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## Editorial

Ladbroke's inaugural panto, Cinderella, was a resounding success. Hopefully this is the beginning of an annual event. Betty Winkfield has found yet another role as Ladbroke Theatre Critic.

G.A.S.S (Guides and Scouts Support) performed their annual service to the village by delivering Christmas cards. The service provided a fundraising opportunity for the organisation. Thank you to all those who did the deliveries.

Many villagers will have noticed the illumination of Chesterton Windmill during December. This has been a spectacular addition to the local skyline. We send our appreciation to the local landowner for his generosity.

At least one local villager attended the Copenhagen summit and is joining with Bob Sherman to set up a working group to make Harbury an example of a sustainable community. This is an issue which concerns us all and deserves support.

Finally, we extend our sympathy to the family of Halver Hansen

# Harbury Diary

## JANUARY 2010

Sat	9	Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley in aid of the Village Hall Modernisation, 10.00am-12noon
<b>Sun</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>BAPTISM OF CHRIST,</b> Holy Communion 8.00am Sung Eucharist 10.30am
Mon	11	Duke of Edinburgh Group in Village Hall 7.45pm Village Hall Committee in Village Hall, 8.00pm
Tues	12	Toddlers Service 2.00pm in Church Holy Communion 7.30pm
Wed	13	Ballroom Dancing in Village Hall 8.30pm Choir School in Village Hall 6.30pm WI in Tom Hauley Room 7.45pm
Thurs	14	Holy Communion 9.45am
Fri	15	ADVERTISEMENTS TO 31 BINSWOOD END BY 5.30PM

- Tai Chi in Village Hall, 6.30pm
- Sat 16 Coffee Morning in the Tom Hauley Room in aid of Harbury Pre-School, 10.00am – 12 noon Men's Prayer Breakfast 7.30am Tom Hauley Room Moving Pictures in Village Hall: "Up", doors open at 2.30pm, film starts 3.00pm and "Public Enemies", doors open at 6.00pm, film starts 6.30pm
- Sun 17 **EPIPHANY II**  
Holy Communion 8.00am  
Family Communion Service 10.30am  
Evensong 6.00pm
- Tues 19 Holy Communion 7.30pm Mothers' Union Faith Supper 8.00pm Tom Hauley Room Senior Citizens Benefit Committee in Village Hall 8.30pm
- Wed 20 Southam Children's Centre in Village Hall 12.30pm  
Tea, Tom Hauley Room 3.00pm Ballroom Dancing in Village Hall 8.30-10.00pm
- Thurs 21 Holy Communion 9.45am Choir School in Village Hall 6.30pm  
French Conversation in Farley Room V. Hall 8.00pm
- Fri 22 WI New Year Party in Village Hall 6pm
- Sat 23 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Ladbroke W.I., 10.00am – 12 noon
- Sun 24 **EPIPHANY III** Holy Communion 8.00am  
Sung Eucharist 10.30am
- Mon 25 Duke of Edinburgh Group in Village Hall 7.45pm
- Tues 26 Holy Communion 7.30pm  
Julian Meeting 8.00pm French Conversation in Farley Room Village Hall 8pm
- Wed 27 Southam Children's Centre in Village Hall 12.30pm  
Drop in Tea for the Bereaved 2.30pm, 19 Farm St  
Ballroom Dancing in Village Hall 8.30pm
- Thurs 28 ARTICLES TO PHARMACY, HIGH STREET, HARBURY & E-MAIL ARTICLES DEADLINE BY 5.30PM  
Holy Communion 9.45am Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm  
Choir School in Village Hall 6.30pm  
Parish Council in Village Hall 7.30pm
- Fri 29 Tai Chi in Village Hall, 6.30pm  
Harbury Society "Prohibition" Dinner at Dog Inn 7.30pm for 8.00pm
- Sat 30 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of the Mothers' Union, 10am
- Sun 31 **EPIPHANY IV**  
Holy Communion 8.00am  
Sung Eucharist 10.30am

**FEBRUARY**

Tues 2	PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE (CANDLEMAS) Holy Communion 7.30pm Horticultural Society in Tom Hauley Room 8.00pm
Wed 3	“Tiptoe through the Tulips” by Derek Walker Southam Children’s Centre in Village Hall 12.30pm Holy Communion 2.00pm Mothers’ Union Meeting in Tom Hauley Room 2.30pm Ballroom Dancing in Village Hall 8.30pm
Thurs 4	Holy Communion 9.45am Art Group in Tom Hauley Room 10.00pm Choir School in Village Hall 6.30pm Men’s Group Tom Hauley Room, 7.45pm French Conversation in Farley Room Village Hall 8.00pm Folk Club at the Dog 8.30pm
Fri 5	Tai Chi in Village Hall, 6.30pm
Sat 6	Coffee Morning in the Tom Hauley Room in aid of STEPS, 10.00am – 12 noon

<b>Refuse Collection Rota</b>				
	<b>Deppers Bridge</b>	<b>Harbury</b>	<b>Ladbroke</b>	<b>Refuse Collection Week</b>
<b>January</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thurs</b>	<b>Fri</b>	
	Thur 14	Fri 15	Sat 16	Grey Bin
	20	21	22	<b>Green &amp; Blue Lid Bins</b>
	27	28	29	Grey Bin
<b>February</b>	3	4	5	<b>Green &amp; Blue Lid Bins</b>
	10	11	12	Grey Bin
	17	18	19	<b>Green &amp; Blue Lid Bins</b>
	24	25	26	<b>Grey Bin</b>



All Saints  
HARBURY

## From the Rector

Father Craig Grocock

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### Roll on the World Cup!

Welcome to the New Year, here we go once again! And, as we begin yet another year, we know this coming twelve months will bring amongst other things a General Election (and a possible change of government) and most crucially of course, the World Cup in South Africa! (come on England!). At the beginning of a new year we naturally look and plan ahead and that helps us as we battle through the doldrums of January – it's not surprising, is it, that most summer holidays are booked during this month.

As we enter this New Year it will be one of uncertainty for many. Recession still grips the country and, for many in our villages, job security is a thing of the past.

We enter 2010 then with mixed emotions. The year has mixed feelings for Su and I too. We see our daughter Jess leave for University this year and although we want her to move on to this next stage of her life, we want her to stay here too.

As human beings we seek and need security, not only in who we are as individuals, but in the security of knowing we are valued, loved and held special by someone; so much more important when everything else around us feels insecure and wobbly.

I would love to see more people in our villages finding a place with us at Church this coming year. The comments I pick up as I chat to people are interesting, comments like; "Oh, I am not good enough or holy enough to go to Church" or "Church is a bit of a clique and I might not fit in". Quite frankly, if we have to be 'good enough' to come to Church then none of us would be there!

Our village Church is here for everyone and that includes you. All of us at Church are ordinary people who have found a security and peace in God and who are simply trying to follow Jesus in our everyday lives. Are you looking for something more this coming year? Are you searching for a lasting peace and a sense of security? Well, why not come along and join us this year and discover with us just how amazing and relevant the message of Jesus is.

I look forward to seeing you out and about over the coming weeks.

A happy New Year to all of you.

God bless.

## From the Registers

### *Funeral, All Saints' Harbury*

December 13

Halver Hansen (84 years)



### From the Churchwardens

**Will & Fliss**

We have several varied events to celebrate as we look back on December.

The Christmas Fayre was very well supported. The raffle raised a magnificent sum for the Air Ambulance and proceeds from the stalls swelled the Church funds. Thank you to the organisers, Sue and John Peacock, and to everyone who worked so hard and enthusiastically to make it such a successful and happy afternoon.

The Beer and Carols evening, for the second year running, was held at the Crown. This year we were welcomed by Scott and Adele. Thank you to them, to everyone who came to play, to sing, to contribute to Biblelands funds and to have a really good time! Join us next year!

Finally, we record two events centred on children and young (or not so young!) families – because all were welcome. First came the School Carol Service for which the Church was packed. There followed the equally well attended Christingle Service, held this year in the afternoon. When the candles were lit, darkness had fallen. When the Church lights were extinguished there was an audible intake of breath from the children as we were all entranced by the magic of candlelight. The talk at this service was given by Annie Goldthorp, our Ordinand in Training, who has been with us since September and who, sadly, will be leaving us after Christmas. We thank her for all that she has given to our Church life and pray for God's blessing on her future training and ministry.

We wish you all a very happy, peaceful New Year.



## Mothers' Union

Gillian Hare

A happy New Year to all our members. I hope there will be good resolutions made – mentioning no names but some of the reminiscences shared at the December meeting were not what one might expect from M.U ladies. Would you believe: - tying together door handles, knocking and running away! Not to mention sardines, postman's knock and dancing with Clark Gable. Yes, that one.

On a more staid note, thank you for your support of the toiletries stall at the Christmas Fayre – it looked lovely, won 3<sup>rd</sup> prize and raised £75.80. Maybe for next year we could look out for bargains all through the year.

Subscriptions for 2010 are now due, £14.75 to Marion please in an envelope with your name on.

Our meetings in January are both social events. Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January is the tea party at 2.30pm in the Tom Hauley Room (no service first). Please bring a wrapped gift, value up to £1, for the bran tub.

Tuesday January 19<sup>th</sup> at 8pm is the Bring and Share Supper; please bring wine if wanted and don't forget to return your replies to the invitation as soon as possible. The evening will feature a mystery speaker.

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January – coffee morning in the Tom Hauley Room. We need cakes, bric-a-brac, raffle prizes and help on the day please.

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February – Communion at 2pm in the Tom Hauley Room followed by a meeting at 2.30pm. The speaker will be Ruth Smith from the Children's Society. This is especially appropriate as the Christingle Service supports their work; sadly it is as necessary now as ever, as so many children are seriously at risk. Her talk is entitled "Safe on the Streets".

Anyone interested is welcome to join us as a visitor; we meet twice each month and, as well as supporting the wider work of the M.U and enjoying very interesting speakers, we offer an opportunity to make friends and brighten up a dull winter day.



## First Light

**Alison Abbott**

December's service went with a bang – literally – as we all considered the immensity of the Universe and the wonder of its Creator becoming a tiny baby for us.

On January 3<sup>rd</sup>, more to wonder about as we hear how that same Creator regards each of us as the Apple of his Eye. So that, although “another year older”, we need not be “deeper in debt”. And on February 7<sup>th</sup> we will see how that same encompassing love leads to forgiveness – for ourselves and for our fellows.

First Light is short, informal, welcoming all ages; it happens in the Tom Hauley Room behind Church at 10.30am or, better still, come early for coffee.



## Toddlers Service

**Barbara Thistlethwaite**

Eighteen children and twenty two adults started our Toddler Service by singing “Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star”.

Mrs Dickerson then told us “The Christmas Story”. How the poor innkeeper kept being woken up by people knocking on his door. First it was Mary and Joseph looking for somewhere to stay. So he gave them some blankets and sent them to sleep in his stable because there was no room in the inn. Next came some shepherds followed by some wise men all looking for Mary and Joseph.

The innkeeper was becoming annoyed by all the people knocking on his door and also by the very bright star in the sky which was shining in his bedroom window and keeping him awake.

The innkeeper followed the wise men into the stable and was amazed at what he found there. There was a tiny baby lying in a manger surrounded by the shepherds and the wise men but all was quiet and peaceful. “Who is this baby?” he wanted to know and he was told that it was Jesus. Jesus was a very special baby and that was the reason that the very bright star was shining over his inn.

The innkeeper then felt a lot calmer and happier and he became very proud that this wonderful event had happened in his stable.

We then sang "Away in a Manger" and made some lovely stars to take home and put on our Christmas trees.

We then had our drink and played until it was time to go home. Mr Hare played "Follow the Stars to Bethlehem" as we walked around the Church.

We all wished each other "Happy Christmas" and we look forward to seeing you all in Church on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2010 at 2.00pm for our next service.

All babies and young children accompanied by adults are welcome.

## Ladbroke News & Diary

### JANUARY

- Mon 4 Table Tennis in the Village Hall, 8.00pm  
**Sun 10 Baptism of Christ, Holy Communion in Church, 9.00am**  
 Mon 11 Table Tennis in the Village Hall, 8.00pm  
 Fri 15 ADVERTISEMENTS TO 31 BINSWOOD END BY 5.30PM  
**Sun 17 Epiphany 2, Holy Communion, B.C.P., 9.00am**  
 Mon 18 Table Tennis in the Village Hall, 8.00pm  
 Wed 20 Parish Council Meeting in the Village Hall, 7.45pm  
 Sat 23 Whist Drive in the Village Hall, 7.45pm  
**Sun 24 Epiphany 3, Holy Communion, in Church, 9.00am**  
 Mon 25 Table Tennis in the Village Hall, 8.00pm  
 Thurs 28 Women's Institute in the Village Hall, 7.30pm  
 ARTICLES TO PHARMACY, HIGH STREET, HARBURY & E-MAIL ARTICLES DEADLINE BY 5.30PM  
**Sun 31 Epiphany 4, Holy Communion SAID SERVICE, in Church, 9.00am**

### FEBRUARY

- Mon 1 Table Tennis in the Village Hall, 8.00pm  
**Sun 7 Family Communion followed by refreshments, in Church, 10.30am**  
 Mon 8 Table Tennis in the Village Hall, 8.00pm

### Ladbroke Flower Rota

Jane Rutherford

- January 10<sup>th</sup> - Valerie Copley  
 January 17<sup>th</sup> - Valerie Copley

January 24<sup>th</sup> - Carole Loftus

January 31<sup>st</sup> - Carole Loftus

February 7<sup>th</sup> - Jane Rutherford

February 14<sup>th</sup> - Jane Rutherford

Jane is now handing over the Flower Rota organising to Sue Lord.  
Thank you for the many, many years you have done this task - Betty Winkfield



## Ladbroke Church News

Betty Winkfield

We had a wonderful Dressing the Crib service taken by Annie on Christmas Eve.

It was a treat to see so many children attending and taking part. We even had a baby for the crib. Betty did an excellent job as always in organising the children.

What a great start to the festive season.





## **Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge W.I.**

**Carol Lane**

The meeting held on December 10<sup>th</sup> was pure entertainment. The committee are to be congratulated for giving the Village Hall – or the parts of it not in preparation for the Panto – a festive feel with lighted Christmas trees complete with ‘presents’, mulled wine and seasonal nibbles. Despite our age we had not lost the art of party games and I believe Colin Constable is to be thanked for wrapping so many layers round the parcel!

We were then joined by the Gala Singers, 4 ladies and their leader on the keyboard. They first appeared in oriental costume to give a medley from The King and I. We were treated to a short recital on the keyboard while the singers changed into their next outfits - in the kitchen as the stage area contained paint pots and the toilets were too cold! The Austrian Dirndl skirts and peasant blouses accompanied songs from

The Sound of Music, then they donned red capes to lead us in a selection of Christmas songs and carols. Mimicking Bruce Forsyth, they said we were their favourites. Anyone wishing to find out more about this group could call 017888 565084.

The next meeting, an Antiques Quiz, will be held on 28<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30 and all are welcome.



## **Ladbroke General Section**

### **Ladbroke Neighbourhood Watch Scheme**

Would you like to join Ladbroke's Neighbourhood Watch scheme?

Neighbourhood Watch is a popular way for people of all ages and backgrounds to get involved in local crime and community issues. This usually begins with people sharing crime prevention advice and activities, keeping an eye on each others' property, improving home security and building two way communication with the police.

By becoming a member of Ladbroke's Neighbourhood Watch scheme you can help the police and your neighbours strengthen our

community, making our village an even better place to live. You may even obtain a discount on your property and contents insurance premium.

Ladbroke's website, [www.ladbroke-pc.gov.uk](http://www.ladbroke-pc.gov.uk), has more information about our scheme which includes a link to the police website [www.safer\\_neighbourhoods.co.uk](http://www.safer_neighbourhoods.co.uk). The police website includes weekly crime reports for the area.

For membership information please contact me - David Halsall, Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, 10 Hedges Close, Ladbroke, Tel: 811838 or through the Ladbroke website.

**David Halsall**

## **Cinderella**

The Kingdom of Ladbroke has, for the first time in living memory, held a Pantomime in the Village Hall. If you didn't go to at least one of the three performances, you missed a real treat. Not a "ham" in sight. It was obvious from the start that everyone on stage was enjoying themselves and having fun.

We have some real talent in this kingdom; I don't know who arranged the auditions, but out of the hundreds of people to choose from it must have taken some imagination.

Who would have thought of casting Jane Rutherford and Kip Warr as the Ugly Sisters? They were great. I realise that they had the "meatiest" parts in the show, but they were excellent, and where on earth did the costumes come from?

The Pickin family really have talent. Charlotte as Cinderella was lovely, her singing voice, too – from Church anthems to pop, she can do the lot, no wonder the prince (Alex Barrett) fell in love with her. Sue Moore as Dandini, King Cuthbert's Secretary, had some tricky lines which didn't bother her at all. What legs, Sue and Alex! Talking of King Cuthbert (Margaret Bosworth no less – I had to look twice) was very good and fitted the part well. The Queen (Helen Ballard) was perpetually tipsy – I hope she was only acting!



The Dancers, Grace Bradley, Megan Godden and Alice Pickin, did some tricky little numbers at the costume changes. The delivery men (the two Peters – Goldson and Baker) were also very good – the ad libbing was really funny. The set piece about the Old Church Boiler (which turned out to be Kate Pickin herself) worked well. Kate had done the adaptation of the script as well as directing the show and playing the keyboard. The Hot New Burner, replacing the old boiler, was none other than Alice Pickin – a future Miss Ladbroke?

The Fairy Godmother was acted very well by Janet Goldson, although we didn't see her change the mice into horses which was rather a shame. In fact we didn't see the mice at all – there must have been some about.

Last but not least – Buttons, the warm-up man – Alan Lochhead. He was great fun. He really had to work hard at the audience participation bit. I know we weren't as good as the matinee audience but we did give it our best shot, Alan.

I know there were lots of other people that we didn't see, involved in making the stage and the set, the lighting the music and so on. They must be an excellent team because the result looked and sounded so good.

“Thank you” to you all, I bet you were exhausted at the end; I haven't met anyone who didn't enjoy the show. Someone has said it was better than some professional pantomimes they had seen, and knowing the cast added to the fun of it all.

**Ladbroke Theatre Critic - Betty Winkfield**

## **Cinderella – A Short Rhyme!**

Those who attended the Ladbroke pantomime will know what this is about – others can let their imagination run riot!

There's a village near Warwick called Ladbroke  
that's noted for pantos and fun  
And Mr and Mrs Jo Public  
went there with their daughter and son.

When they heard of a public performance  
with dancers and gorgeous young bride  
The family got quite animated -  
their excitement they just couldn't hide.

Then in came a trolley all swathed in a sheet.  
 A delivery by Rodders and Dell.  
 "We're really hard toilers -  
 we've dwarves and old boilers and stunning hot burners as well."

Father said that he fancied Dandini  
 and the King and Prince Rupert as well.  
 The girl asked if that made him a Fairy Godfather  
 but mother replied "Does it hell."

Then two ugly birds started waltzing  
 and can-can all over the halls.  
 The boy asked "What's the difference between the two sisters?"  
 Ma kept quiet but father said "One of them's a man."

"What's afoot?" the sisters asked Buttons  
 as they tried on a slipper in vain  
 "It's 12 inches." said Buttons, with arms spread out wide.  
 Wardobe said "He's just boasting again."

The Director in charge was Kate Pickin.  
 If they'd not learnt their lines off by rote -  
 Though she's not an old boiler, she's not too forgiving -  
 she'd have had their bums chewed by a goat.

**Kip Warr**

## **Ladbroke Village Hall**

A small comment made by a Village Hall Committee member in September came to fruition in December, when a group of Ladbroke residents performed 'Cinderella'.

So many people worked so very hard over several months to bring three 'SOLD OUT' performances to the stage on 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> December. There were the ideas people, the scenery people, the costume makers, music makers, actors, dancers, singers, administrators and many more, to numerous to detail.

We have had tremendous feed-back from both the villagers and friends and family, some of whom travelled great distances (even

from abroad) to watch the performances.

Now 'Panto'ed Out', for a while, the Committee can enjoy normal life.

However, watch this space for their 2010 ideas!!

**Christine Baker**  
**LVHT - Secretary**



I do hope everybody had a Happy Christmas – leading up to it is always a busy time.

We thank everybody for helping and supporting our coffee morning, always a pleasant and successful morning with the popular cake stall etc to boost proceedings.

The Group Carol Service at Stockton was excellent with a choir, readings, mulled wine and mince pies. Our reading was read by Lin Hayes and was by Eleanor Zonik, a former member.

The December meeting was very festive with presents, wine and mince pies. Helen and Sylvia always run the raffle and do a good job. Nora read the interesting annual letter from the Jersey W.I who we have been corresponding with for years.

The Slimming Group does try getting together regularly. I think the refreshments are the incentive (very trying!).

A reminder to members that the coach leaves the Village Hall at 6.30pm on Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> January for the Pantomime.

We look forward to our New Year's Party on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 7pm for 7.30pm.

The speaker at our meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> December was Lt. Col. Gerald Lesinski, Master of the Lord Leycester Hospital in Warwick. He was an excellent speaker with a fantastic personality who gave us the history of the Lord Leycester Hospital. Above the West Gate, or the Hanging Gate, is the Chapel of St James dating back to 1126 and, in 1358, Richard II signed a charter to give St James to the Guild of St George to help the needy with shelter and refuge. So many historical names, different guilds and Warwick School were mentioned.

In 1571, Robert Dudley, Earl of Warwick, made the Lord Leycester a retirement settlement for soldiers – although called “hospital” it has never been one. Nowadays, 12 retired servicemen live in, some with wives, in their own apartments. As a member said; far better than the Chelsea Pensioners quarters. Midland applicants are given priority although those from other parts of the country are accepted. They attend morning service at St James and assist with showing visitors around. Far better than sitting in a chair and they love it.

We were also shown the well cared for gardens and the Master’s Vase which is 200 years old with a more modern Bear and Ragged Staff. A silver Bear and Ragged Staff was passed around for us to see. This was presented to Robert Dudley by Elisabeth I.

Amongst the interesting slides, there was one of a special occasion showing our Queen in front of a line of royals on horseback including Lt. Col. Lesinski riding down the Mall.

A superb and interesting talk, thoroughly recommended. We are thinking of a visit to the Lord Leycester Hospital next year.

Happy New Year to everybody.

January speaker: Felicity Howatson – “Great Grandma’s Workbox”. Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January, Tom Hauley Room, 7.45pm.



**Harbury Theatre Group**

**Jo Banbury**

Harbury Theatre Group would like to say a massive thank you to all of you that came along and supported us at the end of November in our winter production *Tons of Money* by Will Evans and Valentine (adapted by Alan Ayckbourn). We had fantastic fun and, from the reactions from our audiences, it seemed a great success. A special mention goes to the sterling efforts of our new group members – Sue and Peter Byrd for their assistance in managing all of the props in the show, and also Peter Thompson who absolutely held his own amongst all of us “older hands”, and did a terrific job of playing Henery. We’d also like to take this opportunity of welcoming back Peter Ball, who despite his accident in rehearsal allowed the “show to go on”, and who played the real George Maitland magnificently.

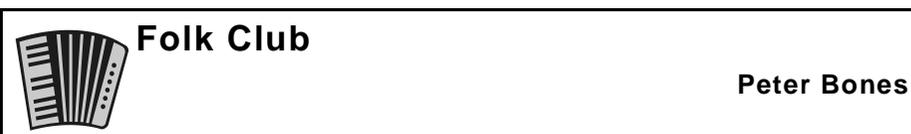
We would also like to thank all at Country Fayre for their much appreciated help in selling tickets for the shows. From the monies

raised from this show, and previous productions, we are pleased to be able to announce that we have donated £500 to the rebuilding of the Village Hall Fund.

With the cold of winter upon us, we only but pause in order to think of our next production coming up in May (13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>). We welcome anyone who would like to come and join us in reading through some plays on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> January. If you are interested, don't be shy, and please call 613120 to find out more details. This will be followed up by a casting evening for the nominated plays on Saturday 6th February, to be held in the Tom Hauley room, from 8pm.

If you can't make this, then our next monthly meeting will be held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 8pm in The Shakespeare – again all welcome. We'd love to see you there.

Happy New Year!



The December meeting of the Folk Club always seems to be a little early to give it a purely Christmas theme but it does seem appropriate to acknowledge the forthcoming season somehow. It is for that reason I chose “You and Your Kin”, or in other words “Families and Loved Ones” as the theme for the 301<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Folk Club held on December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Once again, the room was crowded long before the official start time, and somehow I had to try and squeeze in 14 acts in the limited time available. I am sure that now we are meeting in the restaurant of the Dog, which is bigger than the last regular venue, the numbers of performers and audience have increased to fill the space available. It is good to have so many people there.

As is the custom Liz and I as hosts, started the evening with a couple of songs having a family theme and with choruses. Immediately the enthusiastic joining in from the audience made us realise that everyone was in fine voice and keen to have a good sing.

During the evening we were again treated to a wide variety of music performed to a high standard. This ranged from two beautiful songs of Dougie Maclean sensitively performed by Peter McDonald, to a self penned amusing song (if you could call it a song!) by Keith Donelly

about the three wise women. To describe this as being “off the wall” would have been an understatement!

For a complete list of who sang what, please visit the Folk Cub web site, [www//Welcome.to/HarburyFolkClub](http://www>Welcome.to/HarburyFolkClub).

Many thanks to all who took part, the audience who provided a good atmosphere, and to Mark and Carol, the proprietors of the Dog, for making us so welcome..

Thanks also to those who contributed to the raffle which raised £80.00, which was donated to Auditory Verbal UK. This is a charity that provides a specialist therapy to profoundly deaf children, and for whom my daughter Susannah works.

The next folk club will be on January 7<sup>th</sup>. It will be hosted by Doug and Janny Freeman, and the theme will be “Harbury”. After a show of hands from the audience and with the agreement of Mark and Carol, it was decided that as from this next Folk Club, we will start at the earlier time of **8 o'clock**. This will allow us more time for the music, without having to finish too late.

## **Carol Singing by Hereburgh Morris and the Folk Club**

On Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, on a crisp, cold evening, 17 singers and musicians from Harbury Folk Club and Hereburgh Morris plus friends went carol singing around the pubs of Harbury, starting at The Crown and finishing at the The Old New Inn.

As usual, we enjoyed ourselves and managed to collect £109 for Myton Hospice. We would like to thank the pub landlords, bar staff and their customers for their generosity and good humour.

**Peter McDonald**



**Harbury RFC**

**Harbury Mini & Midi Rugby**

**Mike Steele**

**December 6th - at home to Earlsdon**

**Under 13s**

**Harbury 32 v 10 Earlsdon**

The opposition started brightly and were very good at rucking over in

numbers, however they were driven back by some great tackling from flanker Fin Toner. Outside centre Jack Hewson jinxed through and was tackled 5 metres out. The Harbury forwards rucked over well setting up Hooker Bradley King for his first try.

Bradley scored his second try with only seconds left in the first half, picking and driving from a ruck.

In the second half the Harbury forwards dominated the breakdowns and backs Shane Fennell and William Rea put in some great runs. Good twisting in contact by Jack Hewson left the forwards 5 metres out and Bradley was able to pick up the ball to make the line for his third try.

Earlsdon pulled a try back but were immediately put on the back foot and Joe Webster used his strength to add another try for Harbury.

As Earlsdon tired scrum half Ted Easton and Fly half Simon Fisher set up good ball for the backs to dent holes in the Earlsdon defence and Robert Rollason, Josh Biggs, Captain George White and Rory Pickin rucked and mauled Earlsdon backwards enabling Bradley to get two more tries, the last he managed to convert.

Earlsdon to their credit came back and scored with the last play of the game.

A comprehensive victory and another great team effort.

## **13th December - at Home to Rugby St Andrews**

### **Under 9s**

#### Match 1

Harbury 7 - Rugby St Andrews 3. We went 3-0 down very quickly but pulled it back to get a very respectable win, tries from Alex 6 and Finn 1

#### Match 2

Harbury 8 - Rugby St Andrews 2. Once again a very respectable win, tries from Tim Baldwin 3, Alex 3, Jay 1 and Finn 1

### **Under 12s**

#### Harbury 36 v Rugby St Andrews 5

Harbury U12s triumphed against a less experienced Rugby St Andrews side. They still had to do the basics well to overpower the opposition. Using their superior strength in the forwards, Harbury

dominated the majority of the scrums, rucks and mauls. Particularly impressive here were Henry Steele, Ben Taylor and Neil Taylor. This gave the backs the chance to run the ball, even if it didn't work every time.

Tries from Adam Grey, Alex Marston, Sam Tutt, Ben Taylor (2), William Irvine and conversions from George McGowan and Sam Tutt (2).

Special thanks go to Eathan Barr, Alex Marston, George McGowan and Adam Grey for taking it in turns to fill the gaps in the Rugby St Andrews side.



The Christmas festivities are now behind us, but the build up to them at Pre-School was enjoyed by one and all.

**Nativity Songtime:** At the beginning of December we began to rehearse our songs for the Nativity Songtime so that, by 10<sup>th</sup> December, the children were ready to perform at the stable yard in front of their parents and other relatives. The day was bright, with the sun shining directly onto the star over the stable door and the children performed brilliantly. They finished with "Silent Night" using Makaton signing, challenging the capacity audience to take part in the encore, which they

did with much enthusiasm, and a great deal of much deserved applause for the children at the end. We wish to say a huge thank you to Bud and Tony Jackson for allowing us to use their stable yard to create such a special atmosphere for the children and parents.



**Christmas Preparations:** After the Nativity Songtime, the children made lovely observational drawings of the Christmas tree to be made into cards in which they did their own "writing". At the creative table, the children made wonderful decorations for the tree, using card shapes and CDs as the basis for small scale collages. Cutting, joining

and estimating skills were put to the test as the children wrapped boxes as “presents” to go under the Christmas tree, the builders’ tray had a layer of glitter for mark making using fingers, and brushes, and measuring - using a variety of pots and spoons. Eve brought in some lovely home made play dough, and this proved very popular especially when glitter was added to give it an even more festive appearance.

**Father Christmas:** A visit from Father Christmas was heralded by some welcoming songs from the children and they were thrilled to



receive gifts from him when he arrived with his sack of goodies. Most were happy to chat to him about what they hoped to get in their stockings. The children later created their own ‘sledge’ outside, with Nuala as Father Christmas and our ride on vehicles as the ‘toys’!

**Reindeer Food:** In the last week of the term, the children made and took home bags of reindeer food to sprinkle on the grass outside, as encouragement to them to bring Father Christmas to their homes. Let’s hope it worked!

**Outdoor Play:** Throughout the month there was lots of outdoor play, whatever the weather and the first snowfall of the winter arrived on the last day of term, causing great excitement amongst the children.

**Mini Market:** We would like to say a big thank you to the organisers, helpers and visitors who made the Christmas Mini Market in the village hall such a huge success.



Finally, Gael, Lisa, Lesley, Bud, Claire and Angie would like to thank the parents and the children for all the lovely gifts and cards that we were given. We are now looking forward to a great year in 2010.

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](http://www.harburypre-school.org.uk).



One of the highlights this month was a visit to Warwick castle to see the magnificent Christmas tree, Santa in his library and the princess tower (please see separate article). Another highlight was our Christmas concert held in the Tom Hauley Room on December 4<sup>th</sup> at 10.15am. Mary and Joseph (Millie and Joseph) were

accompanied by a host of angels, stars and princesses. This was due to asking the children what they wanted to be and, as the majority of Windmills children are girls, their reply was that they all wanted to be angels or fairies. All the children enthusiastically sang along to the traditional carols as well as some new songs. They all danced to our twinkling stars music watched by a very proud audience of parents, grandparents and friends, and then everyone enjoyed coffee and mince pies afterwards.

### **Forest School**

We have held two Forest School sessions this term. During the first session the children made Christmas trees in the woodland using lots of natural resources and also attempted threading nuts. During the second session the children constructed a reindeer from logs, twigs and lots of mud.



Other activities this month have included:

Adding glitter to the sand tray.

Creating a wonderful back drop for our concert including Mary, Joseph, kings, shepherds, angels and of course baby Jesus which then decorated the walls at Windmills.

Making Christmas cards and calendars. Counting the days to Christmas by taking turns to open the doors on our own giant advent

calendar.

Creating a north pole role play area complete with igloo and Santa's sleigh.

Catching up on how Dolly the puppy has grown since her last visit. Thank you to Becky Lines for taking the trouble to bring her in to meet the children again, they really enjoyed stroking her and feeding her.



Windmill's Christmas party, when the children played lots of party games, and enjoyed party food and a visit from Santa, who gave them all a present to take home.

### **Thank you**

Thank you to everyone who helped to make our Christmas concert such a success, especially, Michael Hare for accompanying our singing with his accordian, Amanda Woolly for recording the performance, and everyone who helped in the kitchen serving coffee and mince pies and selling raffle tickets, and last but not least Father Craig and everyone at Church for being so supportive during what has been a difficult time for Windmills.

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

### **Warwick Castle**

**Helen Edwards and Jemima Balcam**

On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December, Freya Johnson's dad and mum very kindly organized and hosted a Christmas trip to Warwick Castle for all the Windmills Nursery children.

Passing the tallest Christmas tree we've ever seen we were taken to see Santa in his library. The children made themselves at home on enormous pile of cushions (Joseph particularly enjoyed bouncing on these!) Santa had lost his Christmas Wish book and showed us

around his library as he looked for it, performing magic tricks along the way. We especially enjoyed the fire in the book! Freya, Mia, Evie H and Millie loved helping with the colouring book trick. The setting was magical and it was by far the best and most memorable Santa experience we've come across. Frost the elf gave all the children a sweet and some reindeer food to leave out on Christmas Eve then we were whisked away to the Princess Tower.



At the Princess Tower the children helped Princess Evie to choose the accessories for Princess Arabella's wedding dress which Mia, Emily and Maddie were particularly taken with. Joseph and Sienna lay on a pile of mattresses to take the 'pea test' and discovered that they are indeed a true prince and princess! The children were amazed when Princess Arabella's portrait came magically to life.

We then made our way up a spiral staircase where more princesses helped transform the children into gallant knights and beautiful princesses. The girls dressed in pink and gold cloaks, pointy hats, tiaras and waved magic wands. Giorgio and Joseph, the handsome knights, wore helmets, swords and shields. The children all stood entranced in front of the magic mirrors.



We all had a wonderful, magical afternoon and left feeling that Christmas had, at last, truly arrived. Huge thanks to David and Kate Johnson for organising such an amazing treat for us all!



## Village Hall Update

Chris Finch

The GREEN light is on for the modernisation phase 1a for a newly developed toilet block at the Village Hall, which should mean all systems will be GO just after the start of the New Year. Several tenders were received for the work in early December and the development group requested additional information from some of the builders before making a final decision. The group also agreed to hire the services of Paul Quinney to oversee the work in progress, as he has been involved in creating the specifications for the modernisation and is very familiar with the all requirements for the project. As reported previously, it will be possible to hire the Hall for the usual purposes whilst work is in progress and it is not anticipated that there will be any disruption to the regular programmes of activity.

At a recent meeting of all the groups involved with the development of the Hall, held at the same time as a Theatre Group rehearsal, a car parked in front of the premises had a wing mirror damaged and a side panel badly scratched. Whilst it is acknowledged that the area for parking should accommodate two average-sized cars, reversing to the gate can be difficult. It is thought that whoever caused the damage must have realised that they had been too close to a parked car and should therefore have come into the Hall to discover whose car had been damaged. The owners of the car at Bull Ring Cottage have had to pay to have the damage repaired and although it is 'late in the day', they would appreciate a contribution towards the £160 repair bill, even if it is anonymous.

On a brighter note, the Village Hall committee look forward to welcoming revellers to the annual buffet dance with the Likely Lads on the night before New Year's Eve. As always, it promises to be a thoroughly energetic evening, with dancers on the floor from the first bar to the final Auld Lang Syne.

## Village Hall Renovation

There will be a coffee morning to raise funds for this in the Tom Hauley Room on Saturday January 9<sup>th</sup>. It will be run by the Table Tennis Group to express their appreciation of the hard work done by the committee on the behalf of everyone who uses the Village Hall. If this includes you, please support it; offers of raffle prizes, cakes and bric-a-brac would be gratefully received.

Gillian Hare



The meeting in December was very well attended and as is the December custom we didn't have a speaker but all played a Flowerpot game loosely based on Beetle. There was much shaking of dice and hilarious laughter and after 6 games we had a winner. The winner of the £10 garden gift voucher was Sue Ward. The second prize of a very festive china mug was shared between Ian Jackson and Ann Meyer, I'm not sure how you share a mug but I'm sure it all worked out. The Bursary was won by Margaret Commons and the 14 festive raffle prizes seemed to be evenly distributed.

The food was amazing (apologies for sounding like Craig on Strictly!) - it really was! Such diversity, we do have some very talented members. We all enjoyed the buffet and a chance to catch up with friends; everyone expressed thanks for a most enjoyable evening.

Janice and her team then organised a coffee morning on 12th December which was very well supported. The proceeds will go towards the Village Show, a joint venture between the Horticultural Society and the W.I. Despite my pleas in my last article and at the last meeting, no one has expressed an interest in taking on the running of the Show. It is getting quite critical now there are Judges etc to contact in the next 2 months and Janice will support and encourage whoever would like to do this. As I said before you do not have to be a member of the Society -will you PLEASE think about it. Don't be shy - we don't bite! Seriously it would be so awful if we were unable to continue with the Show.

Some suggestions of places to visit after the Big Day. If you have never been to the Botanic gardens in Oxford, I can really recommend a visit. They are the oldest Botanical gardens in the country and are opposite Magdalen College. I spent many happy hours here when I was working in Oxford. Similarly the Botanic Gardens in Birmingham (which we visited a few years ago) too are a lovely place to spend time. There are lots of events at Pershore College in the New Year, for details either phone 01386 554609 or look on the web site [www.warkscol.ac.uk](http://www.warkscol.ac.uk).

We visited Ashwood Nurseries last year and had a guided tour by the owner (John Massey) of his own garden. On 19th January and 9th February John will be giving a talk entitled Winter in Bloom.

It promises to be a superb talk and a chance to see again his marvellous collection of Ashwood Hellebores, Hamamelis, winter flowering Cyclamen and Galanthus cultivars. For further details either phone 01384 401996 or look at the web site [www.ashwoodnurseries.com](http://www.ashwoodnurseries.com).

Why not take a trip to London and visit Kew again, always magical. RHS Wisley has butterflies in the Glasshouse from 16th January to 28th February and lots more. Closer to home, Batsford Arboretum is always good value as is Stowe Gardens near Brackley. My hero William Kent had a hand in designing these wonderful gardens so I am slightly biased! Whatever you decide to do, just enjoy the gardens in Winter - no need to hibernate!

The January meeting is on 5th when we will be having a talk about the restoration of Hill Close Gardens in Warwick. Do come along and brighten up a dark evening. Cheer up it will now be getting lighter by 2 minutes a day so by the middle of January it won't be dark until almost 5.00pm!

The February meeting on 2nd is a talk by Derek Walker called Tiptoe through the Tulips. He plants thousands in preparation for opening his garden in the Spring. He came to our Society in February 2008 with his dear friend Michael Ecob who spoke to us about Rutland. Sadly Michael isn't too well these days but did recommend this talk by Derek. Something else to look forward to.

I look forward to seeing everyone in 2010. Have a happy, healthy and contented New Year and Happy Gardening.



## **Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery**

**Christine Dakin**

The shortest day has gone and slowly but surely the days will begin to lengthen. Although the coldest weather often happens over the next two months, there is a real sense of optimism at the start of a new year. I think this is especially true of gardeners who are always looking forward and watching for signs of spring.

One of the best sights of the year must surely be of newly emerging snowdrops which always come through no matter what the weather is like. Make a note to remind yourself to split them up and spread them around your garden when they have finished flowering.

At Bridge Nursery we are normally (nominally?) 'closed' in January, although in reality we often carry on working because there are various winter jobs to do, these include:-

Digging over the vegetable patch

Pruning Dogwoods\* (towards the end of the month)

Pruning climbing and shrub Roses

Removing dead leaves from Hellebores\*

More planting – especially bare root trees and shrubs (the ones you got for Christmas??)

General tool maintenance

Ordering seeds (this done at home on wet and cold days!)

However, this winter we shall be at work as often as possible (and so open for business) because (by the time you read this) the new larger shed will have been delivered (as a 'flat pack' to end all flat packs!). Philip is greatly (voice off "Is he?") looking forward to building this and later fitting it out. It will be much more spacious than our existing sales shed and will also be a warm, dry place to host our evening group visits from garden clubs and W I groups. Also it will provide shelter from showers and we hope to be able to offer 'make-it-yourself' tea/coffee and newspapers for the 'not-so-interested' while the other half browses the plants. We shall play our part in being 'green' by installing a compost loo. Do visit us later in the year to have your curiosity (and maybe the call of nature) satisfied.

**A very Happy New Year to all our readers!**

PS. We do like to receive any feedback, you can email us via our website.

Plants marked with \* available at Bridge Nursery.

*Bridge Nursery*

*Tomlow Road*

*Napton*

[www.bridge-nursery.co.uk](http://www.bridge-nursery.co.uk)

*Tel: 01926 812737*

¼ mile from Crossroads Garage – look for our Tourist Sign



## Nature Notes

John Hancock

The cold snap we experienced before Christmas coincided with my admission to hospital for knee surgery, so I could just look out of the window and imagine what it was like to crunch across the snowy fields and look for animal tracks. I hope some of you enjoyed the wintry environment up close and I hope to hear your reports.

Before all that, John Roberts gave our U3A Naturalists' Group a tour of France by way of wildlife photographs he had taken over some years and had put together to show the remarkable range of scenery with its accompanying flora and fauna - magnifique. Just across the Channel can be seen a species now extinct in the British Isles - Summer Lady's Tresses (*Spiranthes aestivalis*). It has small, white, trumpet-shaped flowers, arranged on the short stem [10-20cms in height] in an unusual spiral pattern. It used to be common in boggy (acidic) areas in the New Forest but was last recorded in 1952. It was part of our orchid flora and is the only orchid to have disappeared from the known flora in this country though many, such as the Dark Red Helliborine (*Epipactis atrorubens*) and the Military Orchid (*Orchis militaris*), are endangered. I've promised myself some orchid hunts in 2010 with the aid of an excellent book Sharon has recently given me - 'Orchids of Britain and Ireland, a Field and Site Guide'. It's a monumental work by Anne and Simon Harrap, published by A and C Black. In the depths of winter it is good to think that, as the year turns, spring will inevitably follow.

I digress; back to La Belle France. In the forest of Fontainebleau, close to Samois-sur-Seine, John Roberts photographed the Large Tortoiseshell Butterfly [*Nymphalis polychloros*], a species possibly now extinct this side of the Channel, [once common in Southern woodlands most sightings now have probably been introduced]. Other rarities we don't have included Carthusian Pink and the Large Chequered Skipper butterfly. Red Squirrels were quite common in Fontainebleau, here they are rare south of the Scottish border but I have seen them in the Lake District. Other sites where this once common native animal can be seen are the Isle of Wight and the dune country near Formby on the Lancashire Fylde coast.

Something we definitely don't have here is Alpine country. At 9000 feet on the Col de la Bonet, John found Edelweiss and the Cynthia's Fritillary Butterfly which has evolved to survive on the snow fields. Its black colouration ensures it absorbs heat from the sun and can fly

after emergence to feed from the early spring flowers.

A journey to Brandon Marsh, Warwickshire Wildlife Trust's HQ south east of Coventry is very worthwhile. With numerous bird hides overlooking the reedy pools, you will see numbers of wildfowl including Teal, Pochard and Shoveler duck. A bittern is a possibility. You will be made very welcome and I can vouch for the excellence of the cafe. My favourite cycle route to Brandon, which I followed on December 8<sup>th</sup> in bright sunshine, goes via Bascote Heath, Long Itchington, Hunningham, Weston-under Wetherly, Bubbenhall, crossing the Avon on an ancient sandstone bridge before skirting Baginton Airport and crossing the very busy A45 at Stonebridge roundabout. There is an excellent light controlled cycle/pedestrian crossing. It is just a mile down Brandon Lane to the peace and quiet of the Marsh. At the Avon crossing, I usually stop to look for Kingfishers. None this time. The river was damned by brown reed stems, probably caught up by a submerged tree. A small, chunky bird with a reddish breast proved to be a male Bullfinch.

Later that day, Les Evans of Squab Hall Farm 'phoned to say he had lit up Chesterton Windmill and asked my opinion. I thought it an excellent idea for the Christmas season and have since seen it illuminated as I hope have you. Should it be permanent in winter time? As walking over the countryside was going to be off limits for me for a month or two at least, Sharon and I took the opportunity of a walk in very acceptable conditions on Sunday December 13<sup>th</sup>. With Christmas presents to deliver near Alcester, we chose that area's footpaths for our ramble. Although muddy underfoot and low lying in parts as it included the Alne Valley, we didn't find the mud quite as clinging as locally. The highlight was Haselor Church sitting isolated on its own hill about half a mile from the village centre. For once, the derivation is clear says Anthony Poulton-Smith in his book, 'Warwickshire Place Names - 'the bank where the hazel grows'. We sat on a bench with our backs against the west end of the battlemented church of St Mary and All Saints looking towards the low sun and the Worcestershire border. The church reminded us of Chesterton and we felt privileged to be picnicking outdoors so late in the year. Later, the route led past the ancient dovecote at Kinwarton, now owned by the National Trust. The derivation here is trickier, the name being Saxon in origin -'Cyneward's Farm'. The dovecote was erected in the 14<sup>th</sup> century when the manor belonged to the monks of Evesham. During winter, fresh pigeon meat was much prized.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone for their messages to speed my recovery and wish you all a Happy New Year.



## General Section

### **Leamington & District Parkinson Disease Society – Local Branch**

Informal and friendly Meetings are held at the Sydni Centre, Marloes Walk, Sydenham on the second Monday of the month - 2pm to 4pm.

Contact: Welfare Officer - Marion Grimwood - 01926 337695,  
Secretary - Margaret Holland - 01926 853023 or the Information  
Support Worker - Anita Hallett - 0844 225 3649.

**Jean Smith**

**Committee Member**

### **Harbury Art Class**

The class has progressed from pencil drawing to charcoal drawing to ink.

Many people passing Church House have commented on the 'bottoms' in my lounge window! Well, those belong to a male and female torso, from which we worked in our charcoal. Many of these works grace the walls of houses all over Warwickshire as I have been using these torsos in my classes for over 12 years!

Just before the end of term we experimented by using tree twigs and ink to work from a ballerina statue by Degas. The twigs create a completely different mark on the paper to pencil or charcoal and end up looking like a Roald Dahl book illustration.

Our last session was working with pen and wash to create original Christmas card designs. Maybe you will receive one of these this year.

We followed this session with a cheering bowl of home-made soup and a glass of wine to celebrate a very successful term.

Next term starts on Tuesday 12th January at 10am-12pm in the Scout Hut. It would be a good time for anyone interested in learning how to use pastels to join, as I will be teaching everything I know about pastels from beginning to end, over the next two terms.

Pastel is a good medium for painters to start with, as the colours don't run on the page or necessarily need to be pre-mixed. Whilst learning to handle the medium, you will also be learning valuable tips on colour choice based on colour theory.

Many of my past students have made the comment that when they get frustrated with paint, they can always go back to their pastels and produce a piece of art that will re-build their confidence.

It doesn't matter what ability level you are in order to join the pastel lessons.

If you'd like to have a go, phone Jan on 01926 614251.

**Jan Freeman**

## **Harbury Church Men's Group**

Harbury Church Men's Group will never be the same again!!! Two of the Three Maskateers from Mask-arade gave them a talk about Dragons' Den etc. A great evening was had by all.



**Dean Walton**

## The Illuminated Chesterton Windmill



I am sure no one who has made a night time approach to Harbury from the west during the month of December, has failed to notice the magnificent sight of Chesterton Windmill being lit up. As the maintenance engineer for the windmill, I have been asked by several people if the County Council were responsible for this and I have had to say no. It was carried out by the owner, Les Evans of Squab Hall Farm as a gesture of seasonal goodwill. In addition to providing the lights he had to provide a power supply, so it has been no small task. Without exception, everyone I have spoken to has said how splendid it

looks and I wholeheartedly share their views.

Many thanks Les - your gesture is greatly appreciated. It would be really good if this became a regular feature of the Christmas season?

**Peter Bones**

## Harbury Senior Citizens Committee Update

We had more than 100 people at the Christmas Party, all of whom seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves. The entertainment was a bit different this year and I am sure that by now most of the village would know what it was. I understand that those who are interested could have lessons - it seems a great way to keep fit! The sing-along was also a change this year organised by Mavis Young and we hope you enjoyed it. Certainly those who were listening thought that you were auditioning for the choir, it was so good.



We couldn't put on the party without a lot of extra help from a number of volunteers who help behind the scenes - setting up, dishing up, serving up and washing up. Thank you for your hard work and support – it really is appreciated by everyone.

As we roll into 2010 the committee would like to wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year.



**Mike McBride,**  
**On behalf of the Harbury Senior Citizens Benefit Association**

## **Green Energy Initiative in Harbury**

Exhortations to 'green up' our lives come thick and fast these days. Usually this is on the back of dire predictions of global catastrophe within the next 50 to 100 years, unless we act. Is it really our fault? And what can we do anyway? Whether or not humans are entirely

responsible for climate change is, I believe, an argument not worth having. The climate is warming. It is exacerbated by the amount of carbon and other 'greenhouse gases' we release. And we can – and must - do something about that.

The politicians will come back from Copenhagen with new initiatives and incentives, the activists with either new resolve or depression and you and I will still be wondering what we can do. Technology has moved on a great deal and the incentivising funds to encourage take up of the new possibilities improve with every new call for action. In April, for example, those people able to generate more energy than they use (and you actually can with the new energy options) will benefit from new 'feed-in tariffs' at the rate of about 36p per kW.

There is potential to look at energy solutions for the whole village and opportunities to help and encourage us all as individual householders to take up the new gizmos and access the grants to do that. With the support of the Parish Council a few of us have decided to see what we can find out and make happen for the village so that we can all move into the modern world we need to create. Only if we act together positively can this happen.

We are intent on setting up a small working group to look at making Harbury one of the exemplars of a sustainable community. We need people with relevant expertise and contacts to move this forward rapidly and others prepared to be part of a wider network of active villagers. If this excites you and you are keen to join in, please contact:

**Bob Sherman - 612277;  
bob@churchterrace8.freeserve.co.uk**

**David and Karen Bristow – 612536;  
bristowfamily@hotmail.co.uk**

## **Upton House & Gardens**

**Volunteering Open Day -Sunday 24 January 2010, 11am – 3pm**

Are you.... Welcoming, enthusiastic and good with people?

Looking for an interesting volunteering experience?

Interested in your local history?

In 2010 Upton be also opening an extra day - Friday, and we are looking for volunteers to help in the afternoons on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

We are looking for friendly, helpful people who will help visitors get the best out of their day at Upton House. You don't have to have any previous knowledge - just to be willing to learn, give some time and to have some fun!

Drop in on the 24 January from 11.00am- 3.00pm and learn more about what is involved, meet some like-minded people and find out about other opportunities.

Volunteering has something for everyone, and different people aim to get different things out of their volunteering experience. Some want to escape the kids, others want to make new friends and some just want to indulge in a fantastic property with a fascinating history.

Here are just some of the benefits:

- Have an afternoon at a 1930s house party, meet new people and make new friends whilst being part of a friendly and supportive team.
- You will be in stunning surroundings, expanding your knowledge of the family, and the collections, talking to members of the public and sharing your enthusiasm.

Have fun whilst expanding your CV by learning new skills, encouraging others to learn more and give something back to your community.

We hope to see you at Upton on 24 January, however if you'd like to know more but can't make it please contact: Haidee Sheahan, Visitor Services Manager, [haidee.sheahan@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:haidee.sheahan@nationaltrust.org.uk), tel: 01295 670266

**Sarah Moreby**

**Volunteer Recruitment Project Leader**

## **New Year for the Harbury Choir School**

Hopefully everyone had a very merry Christmas and New Year! We would firstly like to that everyone who came and supported us at our 'Christmas Audience With...' evening. Thanks to very generous

donations and raffle ticket buying, we raised £156.43! This will all go straight back into the choir to pay for some new music and equipment.

This year kicks off for us on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2010** at the Village Hall from 6.30-7.30pm for Harbury Young Voices and 7.30-8.00pm for the Chamber Choir.

We have an exciting programme of songs to work on this term and hope to find everyone in good voice and ready to sing!! As always, we welcome new members and are open to anyone aged 7-16. If you are thinking of joining, please check out our website **[www.harburychoirschool.org](http://www.harburychoirschool.org)** where you can find more information about us and contact us to register your interest.

The New Year also sees the return of our very popular 'Make a Noise' workshops, which allow anyone to get involved without a regular commitment. Following the success of the Mamma Mia day last year, we will be running a one day workshop on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February**.

The children will again be joined by members of The Warwickshire Band to have the invaluable experience of working up close with live musicians. The day of singing, music, dance, acting, art and fun will culminate in an open public performance. There will be a charge of £5 per child for this event to cover costs. Spaces will be limited so make sure to register early. David and I are very excited about this year's 'Make a Noise' theme but you will have to watch this space for more details!!

**Helen and David Iles**

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## **Ballroom Dancing**

The next six week session will start on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> January 2010 at 8.30pm to 10.00pm in the Village Hall. So if you want to have a go at the quickstep, rumba and a few more nifty numbers and have a lot of fun, we'll see you there. For more information, please 'phone me on 613680.

**Joan Smith**



## LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

*Dear Editors*

*My granddaughter, Beccy Mazurek, and I, sincerely thank everyone for the many sympathy cards and messages received at the death of my daughter Susan, "Sus". What a comfort it is to have such a caring village. Sincere thanks to Father Craig for his blessing and care given at the burial of her ashes.*

**Mavis Powell and Beccy**

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*Dear Editors*

*Superb – a grand total of £2538 was donated to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2009 from the people of Ufton, Chesterton, Deppers Bridge and Harbury. Once again our thanks goes to all the donors and especially to our dedicated band of house to house collectors. Adding to make the total were generous Harbury and Ufton Church collections and a Parish Council donation.*

*The appeal was concluded with a full congregation at the Sunday morning service – thank you Craig, followed by a large assembly gathered around the cenotaph – thank you trumpeter Tony.*

*The annual coffee morning was once again very successful with takings of over £200 – thank you Celia. Lots of generous raffle prizes were supplied and, once again, our "Legion cooks" worked wonders with a lovely display of pies, cakes and other "goodies" which of course were quickly sold. Thank you ladies.*

**Mike Bishop**

**Harbury & District Royal British Poppy Appeal Committee**

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*Dear Editors*

*The cake bakers of Harbury came up trumps once more for the Christmas Fayre. Thank you all very much for your generosity to the cake stall – we made a worthwhile contribution to the end total. My thanks to Jeanne and Margaret for their expertise in decorating and selling! And baking of course.*

**Muriel Grey**

*Dear Editors*

*I would like to thank all those who helped, gave cakes and raffle prizes at the recent coffee morning for Harbury Village Show. Around £180 was raised towards the engraving of the cups. Thank you.*

**Janice Siddle**

**Harbury Horticultural Society**

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*Dear Editors*

*Yet another Christmas and our grateful thanks to the GASS Committee and their helpers who yet again delivered all our Christmas cards in Harbury even on Christmas Eve. Thank you very much – you are all stars!! Thank you also to all our friends in and around Harbury for all your cards sent.*

*Thank you and happy New Year.*

**Pam and Geoff Cleaver**

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**Dear Editors**

**Christmas Hamper**

*Bill and I would like to express our appreciation through the Harbury News for the wonderful Christmas Hamper that was delivered to our home. We didn't have time to say a proper thank you to the lady who delivered the hamper but take this opportunity to formally thank the benefactors of this generous gift, which is very much appreciated.*

*May we wish everyone in Harbury a Happy New Year.*

**Vera and Bill Allcock,  
7, Farley Avenue,  
Harbury**

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

**Bookings for:**

<b>Scout Hut</b>	<b>Caroline Hill</b>	<b>613780</b>
<b>Tom Hauley Room</b>	<b>Liz Bunting</b>	<b>612450</b>
<b>T. Hauley Room Coffee Morning</b>	<b>Sally Stringer</b>	<b>613214</b>
<b>Village Hall</b>	<b>Celia Neill</b>	<b>612819</b>
<b>Wight School</b>	<b>Lin Hayes</b>	<b>613488</b>

## Regular Diary Dates

**ART CLASSES:** The Scout Hut, Tuesday 10am -12 noon (614251)

**ART TUTORIALS:** Tom Hauley Room 1st Thursday of the month (614104)

**BABY CLINIC:** Surgery, 2nd & 4th Wednesday 1.00 – 3.00pm

**BADMINTON:** Village Hall, Monday mornings 10:00am -12:00 noon (612877)

Mondays 7:00 - 9:00pm; (612627)

**BEAVERS:** Scout Hut, Thursdays 5.30 - 6.40pm (612822)

**BELL RINGING PRACTICE:** Church, Fridays 7:30pm (612939)

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

**BRIDGE CLUB:** Thursday in Village Club at 7.00pm (612714)

**BROWNIES:** Scout Hut, Mondays 5.45pm - 7:00pm (612538)

Brownies & Rainbows Waiting List - Bobbie Sharpe (614040)

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

**CHOIR PRACTICE:** Church, Fridays 6:30pm (612978)

**CHURCH MEN'S GROUP:** Tom Hauley Room 1st Thursday in the month 7.45pm (612753)

**COFFEE MORNING:** Tom Hauley Room Saturdays 10:00am - 12:00noon (613214)

**CUBS:** Scout Hut, Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:00pm (614730)

**DROP-IN TEA FOR THE BEREAVED:** 19, Farm Street, last Wednesday in the month (except in December) 2.30 to 4.30pm (612585)

**GUIDES:** Scout Hut, Mondays 7.15pm – 8.45pm

**GYMNASTICS:** Harbury School, Mondays 6:00 - 7:00pm (07939 679533)

**HARBURY FOLK CLUB:** Dog Inn 1st Thursday in the month 8:00pm (613730)

**HARBURY FRIENDS:** Tom Hauley Room, 2nd Tuesday in the month 8:00pm (612534)

**HARBURY JUNIORS FOOTBALL CLUB:**

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Coach: Steve Darby Tel: 01926 613330

Training: Saturday 9.00am Harbury School

**Under 7's – Year 2**

Coach: Steve Burnell Tel: 07912 578605 or Ian Jones 01926 612201

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**Under 9's - Year 4 (Mixed)**

Coach: Richard Woodhead Tel: 07786 802803

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**Under 11's - Year 6 (Boys)**

Coach: Carolyn Dorning Tel: 01926 612037

Training: Saturday 9.00am, Harbury Playing Fields

**Under 11's - Years 5,6,7 Girls**

Coach: Judith Woodfield Tel: 01926 312021

Training: Saturday 9.00am, Harbury Playing Fields

**Under 12/13's – Year 8 Boys**

Coach: Malcom Tanner Tel: 07950 312541

Training: Saturday 9.00am, Harbury Playing Fields

**HARBURY PRE-SCHOOL:** Wight School (behind Library), High St. Monday 12:30pm – 3:00pm, Tuesday to Friday 9:00am - 1:00pm (613386)

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

**HARBURY TODDLER GROUP:** Wight School, Monday 10:00 - 11:30am &

Wednesday 1:30 - 3:00pm (614858)

**HARBURY VILLAGE CLUB:** Contact 612498

**HEREBURGH MORRIS DANCERS:** School Hall, Wednesdays 8:00 - 10:00pm (612819)

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

**KICK START APPALACHIAN STEP DANCERS:** Scout Hut, Saturdays,

10:00am - 12:00noon (612734)

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

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

**NETBALL CLUB:** Village Hall Car Park, Training Thursdays 6:30pm; (613163)

Matches on Saturday Afternoon

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

**MOTHER'S UNION:** Tom Hauley Room, 1st Wednesday in the month 2.30pm; 3rd Tuesday in the month 8.00pm (612427)

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

**RAINBOWS :** Scout Hut Tuesdays 5.30 - 6.30pm, Unit Leader Bobbi Sharpe 614040

**SCOUTS:** Scout Hut, Thursdays 7:00pm (614062)

**SLIMMING WORLD:** Village Club, Wednesdays 6.30pm, Jessica Fitzgerald (07775 678772 or 612164)

**TAI CHI:** Village Hall, Friday 7.00pm – 8.30pm (612277)

**TAP & DANCE FOR ADULTS:** Wednesday, 8.30-9.30pm (Jane - 07989 834416)

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**COACHING** - For individual or small group coaching, please contact Linda Casement (614734).

**THURSDAY CLUB:** Farley Room of Village Hall 4th Thursday in the month 2:30pm (612877)

**W.I.:** Tom Hauley Room, 2nd Thursday in the month 7:45pm (614188)

**WINDMILLS NURSERY SCHOOL:** In the grounds of Harbury Primary School,

Monday-Thursday; 9:05am - 3.05pm; Friday 9.05am -12.30pm (07906 519148)**YOGA:** Tom Hauley Room, Wednesdays, 7:30-9:30pm Dianne Surgery (817904)

**YOUTH DROP IN:** Tuesdays 8:00-9:00pm in Village Hall (613207)

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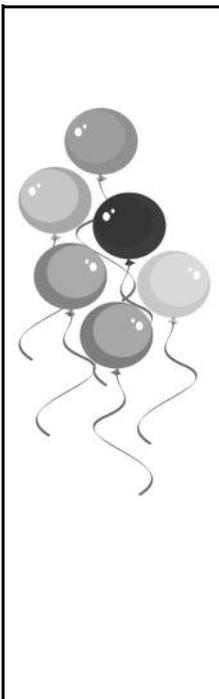
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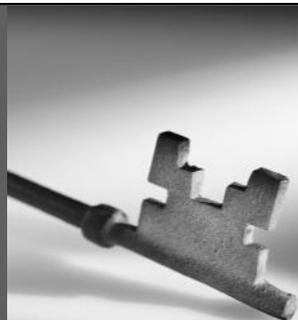
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