleric' mess should overturn a bell or by unskillful handling mar a peal for the time, not rigidly enforced, and I fear that many bells can date their ruin from this night".

The team did call for the upholding of this tradition at short notice hence the decision to ring on Guy Fawkes Night itself. We hope that this will be the start of things to come for the Bell Tower whereby more historic events relating to old bell ringing traditions can be revived in the coming years. Hot on the heels of Guy Fawkes night came Remembrance Sunday. Traditionally, the bells are rung "half-muffled" to respect this occasion. The term "half-muffled" refers to the practice of covering one side of a bell's clapper with a leather cover in order that each bell only strikes once per revolution. The purpose is to create a more sombre and respectful sound. It was felt that only the most experienced members of the team were appropriate to mark our respects for this occasion.

The following week the new Bishop of Coventry Diocese visited Ladbroke for a Communion Service. It was fitting for the bell ringers to offer a warm welcome by ringing "rounds" prior to the service. As Marg Bosworth

explained to the Bishop afterwards, "It was a bit clanky!" but Bishop Christopher appreciated our efforts.

As for the team itself, the two "rookies" are progressing steadily and we anticipate more joining our happy little "mums army" soon. As was reported by our captain, Laura Taylor, last month anybody is welcome to come by and join in if they wish to be part of the Ladbroke bell ringing team. Bell ringing practice starts at 19:30pm on a Monday night every week. With our numbers growing, Captain Laura is able now to "step out" from the bell ringing routines and now turn her attention to "orchestration" skills and tuition which will, long-term, see your bell ringing team develop more skillfully so that, into the new year, your ears will be caressed by the soft melodic tone of church bells throughout the village. (Fingers crossed!)

Finally, one of the crew has attended the maintenance training course held at the excellent facility at St Peters Church in Kineton, who have proven to be of great support to the Ladbroke Bell Tower over recent months, and this should stand us in good stead to keep the bells themselves in tip top shape. All is well at the Tower and we hope you think so too!

Krys Robinson



Harbury Parish Council

Linda Ridgley

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

Harbury Parish Council – November 2009

Your Parish Council spent hours agonising over the **School Swimming Pool** application. They started with the Public Participation Session where Mr Edwards gave a power point presentation on why he and a number of those who live near the school objected to the plans (scale, access, noise, and parking were the main points).

This was followed by Headmaster Dennis Daly who explained that revised drawings had been submitted, as due to a misunderstanding, the original plans showed the pool building 1.5 metres closer to the homes in Wagstaffe Close than was intended.

Mr Daly said there had already been extensive consultations and overwhelmingly people had been very positive about the project. Any issues they had expressed had been dealt with.

The possible new access in Park Lane had been abandoned – only the main entrance would be used out of school hours.

The building had been rotated 180° so the lowest part faced Wagstaffe Close.

Children from other schools would be dropped off by minibus shuttle.

Up until 5pm most of the use would be by the children of Harbury.

Parking for sessions after school would be in the school car park.

Weekend sessions were only likely from 10.00-12.00pm on Saturdays.

Other residents expressed concerns about parking in the vicinity of the school; the financial viability of the scheme and the potential noise nuisance from the plant room on the west side of the building. The Architect stated that the room would be sound-proofed.

When the Parish Council came to consider the application later in the meeting they went round in circles attempting to predict the effects of noise and whether parking would present a problem.

Chairman Tim Lockley suggested Councillors had two issues to consider:- the size and scale of the building and the proposed access and potential access issues. But still they wondered if the pool building could be rotated 180° (back where it started) and/or the plant-room moved and what level of noise it would generate.

So the Chairman brought them back to consideration of the size and scale of the building, and reminded them they could object or comment on the plans but they were split 50/50 along more general lines.

After even more discussion they voted and determined not to object on the grounds of size and scale but to comment instead that the opening hours be subject to a formal planning condition along with the requirement for parking to be confined to the school's own car park.

After that things got easier.

Planning

Previously discussed plans for Hazebrook and the Cottage, Leycester House Farm had been **granted by Stratford District** along with an extension to 7 Greenhill Farm, a change of use of outbuildings at Lower Westfields Farm and the Tesco's Store in Southam.

The **Parish made** no representation on internal alterations to Wissett Lodge, a time extension at barns on Ufton Road, work at 30 Percival Drive or the tree-works at 1 Farm Close.

The **Bush Heath Lane** development was quickly dealt with; the Council deciding that they wanted the majority of Phases 2 & 3 to be for low cost homes for local people and that the scheme should be as environmentally sustainable and energy efficient as possible.

They did not see any objections to Ms Toner's plans to change the business use at the old Post Office to allow it to be a Solicitor's office if she purchased the building.

Council Properties

A replacement seesaw for the **Small Children's Play Area** will be ordered. More bollards have to be installed at the **Recreation Grounds Car Park** to prevent youths driving cars in once the gate is down.

Sharon Hancock reported that the Parish would apply to the diocese for a faculty for all the staked memorials in **the Burial Grounds**, even for those they thought now were unlikely to have to be laid flat. The Clerk had written a sensitive letter which would go to all the known relatives and after consultation the Parish Working Party and the Contractor would inspect the memorials and lay flat those that were dangerous.

Cllr Hancock said it was a complicated and difficult task but all her colleagues agreed that for safety reasons they had to continue with the procedure.

More energy efficient bulbs were to be installed in the **Footway Lighting** in Farley Avenue and Sutcliffe Drive and as a trial lights would be switched off from midnight to 5am on an estate area to see what power could be saved.

Parish Plan - Chairman Tim Lockley proposed that this should be reviewed or updated by the Council. He did not suggest that the parishioners' views should be sought. However during the Public Participation Session **Mr Bristow** had called on the Council acknowledge the dangers posed by climate change, raise awareness of the problems it would bring and set up a Working Party on the possibility of providing a **Combined Heat and Power Plant** for the community. To this the Council agreed and noted that reduction of the carbon footprint was already part of their Parish Plan Review.

Grants - The Public Participation had seen Jerry Birkbeck seek Parish Council moral support for **Rugby Club** funding bids to improve the drainage of their grounds and Alison Baldwin ask for a grant to purchase "size specific tackle bags" for the younger of the 99 local children who

were members of the club. This the Council later approved granting them £600.

Our Parish Council has been awarded the **Power of Wellbeing** which will give it wider scope to fund and take on more projects.

They agreed that if the council was asked to increase the Parish Rate to help fund the proposed extension and improvements to the Village Hall a Parish Poll would be needed to ensure there was community support.

Councillors Corner

Stratford Cllr Andrew Patrick listed various roadworks; the Chapel St junction the faded white lines and the flooding on the Hall Lane Corner were all to be addressed. He was pleased to announce that additional plastics could now be recycled. The trial mast at Starbold (he did not have a vote) had been rejected by SDC Cllrs who thought it had no community support, but the applicant would appeal.

County Councillor Bob Stevens reported that the **Cemex** application to burn waste at Long Itchington had been rejected. The **Early Years Funding** review might have an adverse impact on groups in the village. The **Fire Service Review Consultation** would now be assessed. The County had to find cuts of **£20 million** from its budget for each of the next four years and this would lead to hard decisions.

Policing - There was great disquiet that the police no longer sent a representative to our Council's meetings, but seemed to expect parishes to raise their concerns once a quarter at the Community Forum, making them, Tim Lockley suggested, mere supplicants. The Parish Council will complain to the Chief Constable.

Next Meeting: Thursday 28th January 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Harbury Parish Council – Some Useful Information Items

Book Exchange at Harbury Library

Residents might be interested to know that the book exchange in the foyer of Harbury Library is now up and running. Books can be deposited on the shelving provided and exchanged free of charge for others there – this is a great way to tidy out your book shelves in time for Christmas! The exchange can be accessed at the same times as the library is open – 2.00pm – 5.00pm, 5.30pm – 7.00pm on Mondays and on Thursdays 10.00am – 1.00pm, 2.00pm – 5.00pm and 5.30pm – 7.00pm.

Christmas Tree Disposal

This year, following the extension of the green bin collections throughout the winter, would residents please note that they can dispose of their old Christmas trees (real trees only please!) with their green waste. The trees do not need to be cut up but can be left beside the green bins for collection at the usual time.

Dog Fouling – A Polite Request

Please could dog owners be aware that the Stratford District Council Dog Warden will be visiting the village in the near future. Clearing up after your dog is basic manners and shows respect for others using the footpaths in the village. Particularly bad areas at the moment are the playing fields, Mill Street and Percival Drive and the warden has been asked to visit these areas in particular so please do not risk a fine and clean up after your dog.

Harbury Parish Council

Harbury Cemetery

During the next 3 months, the Council will be carrying out a review of the risk assessment on memorials in Harbury Cemetery.

Since last year, new, “lighter touch” guidelines have been introduced for memorial safety in cemeteries and the Council will be applying these new guidelines to the current assessment. This may mean that some memorials will pass the inspection and will have the current stakes and binding removed from them. These memorials will however continue to be monitored by the Council on an annual basis. Some memorials however will fail the inspection again this year and, **in these cases, the Council may make the decision to lay the memorial down for safety reasons.** This decision will however, only be taken where there is a significant risk due to the memorial being unstable and, wherever, possible, relatives will be informed and consulted.

The Council is very concerned that this assessment is carried out with sensitivity and due respect both to those buried in the cemetery and their relatives. For this reason, if you have any concerns or questions you would like to ask, please contact the Parish Clerk on the contact details shown below as soon as possible. All communications will be treated in the strictest confidence and the clerk is able to advise where necessary on the options for getting memorials repaired if you require.

Mrs N Thompson, Parish Clerk, Telephone 01926 614646, e-mail clerk@harbury-pc.gov.uk

Harbury Parish Council



Councillor's Corner

Andrew Patrick

On a wet and blustery day on 14th November, five wet and blustery Councillors gathered outside Harbury Post Office to hear your complaints and comments. Bob Stevens was there for the County, Bev Mann and myself for the District and Tim Lockley and Jenny Patrick for the Parish.

Top of your agenda was **Roads, Drains and Pavements**.

The Chapel Lane junction

Highways say the temporary repair will be made permanent by Severn Trent in the near future.

Junction of Church Terrace/Hall Lane

Highways intend to have it re-jetted and draw up a plan of the gullies, connections & any mains found. If it doesn't improve, they may have to excavate/investigate.

Faded white lines and lettering

There is an order in place for renewal work to the lines/lettering over much of Harbury.

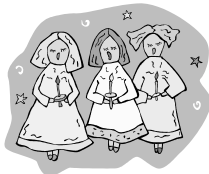
We are trying to find out expected time-scales for all these items.

- **Vicarage Lane pavement:** The Parish Council have taken up with the house owner the matter of plants overgrowing the footpath.
- **Request for 'No Parking' signs outside Chesterton Farm:** The problem is that sometimes the milk tanker is unable to reverse into Mrs Trice's farm. Highways tell us they can't supply new 'No Parking' signs, but we'll keep monitoring the situation.

Penelope Close and Leycester Close

These are two of the streets due for resurfacing in April/May of next year, if residents can just be patient for a few months more!

There were questions too about **Recycling**. Here is the **good news** !



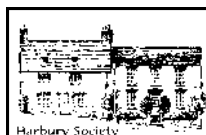
Will garden refuse collections continue over the winter?

YES

When can we put out more plastics for recycling?

IMMEDIATELY.

*Starting from December, the dry recycling collection (blue-lidded bin) can include
CLEAN yogurt pots and margarine tubs,
CLEAN plastic food containers (but not wrapping eg cling-film), and
CLEAN aluminium foil.*



Harbury Society

Linda Ridgley

Dr Jacky Lawrence explained to us the achievements of the County Climate Change Partnership whose website (*Google:- Warwickshire Climate Change Partnership*) gives a monthly news and events bulletin. There are case studies of particular projects, a page of potential funders and links to local groups.

Warwickshire pioneered raising awareness of the need to save energy by running the **Switch it Off Campaign** which has now been taken up nationally. The average household wastes 1 kilowatt a day by leaving appliances on standby – costing £23 million over the country, which is committed to reducing CO₂ emissions per head from 8.2 tonnes to 7.2 tonnes in 2011.

Warwickshire undertook the largest UK study on domestic wind-power generation which showed that very small turbines in urban areas were not worthwhile, but larger turbines in less built up areas were efficient. Research reveals that the whole County emits 4.5million tonnes of CO₂ and has to cut that to 1.9m by 2050 to achieve the national target of a reduction of 60%. It is a big challenge.

The growing **Transition Towns** movement is addressing the threat of “Peak oil” – the time when we begin to demand more oil than can be produced. The Leamington Recycling Shop generates £100,000 a year for use on its other projects – including Dr Bike, the refurbishment of cycles.

The floods of 2007 cost the County £90 million and brought about the realisation that we must plan for climate change and adaptation and mitigation measures. Jacky had lots of ideas to help individuals and communities tackle climate change and plan to make their villages more “resilient”. She even has an alternative to the largely discredited “Carbon-offsetting” scheme. It is a practical scheme where people donate support to projects in Bangladesh working to mitigate the effects of flooding on the local economy and communities.

NEXT EVENTS

Saturday 5th December PHOTO QUIZ at Christmas Fayre, 2.30pm in Village Hall- Do come and tax your memory trying to identify locations in the village.



Harbury Women's Institute

Jeanne Beaumont

An amazing number of members attended November's meeting on an awful evening. The Annual Meeting is not always interesting but it certainly was this year – well, for a start we all started off with a glass of wine! We were pleased to welcome Lynne Stubbings to officiate the proceedings. Lynne, a W.I member for 30 years is a national and Warwickshire Federation Executive. Ann Mayer was voted President for a third year. Peggie Middleton retired from being Secretary and we thank her so much for her hard work, also many thanks to Dorothy Travis too. The committee will continue to support Ann.

An outline of all that had happened over the past year was given which wasn't bad for Harbury W.I.

The last walk on a lovely day was around Harbury Heath.

39 shoeboxes were packed by helpers and will be sent to Romania; many thanks to all who donated gifts and money.

The W.I Coffee Morning will be on Saturday 5th December with a raffle, cake stall and bric-a-brac.

The group Carol Service is at Stockton Church on Tuesday 8th December at 7.30pm. We are off to the Panto on Thursday 7th January, leaving the Village Hall at 6.30pm.

We were delighted to have Michael Hare entertain us on his keyboard with a selection of music from shows. We all joined in and June knew

every word. Michael is a very versatile player and arranger – thank you so much and we hope to see you again!

December Meeting: Tom Hauley Room, Thursday 10th December at 7.45pm. Don't forget your bran tub present. Speaker: Lt. Col. Gerald Lesinski, Lord Leycester Hospital.



Folk Club

Peter Bones

At the **300th** session on November 5th, it was a case of “Remember, remember, the very first Harbury Folk Club in September 1984”. It turned out to be just as I'd hoped – a trip down memory lane with a record number of performers, including many from the old days.

By our start time of 8:30pm, I had 26 ‘acts’ on my list, enough for two folk club sessions, so it was strictly one song or tune each on this special occasion. The theme for the evening, appropriately, was “Celebration” and most items reflected that in some way or other. Even though there were so many performers (I counted 39 individual singers and musicians), we still had a sizable audience, way too many to fit into the back room of The Dog, so some were forced to stand outside and crane their necks to watch the show.

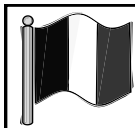
There were far too many performances to list them all but worthy of special mention was Gerda Pickin who had travelled all the way from Scotland for the evening, to remind us what we've been missing since she left Harbury all those years ago. Having made that sort of effort to get there, I asked her to sing two songs (to everyone else's one) and she chose superbly – “Wild women don't get the blues” and her own composition “First Frost”.

Other past performers were Mike Putnam, who didn't disappoint with a dynamic version of “Brother Sylvest”, Mike Houston with the “Killiecrankie Song” and the Jug Band who had reformed specially for the occasion to sing the classic “Christmas in Australia”. It was a shame that we only had time for one from the Quiet Men (Kieron, Terry and Dave) so we look forward to hearing them again soon. Undoubtedly, one of the finest performances of the evening was Bob Hodgkiss' faultless monologue, “The Charabanc Trips”, a full five minutes of mirth and non-stop punch lines. In a hectic evening, we also heard from Martin Day, Barbara, Pete and Liz, Pete Grassby, Debbie and Mike, Des, Band of Folk (all nine of us), Rik and Theresa, Stuart, Double Up, Summer & Jenny, Ron, the Harvesters, Peter Mason, Richard, Katherine Fear and me.

By coincidence, we had two singers from the other side of the world. We had one song from Mandy, from Australia, while Gilly Darbey, visiting from her new home in New Zealand, sang on her own and also with Keith Donnelly. Together, they finished the evening with one of their greatest hits, "New Lang Syne". Phew!

The raffle raised an amazing £100 to be split equally between Ovacom (a support network for everyone affected by ovarian cancer) and Cancer Research UK. By the time you read this, the next session of Harbury Folk Club will be on January 7th.

<http://welcome.to/harburyfolkclub>



Harbury Twinning Association

Moira Lamont

On the 13th November we held our Annual General Meeting in the Tom Hauley Room which was well attended.

As Chairman, I started by presenting a summary of the Association's activities over the past twelve months and this was followed by our Treasurer's review of the comprehensive balance sheets that he had circulated to all members prior to the meeting. This was followed by the election of officers, which reinstated the current committee with the exception of Ruth Guy and Mavis Taylor who did not wish to be re elected. In addition we welcome back on the committee Janet Thornley, who had been our secretary previously, in the early days of the Association.

There followed some business in which certain amendments to the Association's constitution were discussed and carried, which ended the AGM.

Then on to the social aspect of the evening, which consisted of a superbly presented wine tasting where we each got to taste a selection of French wines, red, white, and rose, accompanied by bread and cheese. It was very good to see that we had a number of guests join us for this part of the evening and who knows, they may be so impressed that they become members, well we hope so. This brought the evening to an end.





Harbury RFC

Harbury Mini & Midi Rugby

Mike Steele

1 November - At home to Old Leamingtonians

Under 9s

Match 1 - Harbury 3 v 2 Old Leamingtonians

We came back from being 2-0 down at half time to win 3-2 with 2 tries from Alex and 1 from Danny

Match 2 - Harbury 5 v 2 Old Leamingtonians

Tries from Alex 3, Caellach and Dominic 1 each

On the worst day for weather this season the whole squad played really well, Jay had a good day with some big tackles and good runs. Harbury were a very determined side who never gave up which paid off with 2 wins.

Under 11s

On a wet and windy Sunday Old Leams came to Harbury and taught our boys how to play rugby. From the off OL were quick with the ball along the line and dominated every phase of play. Harbury were again good as individuals, but failed to work as a team. With tackling poor, Harbury had no answer to the onslaught. Both matches were won by the Visitors, comfortably 36 nil and 42 nil. Man of the match was Ryan Comyns, as Full Back. To Harbury's credit they stayed together and played to the bitter end without any recrimination or malice against team mates, opposition or officials. We know we can do better. A lot better, so let's prove it in **two weeks** time against Shipston at home.

Under 12s

Match 1 - Harbury 0 v 12 Old Leamingtonians

Despite Harbury's normal hard work and very good scrummaging, rucking and mauling, we lost to the better back play of Old Leams.

Match 2 - Harbury 0 v 21 Old Leamingtonians

After making a few changes Harbury continued to fight hard but were beaten by a slightly better organised team.

As commented by an opposition parent the scores did not reflect how tight both games were. Special mention for good play goes to Sam Tutt, Neil Taylor, Ben Taylor and James Darlison.

15th November - At home to Shipston

Under 9s

Match 1: Sadly our first defeat of the season, we lost 4-2, our tries came from Alex.

Match 2: 5-5 with tries from Chloe, Hugh, Dominic and Alex (2)

Shipston were keen tacklers, Harbury put up a good fight and managed to hold a draw for the second match. Well done everyone, great team spirit again.

Under 11s

Harbury 15 v Shipston 5

Well, what a difference a week makes.

Harbury took to the field against Shipston with a belief that they were invincible. A game of fast moving ball and even faster feet. The first half was evenly matched as the two teams engaged in battle. 20 minutes and no score, but now Harbury had the advantage of the slope and that was all they needed as Emile De Mello exploded through the Shipston line to give Harbury a 5 point lead. Shortly after Joe Hunt jinked and swerved to score a second. There was some great kicking from both sides but our Ryan Comyns had the measure of Shipston and was able to catch and return most of their ball. Suddenly from a scrum Matt Laity, went blind side, low and fast to give the home side a 15 point lead. Shipston fought on gallantly and were rewarded with a try after some sloppy defending by Harbury.

A second match of 10 mins each way saw Harbury score two tries without reply. The first by Bay after some nifty footwork and the second by our very own, Pack Leader, JB, who was moving with all the grace of a raging bull as he bounced the opposition around the pitch.

Well done to both teams!

Man of the Match was Lujke Davis. Great tackling Lujke!

Under 12s

Harbury 35 v Shipston 14

This was the the U12s best performance of the year so far. Harbury were on fire from the off, running in the opening try in the first minute of the game. Harbury's pack dominated up front, making room for the backs to exploit any spare ground which they did time and again. As well as an outstanding team performance over all, special mention must go to Sam Tutt and Harry White who were both awesome.

Try scorers were Neil Taylor (2), Harry White (2) and Sam Tutt. Conversions kicked by Harry White (2), Sam Tutt and George McGowan (2).

Under 13s

Harbury 5 v 31 Shipston

A much closer game than the score suggests. Harbury got to the Shipston line on a few occasions but were kept out by resolute defence. The Shipston backs were talented and Harbury struggled to tackle them when they created overlaps and got forward in numbers.

Our consolation try was scored by Aaron Ward who was injured in the second half. Fly half Jack Hewson was Man of the Match for his constant forays forward. Props George White and Rory Pickin rucked and mauled well, forwards Robert Rollason, Fin Toner, Bradley King, Joe Webster and Josh Biggs all worked hard at the breakdowns.

Simon Fisher had great game and was a constant thorn in the Shipston forwards side. Wingers William Rea and Shane Fennell both had good runs and tackled well. Well done to all who took part.

22nd November - Away at Alcester

U9s

Alcester 0 v Harbury 17

Two words describe today's team 'ON FIRE' with a much depleted squad due to other commitments we only had 1 sub and it was raining, a lot. The coaches decided on 1 game instead of 2 but each half would be 15 mins instead of 10. Our tries came from Alex (12)!, Tim Baldwin (4) and Peter (1)..... fantastic team play, Colin and Michael deserved to be very proud at the end.

U11s

Alcester 10 v Harbury 10

A somewhat depleted Harbury side arrived at Alcester in cold rain. Alcester had a large fast moving pack which took the game to Harbury and soon the score was 2 tries to Alcester, 0 to Harbury. Harbury's tackling lacked commitment on the whole and Alcester were able to punch holes in Harbury's defence. Suddenly the sun broke through, both in the sky and on the pitch as Bay Toner, our very own Will 'o the Wisp, covered in mud and soaking wet crossed the line for a try. Harbury were now on to loose balls quickly and with hard tackles started to turn the tide. The forwards were fighting and driving hard. The backs running and passing. Passing? Yeah passing! A fantastic game ensued with JB (James Butlin) crossing in the corner for a try. 2 tries all it finished.

Our guys were all in, but Alcester with a bigger squad, requested a second shorter match. Harbury were game, but with Bay on the side line injured and with wings 2nd rowing and 2nd rows, hooking Harbury had an uphill task. This match finished 2 nil to Alcester, but it was a much more equal contest than the score would suggest.

Luke Barnes knocked the tooth out of an opposing player in a crunching tackle and Ryan Comyns had his face slightly rearranged by a boot.

Harbury were awesome and all deserved great credit, but Man of the Match was SAUL DYSON, who was everywhere.

U12s

Alcester 0 v Harbury 35

Missing the engine room in the pack, Henry Steele and Sam Tutt volunteered and stepped up to more than fill some very big boots. The pack then went on to display the best rucking and mauling seen this year. This gave the backs chance to move the ball wide and play some great running rugby. George McGowan scored from a good sniping run, Ben Giles found room from the base of a ruck to run in from ten meters and Alex Marston added to the tally with his second try in two weeks. Henry Mancell finished off the game with the second of his two tries, executing a lovely dummy pass to make room to go over the line himself. Conversions - George McGowan (3), Sam Tutt and Henry Mancell.

Yet another excellent team performance from the 14 there on the day, who worked exceptionally hard for each other.

22 November - Away at Rugby St Andrews

U13s

Rugby St. Andrews 5 v Harbury 32

Rugby St. Andrews started very well and their tight head prop broke through tackles to score in the corner. Harbury woke up from the restart and slowly rucked and mauled forward. Good handling from the backs lead to outside centre Jack Hewson slipping through to score. Bradley King converted the kick. A ten minute spell followed with Harbury stuck in their own 22. Our scrum was going backwards and we lost three against the head however the tackling was great, particularly from Finn Toner and eventually Harbury got a penalty and moved forward. The forwards rucked really well and when second row Joe Webster got space in their 22, there was no stopping him. Half time score 12 – 5.

In the second half against the wind Harbury dominated the breakdowns and won good ball for the backs. Inside centre Rory Pickin and fly half Simon Fisher linked well and saw full back Aaron Ward in space who

burst through to score.

Rugby St. Andrews was forced to kick under pressure in their 22, from the lineout Man of the Match Joe Webster caught the ball brilliantly and the forwards mauled forward, with hooker Bradley King breaking off to score. From the restart winger William Rea caught the ball and put in a great run, under pressure Rugby St. Andrews kicked straight to Aaron Ward whose lightning pace took him through to score under the posts. Aaron then topped off his performance with a catch in his own 22 which he ran the entire length of the pitch to score his third try.



November has been an excellent month for the rugby club. The Seniors and Juniors have both put together some great performances and help to develop good quality rugby - far above that of the turgid performances that the national side has put together in recent matches!

The 1st XV were promoted to a higher level of rugby at the end of the season. Injuries and unavailabilities at the beginning of the season did not help the league campaign. The opening four matches were lost with a couple by a single point. Notwithstanding, this setback the team has started to play with a great deal more confidence and continuity in recent weeks.

A most significant result was the home victory over Old Leamingtonians by 24-13 on 14th November. This was the first time that the clubs have met at senior level and OL's are regarded as an established club. Surprisingly in the 22 years that league rugby has been played OL's have never been relegated nor promoted but stayed where they are. Harbury have lost players to OL's and clubs such as Leamington and Stratford. Hopefully this win will help potential players and supporters to support their local club.

The Junior and Mini Section are superbly organised and the commitment by players, coaches and parents is a testament to their success.

Several exciting projects are beginning to come to fruition and these include the preparation of a 10 year Development Plan and the Club submitting its proposals for what is known as the RFU Whole Club Seal of Approval. This is a key document that the club prepares looking at its strengths and weaknesses, the preparation of a 3 year Development Plan and an annual Action Plan. We are awaiting the outcome with great interest. We are also looking to undertake a major pitch drainage project which will provide quality playing surfaces for cricket, football training and rugby. Subject to funding this will be undertaken in May 2010.

More than 6,500 cricket, football and rugby players between the ages of 5 -60+ use the pitches annually - so they get a hammering and during wet weather are often waterlogged.

Do come down and see us play!

The next few weeks will see the following matches at Waterloo Fields.

Saturday matches kick off at 2.15 PM and on Sunday Mini and Junior Matches kick off is at 11.00am.

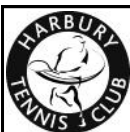
SATURDAY 12th DECEMBER

2nd XV v SHIPSTON 2nd XV

Friendly

SATURDAY 19th DECEMBER

1st XV v UPTON on SEVERN Midlands 3 West (South) League



Harbury Tennis Club

Colin and Sue Mercer

In the Banbury Floodlit League the team lost its unbeaten record in Division 4 with a 3-5 defeat against Kings Sutton. Colin Mercer and Keith Thompson got off to a flying start and raced into a 5-2 lead but were pegged back to 6-6 by the home pair. Fortunately the Harbury pair won the tiebreak and then went on to take the second set. Eira Owen and Sue Mercer halved their rubber to put Harbury into a promising position at the halfway stage. Unfortunately the home team staged an excellent recovery winning all 4 sets in the mixed doubles although Sue and Colin went very close to salvaging a draw in a very close first set tie-break.

Fortunes were restored in the next match against unbeaten Hook Norton. In this one Eira was joined by Caroline Morland, Jon Guy and David Lauder, and the blend of youth and experience jelled really well as Harbury ran out 7-1 winners. The ladies' doubles rubber was halved but Harbury weren't troubled too much in the remaining 6 sets and the win lifted us into second place behind Hook Norton with a game in hand.

Following 2 home wins, the Club are also in second place in a very open Division 4 of the Winter League, (played at weekends) The first match was against Byfield and the team of Caroline Morland, Sara Peters, Steve Stark and Peter Walshe ran out very convincing winners by 8-0.

This was followed by a much closer match against Tysoe when Sara was

joined by David Lauder and Colin and Sue Mercer. It was all square after the first 2 rubbers, Colin and David winning comfortably against their younger opponents. That was offset by the visiting ladies who won both sets against Sara and Sue. In the mixed doubles, having lost the first set 6-7 on a tie break Colin and Sue were determined to fight back. Thanks to a record number of deuces won on Colin's service games they managed to take the second set 7-5 and halved their rubber. Sara and David clinched the match by winning both sets in theirs.

In the Men's Stratford League doubles match against a very strong Shipston team father and son Geoff and Sebastian Prince, Jon Scothern and Kevin Moffatt went down to a heavy 0-4 defeat. Harbury's cause wasn't helped with Geoff nursing a calf injury but it was always going to be difficult playing against a team that included the Club coach and a County Junior champion!

The team managed a 2-2 draw in their away match against Littleton two weeks later. Teenagers Marcus Sharpe and Jon Guy won both their matches, while "oldies" Jon Scothern and Geoff Prince lost both theirs after three epic sets with several lost tie breaks.

The only other event to report was the Club's 30th AGM which was not in the least controversial and the current committee were voted in en bloc. For information that's Colin Mercer (Chairman), Mary Thompson (Secretary), Paul Crowton (Treasurer), Sue Mercer (Junior Officer), Karen Bristow, Jon Guy, Eira Owen, Sara Peters, Geoff Prince and Peter Walshe.

Finally I'd like to thank Fitzgerald Marshall-Hardy Limited for producing our new Tennis Club Logo!



Harbury Toddler Group

Julie Young & Hilary Riemer

Halloween

What a fabulously fun time the children had at Toddlers for Halloween as you can see from the photos. Biscuit decorating, fancy dress and spooky stories to name a few. The children thoroughly enjoyed it and it was lovely to see so many scary witches and that was just the mums !! November was also a busy month with bonfire pictures and painting galore. We have also brought lots of new toys and equipment so playtime has never been so much fun. The singing at the end of the sessions has been a real hit, taking many of us back to our childhood and the songs we used to sing.

December



December is a busy month - we have Dragon Ceramics visiting Toddler Group to make Christmas gifts and decorations with the children on Monday 7th December. Following that on Monday 21st December 10.30 - 12.30 at the Village Hall we have our big bonanza Christmas Party. Entrance fee £3.50 per child; this includes a bouncy castle, present from santa and lunch for the child. The usual

age is newborn through to pre-school, however if your child is older please phone the number below to discuss. Tickets need to be purchased in advance from the Toddler group session or from Corinna Butler, telephone number below; you will not be able to pay on the door.



Just a reminder Harbury Toddler Group sessions are held on Monday mornings from 9.30 - 11.30 (excluding bank holidays) in the area to the side of the Wight School. Please phone Corinna Butler on 01926 612852 for any information.



Harbury Pre-School

Staff & Committee

We were delighted to welcome William when he joined us at Pre-School after the half-term break and he has settled in very well with all his friends. We were also pleased to have Ellie, a student from Warwickshire College's Apprenticeship Scheme, with us in November on work placement for her BTEC 1st diploma.

Guy Fawkes Night: The children returned to Pre-School with their own impressions of Bonfire Night and the fireworks that they had seen. In the indoor classroom they made wonderful paintings and collages at the

creative table, using black paper, glue and brightly coloured glitter. They continued the theme outside, where they used logs, cardboard tubes and other items to make a large scale reconstruction of a bonfire, with red and yellow bricks as “flames”.

They then created their own fireworks, simultaneously throwing coloured balls



in the air, with the only noise coming from the children themselves! **Autumn Walks:** Our annual autumn walks took place during November and we would like to thank the grandparents of Mae and Nuala who came to help us with these. In their own words, the children have described their experiences:



“We went on the autumn walk to the woods. It was wet and we wore boots. We took buckets and found

conkers, leaves, sticks and pineapples! Gael showed us rubbing paper on a tree. We did running around, playing and sitting on a tree. We listened to the balls (listening spheres) and we heard a train, a dog and a BEAR! The hill was slippery. Then we saw how many



children we could fit around the tree. There was a worm and it was wriggling and very jiggly. We kicked leaves around and looked for conkers. WE ENJOYED OUR AUTUMN WALK!” On their return to Pre-School, the children learned about the story of ‘Leaf Man’ and enjoyed making their own Leaf Man collages from the materials they had collected. They also produced some beautiful leaf rubbings and a book was made of their experiences. A woodland area was created in the book area



and this was equipped with logs, leaves, an assortment of soft toy woodland animals and autumnal story books.

Date for the Diary: The Harbury Pre-School Christmas Fete will take place on Sunday 13th December at 1.30pm in the Village Hall. There will be a Table Top Sale of toys and children's clothes (£5 per table – contact Julie Young on 614050), mulled wine, mince pies, craft stalls, a performance by the Harbury Choir School, and a possible visit by Father Christmas.

Christmas: Amid great excitement, we are now beginning preparations ready for our Nativity Songtime at the stables in Mill Lane, and for a visit to Pre-School from a very busy Father Christmas. We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

If anyone would like further information about Harbury Pre-School, please contact Jacqui Quinney, Chair of the Pre-School Committee, on Harbury 613386. The web site can be found at www.harburypre-school.org.uk.

Harbury Pre-School Fundraising Helen Gowland and Julie Young

Harbury Pre-School are holding a Christmas Market on Sunday 13th December from 1.00pm-5.00pm at Harbury Village Hall.

Come and finish your Christmas Shopping or, if you've had enough of all that, come and put your feet up, bring your friends and family and enjoy a glass or two of mulled wine while getting into the Christmas Spirit with the wonderful Harbury Choir School. They promise a relaxed sing-along with carols-song sheets provided so don't be shy!

In addition there will be more than 15 diverse stalls including Christmas decorations and wreaths; personalised ceramics; homemade cakes and jams; alpaca hats and jewellery.

Also, why not visit Santa Claus and have your photograph taken with the great guy himself. Stephen Oliver photography will be recording individual shots of all children visiting Father Christmas. All children visiting Father Christmas get a gift and also, what better gift for those adoring grandparents than a photo of their grandchild with Father Christmas!

Top class raffle prizes from Aubrey Allen and local restaurants; entertainment from the fabulous Harbury Choir School and Mulled wine with mince pies in addition to hot dogs or children's snacks.

What are you waiting for!

If you are having a clear out of soft toys or clothing before Christmas then please bear us in mind. For every ton of clothing you throw out we get £400! That is a huge amount of money to ourselves. Simply place all your clean clothing, soft toys, paired shoes or fabrics such as curtains into a black bin bag and leave on the drive at Saddlers, Chapel Street before 9am on 7th December 09. The items are donated to 3rd World Countries so what a great way of doing your bit for charity before Christmas.

For more information please contact Bag2School.com or Julie Young 01926 614050.

Happy Christmas!



Windmills
Nursery School

Nursery School Staff & Committee

One of the highlights this month was a visit from Joseph's daddy Frank, a paramedic who brought his ambulance onto the school field for the children to explore. The children were carried on a stretcher and took turns to sit in the drivers' seat turning on the sirens and flashing lights. Another highlight was a visit from Michael Hare who came to show us his accordion. The children enjoyed singing and dancing to the music and then played the instruments joining in with him.

Forest School



We have held two Forest School sessions this term. During the first session the children learnt about hedgehogs and discussed hibernation. Afterwards Amanda pretended to be a hedgehog while the children covered her in leaves, and then the children took turns to bury each other. The children also created a hedgehog from our natural resources. During the second session the children talked about how important it is to feed the birds in the winter and then made some bird cake which they stuck to some pine cones and hung up for the birds to eat. Some of the children also made a nature collage using the woodland resources.

Other activities this month have included :

- * transforming our home corner into a diwali house which the children decorated with their own rangoli patterns and clay tea-light holders.

- * creating a 3d bonfire and firework collage complete with spinning catherine wheels
- * adding glitter to the sand tray
- * composing a firework poem using the children's own comments :

We heard fireworks.

They went crackle, crackle,

One went squeak.

We heard BANG and CRASH
and POP

Lots of fireworks screech,

We were scared they were
monsters!

We saw orange flames and gold.

Don't get too close or you might burn.

It's very hot

It's a dragon fire

We saw smoke and then fireworks of green and pink and blue.

All the colours

We didn't like the noise. They went wheeeeeee!

Thank you

Thank you to the Darlison children for their donation of a huge bag of soft toys and puppets, and also Sarah Bull for her donation of a selection of children's books. A huge thank you to the fundraising committee for all their hard work in organising our last three events and also to those who supported us and helped make them such a big success.



Dates for your Diary

Windmill's Christmas party will this year be held during the morning session of Thursday, 17th December, 2009 when a certain gentleman dressed in red will be visiting!

Please note Windmills closes for Christmas at 11.45am on Friday 18th December 2009 and re-opens on Tuesday, 5th January 2009 at 9.05am.

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, log onto our web site at windmillsnursery.co.uk or call Nicola on 614564 or Tina and Marie on 07906 519148.



Harbury Primary School

Denis Daly

PTA NEWS

Pencils were drawn at dusk for the PTA's annual quiz night held on 13 November. New quizmaster Jason Burrows got us off to a flying (for some!) start with General Knowledge. Subsequent rounds included Film, Scotland and Science and Nature, we were also treated to picture and audio rounds. The battle for supremacy continued right until the last round – finally won by “Bit Nervous” – well done guys!

The evening was a huge success and we raised over £700. We would like to thank all who took part and helped out, including Cana Imports for running a bar. Special thanks goes to Jason and Jane Burrows who put so much time into putting the quiz together.

Our next fundraiser is the Christmas Discos to be held on Friday 4 December. For further information on the PTA and our events please see our page on the school website.



1st Harbury Scouts

Nick Green

We have welcomed many new members over the last few months as some of our older scouts have “graduated” from Scouts and moved on. We wish Alex, Eliot, Sam and Dan good luck for the future and we welcome all our new scouts.

Patrol Leader Max has written the following report for our first half term of activities.

‘In the following paragraphs, you will read about the activities we have done at Scouts in the last half term.

The first activity we took part in was grass sledging and map work at Burton Dassett. When we got there, we were split into 2 groups of about 15 people. One group started with map work and the other with sledging. Before we had even started sledging, we had chosen the best hill from past years of going there.

We paired up with a friend then took it in turns to sledge down the hill. The sledges were fitted with tracks and steering mechanisms. This was a really exciting activity because you could really pick up speed on the sledges. The map work involved using compasses and Ordnance Survey maps. In pairs, we had to find grid references for geographical features. This was quite easy but enjoyable.

The second activity this term was a visit to Upton farm. The first thing we were shown was a part of the farm around the fields which the farmer was paid by the Government to keep as a place for wildlife to live in. After this, we had a look in a tractor and a combine harvester. They looked quite comfortable (but maybe not if you had to stay there all day). We then saw the barn where the farmers keep different types of grain. This visit was interesting and very enjoyable.

The next meeting we had was playing games and 'getting to know you' bingo. This was good fun.

John VK and I acted as leaders in the next session and we were knot demonstrators. One knot that we demonstrated is used to pull heavy objects along the floor. The Scouts were taught 8 knots in total and hopefully they still remember them.

For the next meeting, we did first aid. We learned the DR ABC sequence (standing for Danger Response Airways Breathing Circulation) and the recovery position. Once we had learnt these things, we practised and were tested on them. This was important and useful because, if we do find someone in a situation needing first aid, we would be able to help.

One of my favourite activities was assembling a Buzz the Wire game. For this meeting we should be very grateful to John Rea. He spent his birthday evening in his garage making the parts for us!

The last meeting was bulb planting in the dark. We had to bring trowels and torches. We were split into 2 groups and sent to different parts of the village to plant the bulbs. We were asked to do this by the Parish Council and some of the Scouts might not have enjoyed it as much as some of our other meetings but the community in Harbury will appreciate it, I'm sure.

As you can see, we have done lots of exciting things. Thank you to the leaders and I hope they will be able to think of a lot more exciting activities.'





Village Hall Update

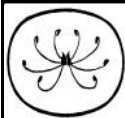
Chris Finch

The Vandals have struck again! Not the Scandinavian tribe which moved from Scandinavia through Gaul and Spain to parts of Africa, but a local group who take delight in destroying items, which are designed to assist the life of the community. This time, the Village Hall notice-board, situated on the outside wall next to the entrance, containing contact details of all the committee, has been prised off and damaged beyond repair. The glass display case was also used to advertise the latest Moving Pictures show and forthcoming activities of interest to the general public. Since the board had proved so useful to many hirers and visitors to the Hall, it will be replaced as soon as possible.

At the end of November, a meeting of members of the Management committee and representatives of the Development and Fund-raising groups met to look at the revised plan for the improved toilet facilities, which will involve changes to the Wagstaffe Room. The requirements to make the toilet area viable have been assessed by Paul Quinney and his efforts, alongside those of Chairman, Geoff Thorpe, were commended for their joint commitment to the project over several months. John Hancock, Chair of the Fund-raising group, met representatives of many groups within the village at the beginning of December to outline the plans and ask for support during the development period. It is intended that the Hall will remain open for bookings whilst building work is underway, so that no group is disadvantaged.

The New Year's Dance tickets (at £22.50/head) are now ready for collection and all those who have reserved places will be contacted in the near future. After last year's success with the 'mask' theme, it was decided that this year, there would be a 'red' theme, which is open to interpretation in any novel way? It could be red dress/ tie / socks / corsage / hair adornment / jewellery / jacket, but perhaps not a red nose --- until the end of the evening at least? Only one or two tickets are still available, so ring 612305, if you want to celebrate the onset of 2010 in style.

STOP PRESS! December's Moving Picture is Ice Age - Dawn of the Dinosaurs. The doors open on Saturday 19th December at 4.00pm and the film will start at 4.30pm. As always there will be drinks, sweets and a raffle and any donation towards the monthly raffle would be appreciated on the afternoon.



This article was submitted in time for the November edition but was left out in error – apologies, the Editors

October Meeting

The first meeting of our new season was very well attended with 60 plus members. The AGM was held after the speaker had left and I will cover this after a brief synopsis of the talk. It was a very welcome return from Judy Berrow who had her husband John with her this time. She spoke about moving to her present house and all the pitfalls along the way. They had no intention of moving to Chaddesley Corbett and had in fact bought a house in Charlecote. A chance viewing of a very run down barn with land meant a complete change of plans.

We were shown slides of before and after and it demonstrated such a huge undertaking and commitment by them both. The barn was listed so that too meant teething problems. This and the adjacent property are mentioned in the Doomesday Book. The land was just derelict and very flat so a blank canvas. When they moved into a half finished barn they brought a vanload of plants and cuttings etc which all survived. The soil was dreadful, there had been cobbled roadways so a pickaxe became a much used tool.

A windbreak was the first priority and a fence to keep out local wildlife. Lots of native hedgerow plants and pyracantha were put in. They requested Christmas gifts of fruit trees in their first year in 1990. These together with weeping pear trees became duly established. Also evident was their love of roses, both old fashioned and some modern. The colours were amazing in the Rose Walk, including a green rose. A favourite being a rose named after the late James Mason, a climber and doing very well. All of the roses seen looked so healthy with no black spot or other diseases. Judy admitted that talking to plants does work, a good telling off now and then showed improvements in some badly behaved plants!

There are terraces which are always evolving and lots of statuary, arbours, huge borders, ponds and much more. She spent ages training a clematis montana along old spokes of an outdoor umbrella only to unravel it all again when the flowers started to drop all over the terrace. Her old greenhouse was very much used but has been replaced by a state of the art new one after her husband advised wearing a hard hat in the old one as it was so precarious! She has been to Sarah Raven's cutting garden and brought back many seeds which when fully grown go into the wide

borders. Not a spare inch of soil to be seen, the borders crammed full with a variety of shapes, forms and colours, my kind of garden.

The wisteria and laburnum are spectacular in spring and we saw slides of the garden through all four seasons - something to please all through the year. We were then given some very useful and different tips to repel predators. Judy is a great advocate for pots on wheels, saves an aching back. She chops up old sponges to use in the bottom of her tubs, again making the tubs much lighter. To deter mice in the greenhouse as well as moth balls she puts down small rubber snakes. This does work and she puts larger plastic snakes in between plants in the garden to deter pigeons as well as the usual CDs. She grows courgettes on top of one of her many compost heaps, this too saves space with the warmth from the compost ensuring an excellent crop. Bubblewrap is used in the greenhouse, much cheaper than conventional wrap. All in all these methods are tried and tested. Shall we see lots of plastic snakes in the village next year? The garden is a credit to them both and is constantly changing and her enthusiasm very much to the fore. How she combines visits to her garden under the NGS with being county organiser for Worcestershire

Judy demonstrates much hard work and loads of energy. We all enjoyed her talk, do I feel a visit coming on?!

After refreshments and the raffle we then had the AGM. I forgot to mention that the balance sheet was not available as all the Show finances had not been fully dealt with. After giving a progress report of the last year, I then thanked firstly Daphne for all her years of hard work as our Secretary and then Jean for stepping in at the last minute 2 years ago to be our Treasurer. All present showed their appreciation. I then thanked all of the other committee members for their continued help and support. The present committee were all prepared to stand for a further year and there were no objections to this. David Powell Tuck volunteered to stand as Secretary; no one else was interested so he was duly elected. It was very much harder to get a willing volunteer to act as Treasurer; it was a close run thing as I explained without one we would not be able to continue. At the eleventh hour Tony Brunton offered his services and was duly elected. Tony was one of the founder members of the Society and I know is Treasurer for another village organisation, so it is true that if you want something doing ask a busy person, thank you Tony very much appreciated.

The committee is myself as Chairperson, David as Secretary, Tony as Treasurer along with Dorothy, Janice, Kathleen, Margaret, Barbara and Laura. We look forward to another year of excellent speakers, trips, garden walkabout and show.

Do go out and enjoy the wonderful colours of autumn. Batsford Arboretum and Westonbirt are beginning to put on dazzling shows and will get better as the weeks go on. If you haven't visited the Cotswold Wildlife Park at Burford I can really recommend it. Open all year round with a Tropical House and walled garden and inspirational containers. Tim Miles from here will be making a return visit to us next year I really am spoiling you! Whether you venture near or far make the most of the glorious autumn spectacular, nature never fails to surprise us.

See you all at the November meeting when Howard Drury will be talking about New Zealand, the Islands, Plants and People, another excellent speaker to enjoy.

November Meeting

What a wonderful evening we had at the November meeting. Howard Drury was well worth the wait from February when we had to cancel because of the adverse weather. His powerpoint presentation in full stereo and on his own much larger screen was just magnificent. When he was emptying his car boot and produced a sack truck onto which he proceeded to load 5 boxes of equipment I knew we were in for a treat!

He spoke to us about New Zealand the Islands Plants and People. This visit was made in November 2006 and included in the party were 2 familiar faces - those of Rob and Diane Cole from Inkberrow who had given us a talk in May 2008. The talk was split into 2 halves to feature both Islands. Some of the gardens visited were exotic and some similar to English Cottage Gardens. What was most evident was the love of roses. In fact Howard remarked that there were more roses here than at David Austin Roses in England. The Botanic Gardens at Christchurch were a dream for someone like me who adores Cornish plants. Tree ferns, phormiums, succulents and so many primula species. There are over 7000 plants here, what a show.

Some of the terrain was familiar as Lord of the Rings was filmed here, vast volcanic landscapes with many examples of alpine plants, huge lakes, panoramic views everywhere. Just before they visited a hailstorm had almost knocked all the spring blossom from the trees and in fact when they headed further north they encountered snow! It did not detract from some wonderful gardens, so many talented gardeners here. One garden specialised in Irises, another in clematis which Howard was happy to point point out were scrambling through other plants and not trained as climbers.

They enjoyed trips in planes, on boats and to many vineyards. The scenery was just spectacular even though the flight on the small plane was a trifle hazardous! They also enjoyed some really good cuisine and it

was apparent that this too was an important part of the trip.

The North Island was equally beautiful, with quite a lot of rain so similar to England. One of the gardens at Blenheim was almost British with parterres, box hedging, herbs and wonderful shapes and textures. What a talented lady gardener. We were also shown lots of flora and algae on the shorelines. The wild flowers too were very colourful, Californian Poppies in particular. Some of the Wisterias which were at their best were a wonderful sight, you could almost smell them! The hot springs still manage to perform and again a magnificent sight. Too many gardens to mention but what contacts Howard has to put these all together, I should think all of the party had the trip of a lifetime.

Just when you thought it couldn't get better, Howard finished with a slide show of the many places visited to the music of Hayley Westenra. She just sang with the images as a backdrop. What a voice and what a finale. Suffice to say the very best talk was enjoyed by everyone who came. I will try to get him to visit us again next year.

The December meeting will have come and gone by the time you read this and I will report on that next time. The January meeting is on Tuesday 5th January and the topic will be The Restoration of Hill Close Gardens, do come along for that. Before then we have a coffee morning in the Tom Hauley Room on 12th December; please come and support us, the proceeds will go towards the Village Show.

Which brings me nicely to the Show, as you know Janice will not be organising this next year but will be willing to help whoever volunteers to do so. We do need to get someone soon as in January and February Judges need to be contacted. You do not have to be a member of our Society to qualify for this, maybe an allotment holder who exhibits? Anyway please think about it, we will be doing a leaflet drop to encourage a willing volunteer. Without a successor to Janice the Show will fold and as this year's Show was one of the most successful I'm sure you do not want the Village to be deprived of this asset. Contact any one of the Committee if you are interested, thank you.

Whatever you are doing in the build up to the festive season enjoy. Sulgrave Manor will be having a Yuletide Celebration on 13th December and throughout November and early December the arboretum at Westonbirt will be floodlit. Also lots of National Trust properties stay open throughout December, in particular Upton House and Gardens and Charlecote - always good for a blast of fresh air and a bit of retail therapy!

I would like to wish all our members a Happy Christmas and healthy New Year. Look forward to seeing everyone at future meetings.



Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery

Christine Dakin

It is mid-November as I write this and in spite of all the recent rain and high winds, there are quite a lot of flowers in the garden at Bridge Nursery.

Mahonia is looking very good, covered in its yellow scented flowers which are an attraction to bees, even at this time of year. The Schizostylis* (Kaffir Lily) has been flowering for about 2 months and isn't over yet! All the Miscanthus* are continuing to stand tall and stately, their seedheads are stunning. Some Roses have a few flowers on, especially Rosa 'Stanwell Perpetual', which flowers continuously from as early as May. Similarly Geraniums 'Roxanne'* and 'Dusky Crug'* are also still in flower. I am planning to use lots of the 'Dusky Crug' to grow as ground cover under the roses. The hardy fuchsia 'Mrs Popple'* just goes on and on, it's such a useful plant and needs very little attention except cutting down at the end of winter. Viburnum bodnantense 'Dawn'* has been flowering for a month or so and will probably go on until late winter or early spring. Likewise an old favourite – Winter Jasmine*.

Who says November is a bad month for colour? Not forgetting the berries on Cotoneaster (lacteus* and horizontalis), which will be food later for the Field Fares.

Plants to look forward to in December include:

Lonicera fragrantissima – a winter flowering shrubby Honeysuckle.*

Helleborus niger – the Christmas Rose*

Sarcococca – Christmas Box*

Prunus subhirtella 'Autumnalis' – Winter Flowering Cherry

Primroses*

Jobs for December:

General tidying and weeding

Sharpening your tools

Digging over the vegetable plots

Carry on planting and moving plants until the frost comes.

Finally – get some fresh air on Christmas Day and count how many flowers there are in YOUR garden!

* Plants generally available at Bridge Nursery

Bridge Nursery, Tomlow Rd, Tel: 01926 812737, www.bridge-nursery.co.uk



Nature Notes

John Hancock

Stormy weather continues (Saturday 21st November), though our rainfall (15mms yesterday) is tiny compared to that in the North West. 314 mms fell at Seathwaite at the head of Borrowdale in the Lake District, leaving a trail of death & destruction in its wake. Last night a thin crescent moon hung in the southern sky occasionally obscured by tattered grey clouds moving rapidly from west to east. This evening, cycling down the saturated lanes was made easier by light reflected off the lines of puddles. A group of large white birds, perhaps seagulls, took off in front of me near Itchington Holt and were swallowed up in the night. A squat, bustling animal was caught by the bike's dynamo hurrying down the field boundary. I realized it was a badger. I remembered the evening a few weeks before, when driving down the Fosseyway with friends, a fully antlered Roe deer had crossed the road in front of us as we descended the hill towards the River Dene north east of Ettington.

A mystery has been solved recently. In last month's magazine, I wrote of the white heron seen and photographed by Michael and Margaret Thwaites at Kingston. I showed the picture to Alan Barr who couldn't be certain but thought it looked like a Great White Heron which must have flown in from a country bordering the Mediterranean. Yesterday, I visited Brandon Marsh Nature Centre near Coventry, the HQ of Warwickshire Wildlife Trust. Virtually the first notice I read was that of recent sightings. An Australian had seen and positively identified a Great White Egret which is the revised name for the Great White Heron. He could be certain because such birds are frequent visitors to his garden in Queensland.

On the bookshelves at the shop were copies of Stephen Falk's book, 'The Wildflowers of Warwickshire'. This would make an excellent present. It's rumoured a copy is coming my way. Today with Sharon's brother and his wife, we visited Coventry. The newly reopened Herbert Art Gallery and Museum is a real gem. Upstairs is a gallery entitled 'Elements' which houses an eclectic mix of natural history exhibits from fossils to butterflies where you could spend several hours on an inclement winter day. I particularly liked the hands-on approach the museum promotes.

September and October, usually the months for fungi, were rather disappointing due to the exceptionally dry early autumn. November has redressed the balance and mild damp conditions have caused an explosion of spore bearing life forms. Yesterday, I harvested field mushrooms (*Psalliota campestris*) from the verge of the lane leading from Long Itchington to Hunningham Hill.

Later, near Bubbenhall, there were plenty of Shaggy Ink Caps (or Lawyers' Wigs as they are sometimes known). Although described as edible when young, I did not trust my identification skills enough to garner any. Talking of fungi, on November 14th, on the grass outside Kingston Farm was a marvellous group of those toadstools beloved by illustrators of children's books. This was the poisonous Fly Agaric (*Amanita muscaria*), scarlet in colour with white spots. The irregular loose scales are in fact remnants of the veil through which the fruiting body has burst.

Several readers have mentioned the number of buzzards to be seen locally. Chris Finch and Geoff Thorpe said the greatest number seemed to congregate on the large arable field left of the road towards Harwoods House just after the turn to Chesterton. Chris noted eight on one occasion. When I took a look for myself, the birds were standing in the open cornfield as if on sentry duty. I would liken them to the way a hare or meerkat stands surveying its surroundings. Perhaps the birds were using this cordon effect as a hunting technique, trying to flush out rodents.

At a U3A meeting, David Brown gave an illustrated talk. Amongst other anecdotes, he told us that Victorian collectors were amazed when Burnet Moths were not killed when placed in a 'killing jar' containing cyanide. Later it was scientifically proved that Burnet Moth caterpillars concentrate cyanide in their bodies so that they, and the moths they become, are poisonous to predators. The red and black wing colours advertise distastefulness and aid survival.

In October, I came across a field of sheep near Knightcote. The rams (or tups) were fitted with harnesses holding blocks of red chalk. These mark the ewes enabling the shepherd to identify those that have been serviced. A ram can be expected to impregnate 40-50 ewes. Lambing occurs 5 months later. Will Russell told me that his flock averaged 1.7 lambs per ewe. Most had twins but the figure included some barren females and some having triplets. Lambing at the Russell farm will take place at the end of March. Ewes known as mules are cross bred Swaledale/Bluefaced Leicester. Rams are Suffolks.

Now, the only broadleaf tree still clothed in leaves is the Oak. The orange foliage stands out dramatically, particularly in sunshine. I've noted that Corvids (Crows and Rooks) do not commonly choose the Oak as a nest site. As the majestic Elms are no more, Ash seems to be the preferred tree. Alan Barr thought that this might be due to the shape of the canopy, the Ash having upward pointing twigs and the Oak a more rounded habit.

Soon it will be Christmas and then the turning of the year. The cycle of life moves inexorably on revealing wonders great and small.



General Section

Sponsored Walk – Samantha Dickson Brain Tumour Trust

On October 3rd, a motley group of people took part in a sponsored walk of five miles in aid of the Samantha Dickson Brain Tumour Trust. Their ages ranged from 36 to 80. In spite of a strong, blustery wind, eight people set out and eight returned to the Dog Inn for much need refreshment. Happily the rain stayed away for the morning and we enjoyed the lovely autumn colours – and bracing weather.



On behalf of the S.D.B.T.T, I should like to say a very big thank you to all who took part and to all who so generously sponsored us. The charity funds research into brain tumours and a total of £614 has been sent to support their work.

C. Mary Catt



Citizens Advice Bureau Returns To Southam

Stratford upon Avon Citizens Advice Bureau will be re-instating its outreach office in Southam from Tuesday November 3, 2009 after a gap of over 18 months.



The charity has established an office within Southam Library (High Street Southam, CV47 0HB). "We're re-introducing this outreach facility in response to demand from the local residents", says Bureau Deputy Manager, Sara Cole. "But despite financial support from Warwickshire County Council and Stratford upon Avon District Council, we're going to be very

reliant on charitable donations locally if we're to guarantee the outreach office's long term future." The office will be attended by an experienced, qualified advisor every Tuesday between the hours of 10.00am and 13.00pm and free, confidential, impartial advice will be given on a wide range of issues affecting people's daily lives, from debt and divorce to employment and housing.

There is an appointments system in place and prospective clients are requested to phone for an appointment, as people without one who just drop in will not be able to be seen. **The number to call for an appointment is 01789 261966.**

Steve Johnson

Christmas Wreath Making

A fun evening to get you in the festive spirit will be held on Friday 4th December, 8pm at St Mary's School, Southam. Tickets are £13.50. A trained florist will show you how to create your very own unique wreath. Everything provided, just bring along your gloves and secateurs. Refreshments will be available. Places are limited book early to avoid disappointment. Tickets available from 01926 812625.

Tracey Powell



Southam & District Lions Club

'Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells!!' The sound of Santa's Sleigh is still very distant but he definitely is coming.... Children – if you listen very carefully on the night Santa is visiting where you live, you will hear Santa's Bell and that's the time to tell Mummy and Daddy to get your coat on and be ready to visit him on his sleigh. I think he will have chocolate to hand out and you can tell him what you would like him to bring you on Christmas Morning.

Southam Lions will again be visiting the town and surrounding villages in the days leading up to Christmas and once again all the money so generously donated will be given to local Children's Charities. Every child, no matter the age, when talking to Santa will get a chocolate bar! Last year a young man of 70 years came out to see Santa!!

Last year through your generosity at Christmas time we raised over £4,000 for Childrens' Charities. Please give generously again when we knock on your door. Our chosen charities this year are:

Acorns Childrens Hospice Trust & Teenage Cancer Trust Appeal West Midlands.

Below is the list of dates when you can expect to see Santa!

The fun begins with the 'switch on' of the Southam Christmas Lights on Monday November 30th from 5.00pm onwards (actual switch on 6.00pm).

Friday 18th December : Ladbroke, Deppers Bridge and Ufton – Evening

Saturday 19th December: Harbury - Late Afternoon

Children can email Father Christmas if they wish on:

fatherchristmas@southamlions.org.uk

Happy Christmas Everyone from Southam Lions Club and thanks for the wonderful support you have given us in 2009.

Peter Guy



Southam & District Lions – Hog Roast

The weather held fine, Southam's Deputy Mayor – with great dignity – cut the first slice of the Roasted Hog and then baps were filled with the roasted pork, stuffing and apple sauce with an enormous queue of happy hungry folk eager to buy the tasty treats from the Lions Ladies. Southam & District Lions Club thank all those who visited them at the recent Southam Mop Fair. The Lions were busy all day with the roasting of the Hog, the setting up and selling of tickets for the Tombola and the Hog Roast Raffle. The Raffle, which was in aid of the Warwickshire and

Northamptonshire Air Ambulance, raised in excess of £600 – a wonderful effort all round. In total the Hog Roast, Tombola and Raffle raised a magnificent sum in excess of £1300 for good causes. Thanks again to everyone's kind generosity.

Peter Guy

London To Brighton Veteran Car Run 1st November 2009

The London to Brighton Veteran Car Run is an annual event organised by the RAC and sponsored by Tindle Newspapers and Bonhams Auctioneers. The event commemorates the Emancipation Run on 14th November 1896, which celebrated the passing into law of the Locomotives on the Highway Act that raised the speed limit for 'light locomotives' from 4mph to 12mph and abolished the requirement for these vehicles to be preceded by a man on foot waving a red flag! It is not a race but a test of endurance of man and machine. It attracts many entrants from abroad as well as the UK and is a 3 day event, an auction of veteran cars on Friday, a concours parade in Regent Street on Saturday and the run itself on Sunday, always the first Sunday in November. So our story begins.....



It was a dark and stormy night, well that was the weather forecast anyway, but when we set off on our fourth London to Brighton at 3.15 a.m. on Sunday, 1st November, it was certainly dark but the storm had yet to commence!

This year, as always, Anthony Allcock was the driver of the tender vehicle (my car and trailer) which had been loaded the day before with my 1903 Humberette and Graham Allcock's 'ordinary' or penny farthing bicycle to give it its more common name. Five of us set off, Tony and I, Tony's wife, Nadine (for moral support),

Graham and Pete Brown, my co-driver. Pete's brother, Roy, is a fellow enthusiast and has entered the run over many years with several cars but this year decided against entering, therefore, as Pete is very familiar with the Humberette he was only too willing to come with us. Over the last few weeks Pete and Roy had been working on my car at Roy's house to get it ready for the run and I am very grateful to both of them. The car passed its MOT and was delivered by Pete to Harbury running perfectly and garaged 4 days before the run.

We arrived at Hyde Park at 5.45a.m. in time for our starting time of 7.26a.m. and unloaded car and bicycle and lined up in our allocated space with time to look at the other entries, of which there were over 500, and compare past experiences. We were then called to the start where the starter waves a Union Jack to set us off in pairs in groups of 8. The older the car the earlier the start to allow them more time to complete the route. Graham did not have an official entry for the ordinary but the officials allowed him to ride through the start gate and he completed his intended run over Westminster Bridge and was a big hit with the crowd and photographers. He was then ferried to Crawley arriving a few minutes before us in the Humberette.

By now the weather was beginning to look very ominous and as we started out, with Pete driving, the weather just got worse and worse. Along the first half of the route which takes in many famous London sights, i.e. the London Eye, Houses of Parliament, etc., there were many breakdowns and the Humberette did not like the wet and windy weather one little bit and at times



was gasping for breath! Even the official photographers had to admit defeat at some stages. Also, the London traffic is difficult to cope with in a veteran car at the best of times but it was even worse in a monsoon. However, we battled on to the half-way stage and coffee stop at Crawley – by now we were absolutely soaked, even through our waterproofs, and had to make the sad decision to call it a day as both the car and ourselves were suffering very badly from the cold and torrential rain. Our only consolation was that we were not alone in making this decision as 120+ either failed to start or make it all the way to Brighton!

As mentioned, this was our fourth London to Brighton and our success rate for completing the run now stands at 50% which is a fair average considering the age of the vehicle (and owner)! We were unable to compete last year as I had fallen very badly only a week before the event and had to cancel. In 2007 we were going great guns when we noticed

smoke coming from under the bonnet and discovered a small fire which we were able to extinguish with the water carried to top up the radiator but were unable to continue. The previous two years had been successful, even though our first attempt in 2005 had been in similar weather conditions. Anthony has always accompanied me driving the tender vehicle and I have had different passengers over the years, usually one passenger from London to Crawley and then another to complete the route. It must be fate, but both times of finishing Mike McBride was the passenger – does he have a lucky charm or something? The year Graham was passenger through London to Crawley he made a film from the car, even taking pictures of himself on the way. The crowds loved him as he waved and called out to everyone we passed and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. It is a wonderful feeling having completed the run (and a huge relief) and parade along Madeira Drive on the Brighton seafront. All finishers are interviewed and presented with a medal and after finding a parking space can partake of refreshments. It is then time to wander amongst all the wonderful veteran cars, some very sleek racing models, some three wheelers and some still looking very much like a coach but without the horses. Then, as the light fades it is time to load up and head for home, time for reflection of the day's events and look forward to a welcome pint when safely home.

Even the dreadful weather has not dampened our spirits and we hope to enter again next year, who knows, perhaps we will have our third success and complete the route once again.

Danny Killian

G.A.S.S. (Guide And Scout Support) - Christmas Post & Bonfire 2009

This year, the G.A.S.S Christmas post will start on **Saturday 28th November** and finish on **Saturday 19th December**. You'll find the postbox in Mugglestons where, for a donation, you can post your Christmas cards and have them delivered within Harbury. This year we are also looking to expand this service to Ufton. So if you have any cards for there feel free to pop them in the box.

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

Bonfire 2009

We would like to say a heartfelt “thank you” to everyone who helped to make the bonfire night such a success – collecting bonfire material,

chopping onions, organising the fireworks, manning the gates, washing up and other jobs too numerous to mention. Particular thanks to Mary and Paul at Mugglestons for selling the tickets and collecting the forms for the bonfire material and to Harbury All Saints Church for their continued support with the event.

Mark Clifton
GASS Chairman

What are you missing, Gentlemen?

What's it like to be quizzed by the dragons? You can find out. Harbury and Ladbroke Church Men's Group meets on the first Thursday of most months of the year, at 7.45pm in the Tom Hauley Room. It's a warm and welcoming organisation with an excellent programme of speakers and events.

We begin with a brief and light-hearted business meeting, then move to our speaker for the evening. We close after tea and coffee at around 9.30pm. We are a Christian group, and meetings begin and end with prayer.

In the past twelve months we have taken an illustrated trip through the Panama Canal, seen Rosemary Harley's film of her MBE day at the Palace, heard Nigel Chapman range widely over sixty years in education and tried karate with Father Craig, who has a black belt.

On December 3rd Dean Walton will be recounting his experience as a contestant on 'Dragons' Den' with his Mask-arade personalised mask company. Why not join us at 7.45?

John Stringer 613214

Harbury In The 2nd World War

Following the article I wrote for the September issue about the men on the War memorial, I have had the opportunity to speak Tony Hodges, brother of Lance Bombardier John Hodges and Gladys Gurden, niece of Captain Richard Morris.

Tony Hodges told me that the family lived in Ivy Lane and John joined the Territorial Army in Leamington in 1938. The unit was 271 Field Battery, Royal Artillery. He was called up on September 4th 1939 and left for France with the British Expeditionary Force on September 10th. He was evacuated from the Dunkirk Beaches on the last day of the rescue operation. He then went to a survivors' camp in Wiltshire from where he was sent to Oakhampton for training with the newly formed 85th Mountain regiment.

He married in Swindon in August 1941 and was posted to North Africa in April 1942. His son Graham was born in December 1942 and christened in Harbury Church. I mistakenly said his son was born after he was killed having been misinformed by Francis Mann's book, 'Kecks, Cowpats and Conkers'. As I said previously, he was killed in action in Italy in 1944.

Tony also told me that Dennis Dale who went down in HMS Neptune in 1941 was born in Harbury and lived in Binswood End. He joined the Royal Marines during the 1930's when jobs were hard to find.

Gladys told me that her Uncle, Richard Morris had lived in Percy Terrace. He had served in World War I and then served in the police in Egypt where he married. She was unsure of his service in the 2nd World War but knew it was something to do with Intelligence and that he had died in a prisoner of war camp in Germany. With this additional information I was able to find him on the Commonwealth War Graves Register. He was a Captain in the Army Intelligence Corps and died on the 27th March 1943 at the age of 50. He is buried in Hanover War Cemetery where most of the burials are from camps. I am intrigued by this story and am trying to find out more about him from the Ministry of Defence. If any readers have more information, please do get in touch with me on 612860.

Sharon Hancock

Village with a Vision

On the 12th November we were invited to attend a Stakeholders Conference in Warwick, which was organised as part of the County Council's Care & Choice (Accommodation) Programme. It was to look at various possibilities for Extra Care in the community within the county. It was attended by some 150 delegates from various organisations involved in community care in one way or another.

We were asked to give a presentation on Village with a Vision, which was very well received, and as a result we made a number of very good contacts among care providers, developers etc.

The next step for us is the Housing Needs survey of the village, which the Institute of Public Care are presently working on for us. We would like to distribute it in January next year and would ask you to please complete it and return it as soon as you can so the analysis and results can be available in March 2010.

As ever, thank you for your continuing support, and please watch this space for future information.

Tony Stubbs

Village with a Vision

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Karena Ellis-Greenway.

Green Chameleon

Harbury Craft Fair 2009

This year the Craft Fair was organised and run by the Harbury Support Group and all proceeds have been donated to Myton Hospice.

We were pleased to welcome back a lot of the regular exhibitors but we also managed to entice some new ones which gave everyone a great selection of crafts to choose from.

Despite the bad weather there was still a reasonably good turnout which helped make the day thoroughly enjoyable and a great success.

Thank you to everyone who donated cakes and bottles for the tombola. Also, a huge thank you to everyone who helped throughout the day in the kitchen and on the tombola/name the bear stand, we couldn't have done it without you!

The winner of the Name the Christmas Bear competition was Linda Colledge from Kenilworth, the bear was called Bauble! Well done Linda.

We managed to raise an impressive £787.00, thank you for your support everyone.

Tables are already being booked up for next year, please contact me for a booking form and book early to avoid disappointment!

Finally, Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year from everyone at Myton Hospice Harbury Support Group.

Fiona Cadwallader

ficadwallader@btinternet.com

Christmas at the Harbury Post Office

Christmas is coming – in fact there will be less than 20 days to go when the Harbury and Ladbroke News is delivered around the villages, so the Post Office is gearing up to cope with the avalanche of letters and parcels, which will hit the counter in the next few days.

Many houses have received details of the latest posting times from a Royal Mail mail-shot, but the important dates are December 18th for the last 2nd class service and December 21st for a 1st class delivery. The overseas posting details are all contained in a leaflet, which can be obtained from the P.O. with information about parcel force collections and overseas airmail dates.

As in previous years, the Harbury Foodmart will be offering special deals on a range of bottle beers and spirits and there will be some selected Christmas gifts and cards for those who find it easier to shop in the village rather than go into one of the local towns. The shop has become agents for Kleeneze products and items ordered from the catalogue, will be delivered in the store for collection. Dal and Geraldine will be pleased to help anyone who wishes to place an order for Christmas goods and they have bought in a range of speciality cheeses and homemade Gales pies, which will help to keep the cupboards stocked over the festive season.

Chris Finch

A (Christmas) Audience with Harbury Choir School

It's that time of year again! Now that our debut remembrance concert is behind us, with a greater success and show of support from our community than we could have imagined, IT'S CHRISTMAS!

The Harbury Choir School will be holding 'A Christmas Audience with...' on **Thursday 10th December 6.30pm - 8.00pm**. This will be an informal open rehearsal that anyone is welcome to attend to see what we do every week. Come along for a relaxed evening with a mince pie, a glass of wine and a backdrop of Christmas music from the children – a far better way to spend a Thursday evening than late night shopping!

The evening will be *free* to attend. However, the small print reads that there will be a collection and a raffle to raise money for equipment and new music for the choir. Every strip of raffle tickets comes with a glass of wine and a mince pie!

We hope to see you there!

**David & Helen Iles
Harbury Choir School
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Blood Donors

I do hope no one was inconvenienced by the incorrect dates in the diary section last month. Unfortunately, a change did not filter through the system. Last month's session was possibly hit by winter colds, as it only resulted in 74 units. However, thank you to all who went especially the 4 new donors.

Next session (at least at time of writing!) will on March 11th 2010.

Gillian Hare



Operation Christmas Child

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to the shoebox appeal. As a result, 78 boxes were collected at the coffee morning as well as 39 by the W.I and 110 from the school! These are now on their way to Romania where we trust they will bring great joy to some bleak lives.

Gillian Hare

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Coventry and Warwickshire Orienteering Club event. The event is signposted from the crossroads 1 km south of Harbury and access to the wood is 2 miles south down a private road. We welcome beginners and experienced orienteers of all ages 5 - 85 years and abilities. Orienteering is an outdoor adventure navigation sport using electronic timing and club members will be on hand to help. Several courses will be available on the day to suit everyone, bring a compass, wear trainers and jogging bottoms. See the club website www.octavian-droobers.org for more information or telephone 01926 632189.

Karin Kirk






Through the Harbury and Ladbroke News we would like to wish all our friends in Harbury and Ladbroke a contented and peaceful Christmas and a healthy, happy and prosperous 2010. In lieu of local Christmas cards we will be buying presents through Christian Aid, Oxfam and Bible Lands.

With very best wishes,

Moira, Peter, Catriona, Ali & Robert Rollason



Jenny and Andrew Patrick take this opportunity to wish all our friends in Harbury a peaceful Christmas and a happy 2010.

Instead of sending cards, we have donated to a village well, via Oxfam Unwrapped.

Having moved from my bungalow to a care home, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all my friends a very Merry Christmas and a

Happy New Year.

Best Wishes

Mary Morgan


Merry Christmas




We wish all our friends in Harbury and Ladbroke a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We are making a donation to Myton Hospice and not sending cards – have a good Christmas.

Love Brenda and Richard Turner

Michael and Gillian Hare send Christmas greetings to their many friends in Harbury. Instead of cards, we shall give a donation to Leamington Christian Mission.



We would like to use this letter to wish all our friends in Harbury a very Happy Christmas and a healthy and peaceful 2010. Instead of sending individual cards this year we have sent donations to the RNIB and the Mouth and Foot Artists. Harbury is a wonderful village and we appreciate having so many good friends here.

Barbara and David Thistlethwaite





LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

I am very touched and thankful – overwhelmed by the beautiful sympathy cards, telephone calls and flowers received at the death of my dear eldest son David, a brother to Philip and an uncle to my grandson.

It was very sudden and the shock was great for all the family.

We know that God will bring his special comfort and love to us in our sadness, as he has through the love and kindness of all the village folk.

Heartfelt thanks to you all from

Betty (Box) and Family

Dear Editors

Jeff and Helen would like to thank all their friends and family for the tremendous support you gave us on 12 November when we said goodbye to our beautiful little girls, Hollie and Jorja. Your support carried us through the day and we cannot thank you all enough.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to Father Craig for his invaluable care throughout this time, and also to Rob at John Taylor Funeral Services for his absolute professionalism at this difficult time. If anyone wishes to make a donation in memory of Hollie and Jorja please contact Jeff or Helen for further details.

Helen Bignell

Dear Editors

Louisa, Ralph and Mike would like to express their grateful thanks to all those who made donations in memory of Janice Berry following her death on 23rd July 2009. The total donated, including donations sent directly to each of the two charities named, was £816.00; Myton Hamlet Hospice and Macmillan Cancer Care have each benefited by over £350 and we take comfort that, even at the time of her death, Janice was an inspiration to others.

Mike Radburn

Dear Editors

At the Stratford and South Warwickshire Association for the Blind Coffee Morning on October 31st, we were delighted to raise £250. We would like to thank all those who attended for their support.

Judy Murdoch-Chairman

Dear Editors

We would like to say many, many thanks to everyone who gave their wonderful support to our coffee morning held in the Tom Hauley Room on Saturday 14th November.

You all made this fundraising morning such a success that we were able to send a cheque for £343 to the Warwickshire & Northamptonshire Air Ambulance fund.

Well done Harbury.

Harbury Air Ambulance Support Group.

Dear Editors

We would like to thank everyone for the good wishes and cards sent to Richard; he is much better now and home for Christmas we hope. We wish all our friends in Harbury and Ladbroke a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We are making a donation to Myton Hospice and not sending cards – have a good Christmas.

Love Brenda and Richard Turner

Dear Editors

We thank everyone who supported the Coffee Morning for Myton Hospice in October. The amount raised was £279.00 plus the sale of Christmas cards. The donations of raffle prizes, cakes and money were very much appreciated.

Merry Christmas from

Harbury Support Group

Dear Editors

The Coffee Morning for the Multiple Sclerosis Society on October 17th raised £321.00. Thank you to everyone who made cakes and gave raffle prizes, plus donations and bric-a-brac. Again we were pleased to see members from the local branch too.

Doreen Bloxham and Brenda Turner

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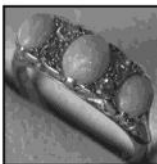
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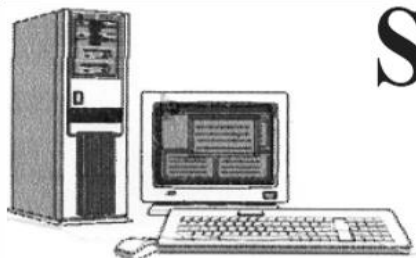
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4.30pm - Little Tappers (3-5yrs) 4.30pm - Preparatory Tap (6-8yrs)



Dance Classes

Thursday evenings, The Grange, Southam
4.30pm - Funky Dance 1 (4-6yrs) 5.30pm - Funky Dance (7yrs +)
5.00pm - Gymnastics (all ages) 6.00pm - Grade 1 Ballet (9yrs +)



Ballet Lessons

Tuesday Evenings, The Grange, Southam
4.00pm - Prima Ballerinas (3-4yrs) 5.00pm - Pre-Primary (7-8yrs)
4.30pm - Pre-Syllabus (5-6yrs) 5.45pm - Primary (8yrs+)



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