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## Editorial



Both Harbury Carnival and Ladbroke Village Fete enjoyed warm and sunny weather which brought out the crowds. Both events benefited from excellent organisation. The Open Gardens and Art Exhibition also attracted visitors to Harbury village.

In contrast it is disappointing to report that serious vandalism has been committed to trees in Harbury by deliberate stripping off the bark which will certainly cause the trees to die. Anyone with information should report this to the Police.

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Have you used the £2 evening bus ticket? This gives unlimited evening travel on the Stagecoach buses after 6.00pm.

The 'Village with a Vision' is being carried forward with an Open Meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> July, starting at 10.30am – see article for details.

The School Kids Club is running for the first three weeks of the school holidays, with interesting and varied activities each day from 8.00am to 5.00pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Finally, we extend our sympathies to the family of Doreen Hansen.

## Harbury Diary

### JULY

**Sat 3**      Coffee Morning 10.00am in Tom Hauley Room in aid of the Brownies

PTA Summer Fayre, 12 noon to 3.00pm at School

Harbury Society Marton Nature Reserve Guided Tour 11.00am  
Bach Choir Concert 7.30pm in Church

**Sun 4 TRINITY V**

Sung Eucharist 9.00am

First Light Service 10.30am Tom Hauley Room

Holy Communion with Laying on of Hands 6.00pm

**Mon 5**      Duke of Edinburgh Group 6.30pm in Village Hall  
Village Hall Management Cttee 7.30pm in Village Hall

- Tues 6      Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Weds 7     Mothers' Union Strawberry Tea 2.30pm Tom Hauley Room  
(N.B. No Communion Service today)
- Thurs 8     Holy Communion 9.45am  
Harbury Choir School 6.30pm in Village Hall  
WI 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room – 'The Amish and their Quilts'
- Fri 9       Village with a Vision, Extra Care Housing Open Meeting  
10.00am-2.00pm in Tom Hauley Room  
Adult African Drumming Group, 6.30 – 8.00pm in Scout Hut  
Tel: 614672
- Sat 10      Tai Chi 7.00pm in Village Hall  
Coffee Morning 10.00am in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Southam Guides
- Sun 11      TRINITY VI**
- Holy Communion 8.00am  
Sung Eucharist 10.30am
- Tues 13     Toddlers Service 2.30pm in Tom Hauley Room  
Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Wed 14      Duke of Edinburgh Group 6.30pm in Village Hall
- Thurs 15     Holy Communion 9.45am  
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31 BINSWOOD END BY 5.30PM  
Harbury Choir School, "Summer Pops" Concert (entry free),  
6.00pm for 6.30pm in Village Hall
- Fri 16       Adult African Drumming Group, 6.30 – 8.00pm in Scout Hut  
Tel: 614672
- Sat 17       Tai Chi 7.00pm in Village Hall  
Men's Prayer Breakfast 7.30am Tom Hauley Room  
Coffee Morning 10.00am in Tom Hauley Room in aid of P.C.C.  
Sister Martha's Dinner 7.30pm – tickets from Su McClellan,  
The Rectory, Vicarage Lane
- Sun 18      Trinity VII**
- Holy Communion 8.00am  
Family Communion Service 10.30am "This is our Story"  
Followed by Bring & Share Lunch Tom Hauley Room  
Evensong 6.00pm
- Mon 19      P.C.C. Meeting 7.30pm Tom Hauley Room  
Duke of Edinburgh Group 6.30pm in Village Hall
- Tues 20      Mothers' Union Skittles Evening 7.00pm Village Club  
Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Weds 21      Senior Citizens Benefit Cttee 8.00pm in Village Hall  
Tea 3.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Thurs 22      Thursday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall  
Holy Communion 9.45am  
Parish Council 7.30pm Village Hall
- Fri 23       School Ends  
Adult African Drumming Group, 6.30 – 8.00pm in Scout Hut  
Tel: 614672  
Tai Chi 7.00pm in Village Hall

- Sat 24 Coffee Morning 10.00am in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Myton Hospice
- Sun 25 TRINITY VIII - St. JAMES**
- Holy Communion 8.00am  
Sung Eucharist 10.30am
- Tues 27 Holy Communion 7.30pm  
Julian Meeting 8.00pm
- Weds 28 Drop in Tea for the Bereaved 2.30 to 4.30pm, 19 Farm Street
- Thurs 29 ARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH STREET AND  
EMAIL ARTICLES DEADLINE BY 5.30PM  
Holy Communion 9.45am
- Fri 30 Tai Chi 7.00pm in Village Hall
- Sat 31 Coffee Morning 10.00am in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Ladbrooke Church
- AUGUST**
- Sun 1 TRINITY IX**
- Sung Eucharist 9.00am  
First Light Service 10.30am Tom Hauley Room  
Taizé-style Service 6.00pm
- Tues 3 Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Weds 4 No MU Meeting
- Thurs 5 Folk Club 8.00pm in Dog Inn  
No Men's Group Meeting
- Sat 7 Coffee Morning 10.00am in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Mothers' Union  
Senior Citizens Benefit Committee Lunch in Village Hall

#### Refuse Collection Rota

	Deppers Bridge	Harbury	Ladbroke	Refuse Collection Week
July	Wed	Thurs	Fri	
	7	8	9	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	14	15	16	Grey Bin
	21	22	23	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	28	29	30	Grey Bin
August	4	5	6	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	11	12	13	Grey Bin
	18	19	20	Green & Blue Lid Bins



## From the Rector

**Father Craig Grocock**  
The Rectory, Vicarage Lane, Harbury Tel.: 612377

### 'This is our Story'

When we meet to worship God together, especially when we share bread and wine in the Communion service, we not only remember what Jesus did (on the night before he died during the Last Supper) but through the singing of hymns and listening to readings from the Bible, we re-tell history – 'His-Story' - of how much God loves us and will never stop doing so. The (His) story we tell however isn't simply something of the past. We believe that Jesus' story is *OUR* story in that His risen life becomes new life for us.

At All Saints', Harbury on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 10.30am we will be launching our new all-age family communion service that we are calling 'This is our Story'. We have for a while wanted to put a monthly service together that does a number of things:

- Is a safe place for parents to bring their noisy kids.
- Lasts for no longer than approximately 45 minutes.
- Is fully participative for children.
- Includes both traditional and contemporary music and hymns.
- Is particularly relevant and engaging for children and young families.
- Will appeal to people whatever their age.

With 'This is our Story' we hope we might have produced a service that fits the bill. The village Church is YOUR CHURCH, it belongs to you and should be a place where you feel happy and comfortable and somewhere you want to make your home.

We will be welcoming children from our village school at this first service; they will be taking part and leading our presentation and we look forward to them being with us. We will also be having a Bring & Share lunch after the service in the Tom Hauley Room so there will be no need to worry about lunch on that day!

I would like to extend an invitation to all of you to join us for this new and exciting service as we celebrate together the fantastic story we share. Please do come along and make it special.

God bless.

## From the Registers

*Holy Matrimony, All Saints' Harbury*  
 11 June                   Geoffrey Foster to Helen Bignall

*Renewal of Vows, All Saints' Harbury*  
 26 June                   Lisa and Tony Hellwell

*Funerals at All Saints' Harbury*  
 16 June                   Doreen Hansen, 83 years



## From the Churchwardens

Will & Fliss

In the presentation for this month's Family Communion Service, Alison, resplendent in full football gear, reminded us with powerful topicality, of the importance of teamwork. Drawing on St Paul's words, she recalled that we are members of one body, each with our own function, place and gift. As Paul said, the eye can see but not hear, the ear can hear but not see, but each fulfils its role, each has a part to play in the strength of the body and a calling to bear the body's weakness. And, after this pattern, so should we see our role in the spiritual body of Christ's Church, both dependent on and supportive of each other, all working together for the coming of God's Kingdom.

Next month's Family Communion Service, although essentially the same in structure, will contain some changes, the main aim of which is to involve the congregation – and particularly the children – more actively in liturgy and worship. The presentation will be led by the School. Please come and support them and join us all afterwards for a Bring and Share lunch in the Tom Hauley Room. The idea is for everyone to bring a plate of finger food. We all tuck in and enjoy ourselves.

We were glad to welcome a goodly number of people into Church for the Art Exhibition and for lunches and teas in the Tom Hauley Room. A tremendous amount of work by all concerned goes into this weekend. Thank you to Bill and his dedicated team, to all the caterers, to the organists – home grown and visiting –and to everyone who supported the event.

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## **Mothers' Union**

**Gillian Hare**

At our afternoon meeting, Mrs Margaret Backhouse spoke of the value of silence. Our world is so full of sound that we hear without listening; in prayer we need to listen to God with an open heart, so that He becomes the core of our lives giving us strength whenever the world threatens our peace.

In the evening, we had the opportunity to meet Di Sliwinski, our diocesan President. She spearheaded the Parenting Facilitation Programme 10 years ago and talked about its success. Fourteen trainers have been trained in the diocese and, at the moment, eight are running groups. These consist of 6-8 parents who are encouraged to share their problems and the strategies which work with their children. It is very worthwhile work which deserves to be better publicised.

We welcome our newly enrolled members Judy Farnsworth and Jean Teeney.

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 2.30pm (N.B no service first) – strawberry tea in the Tom Hauley Room. You are welcome to bring a friend. Bring and Buy stall.

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July, 7.00pm – Skittles and buffet supper in the Village Club, cost £6. Again, friends and family are very welcome; please return the acceptance slip to Sue by 14<sup>th</sup> July.

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August – Coffee morning in the Tom Hauley Room. Cakes, bric-a-brac, raffle prizes and help needed.

## **Toddlers' Service**



**Barbara Thistletonwaite**

Mrs Travis told us the story of Joshua and The Battle of Jericho and we had great fun making lots of noise and marching around the church. We started off in the Tom Hauley room by singing "He has the whole world in his hands" (including all the actions, of course!!). Mrs Travis then told us that Joshua and his people had nowhere to live and that we were all very lucky people because we had lovely homes to live in.

Joshua asked God to help them find homes to live in. God replied that there were new homes for Joshua's people but they needed to make a long journey to find them. We all set off on a long march whilst Mr Hare played some great music for us. We crossed a river and eventually came

to a city called Jericho. The people of Jericho were afraid and would not let us in so we set up camp outside the gates. We then marched around their town six times and the last time we made lots of noise and played our instruments asking them to please let us in. Suddenly the walls fell down and we could walk into the city and meet all the people who lived there. We then sang "Joshua and the battle of Jericho" and returned to the Tom Hauley room where we made some trumpets and had our drinks and biscuits.

Our next Toddlers Service is on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 2.00pm in the Tom Hauley room behind the Church. All babies and toddlers accompanied by an adult are very welcome to join us. Hope to see you all there.

## **Sister Martha's Dinner 17<sup>th</sup> July, 7.00pm for 7.30pm**

For anyone who has an interest in the Middle East, Sister Martha's Dinner, on the 17<sup>th</sup> of July in the Tom Hauley Room, is an event not to be missed. Sister Martha is the Principal of Bethany Girl's School in the Occupied Palestinian Territory.

Described as the Maria Von Trapp of the Middle East, I can promise that she will deliver a real insight into life in an area of the West Bank which is becoming increasingly deprived and desperate.

Sister Martha was born in Kazakhstan and her family migrated to Germany when the borders were opened. At the age of 21 she was baptised into the Russian Orthodox Church and, after finishing college, spent two months at a Greek Monastery before being sent to the Holy Land. At the age of 28 she became Principal of Bethany School for Girls where she has had a huge impact on the lives of all around her.

Sister Martha is a truly inspiring individual, full of life, energy and a passion for her work. I do hope you'll be able to attend. All funds raised on the night will go to the *BibleLands* Education Fund.

Tickets are £12 to include the first glass of wine and are available from Su McClellan at the Rectory, Vicarage Lane, 01926 772824. A vegetarian option will be available. There will be an opportunity to buy raffle tickets.

*BibleLands* is a non-governmental, ecumenical charity supporting Christian-led humanitarian projects in the Middle East. Our overseas partners provide health, education and community development programmes for the most disadvantaged people in the lands of the Bible - regardless of their faith or nationality. Currently *BibleLands* works in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territory, in Egypt and in Lebanon, and has over 40 overseas partners in these countries.

**Sue McClellan**

# Ladbroke News & Diary

## JULY

**Sun 4**

### **TRINITY V**

Family Communion, 10.30am followed by refreshments in Church

**Sun 11**

### **TRINITY VI**

Holy Communion, 9.00am

**Thurs 15**

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**Sat 17**

Whist Drive, 7.45pm, Village Hall

**Sun 18**

### **TRINITY VII**

Holy Communion, 9.00am - Book of Common Prayer

**Thurs 22**

W.I. 7.30pm in Village Hall

**Sat 24**

Whist Drive, 7.45pm, Village Hall

**Sun 25**

### **TRINITY VIII**

Holy Communion, 9.00am - Sung

**Thurs 29**

ARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH STREET AND  
EMAIL ARTICLES DEADLINE BY 5.30PM

**Sat 31**

Whist Drive, 7.45pm, Village Hall

## AUGUST

**Sun 1**

### **TRINITY IX**

Family Communion, 10.30am followed by refreshments

**Sun 8**

### **TRINITY X**

Holy Communion, 9.00am - Sung

## Ladbroke Flower Rota

**July 4** Carol Loftus    **July 11** Christine Baker

**July 18** Jean Clews    **July 25** Pat Kennedy

**August 1** Sue Lord



## Ladbroke Parish Council

**Betty Winkfield**

The meeting began with the AGM which was basically a discussion about the expenditure of the Council and its assets. The accounts were then signed off by the Chairman.

The June Council meeting then opened. Every councillor was present. Several declarations of interest were minuted and there was no participation from the public.

**Change of Road Name:** This was now with Stratford District Council; all being well the name change will be agreed by December.

**The Parking Space** in Windmill Lane will cost about £5,500. This will therefore only be developed if there is overwhelming support for it. There should be some funding for this from Warwickshire County Council.

**Dog Waste!!** Ladbroke Hall has a problem with this. The Parish Council will buy a new waste bin for the Hall, if the residents are prepared to pay SDC the £75 per month bin emptying charge and to agree to the siting of the bin. Another problem is that SDC needs photographic evidence before a bin can be erected, (I'm not joking).

**Salt/Gritting Bins:** At present we have three gritting containers, two of which are damaged. The Parish have to provide the bins and SDC will fill them but they will not spread the salt grit. The bins are £160 each. If the Council orders 5 bins; they get 1 free (4 + 1). There are several areas in the village that can be dangerous when the roads are icy. Discussion also took place about whether we needed more bins and where would they be placed; also who was going to do the spreading. The responsibility for this was left in the hands of Councillor Bennett.

**Financial:** The various quarterly costs and others were approved by the Council. These included such things as electricity supply, AON Parish Council insurance, hire of the Village Hall and the clerk's expenses.

**Memorial Tree for Janice Berry:** This will be planted on the Millennium Green. The date is to be arranged with her family and Mike Radbourne. The tree is a silver birch – common name, "Lady of the Wood". It will be planted near to the Millennium Stone.

**Planning Applications:** There were several applications which were all discussed and agreed.

**The Parish Plan:** This has been agreed and approved by the Council. Richard Bennett and his committee were thanked for all their hard work. As the committee for Parish Plans at SDC offices has been disbanded, it was thought the plan would now have to go to the Conservation Department.

**HS2:** The meetings about the High Speed Train continue unabated. Phillip Hammond, MP, the Transport Secretary, is planning to walk the route. The committees in various local areas have had meetings with our new MP Jeremy Wright. Stratford District Council has said that there is a shortage of information about the plans; therefore there were many conflicting ideas about it. It was important that all the groups involved with the Action Plan **must** keep up the momentum. The noise from a train travelling at 200+ mph would be something like 90 decibels (the noise levels normally in a village like ours is 50 decibels).

**County Cllr Bob Stevens:** Warwickshire's budget has already been cut before the Budget on 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Ring fencing will be out. WCC can use the money as they see fit. Southam College is not thinking of changing its status. Housing will be decided by the local area needs and not from the Government (from the bottom up, not dictated from above).

**District Councillor Williams:** Agreeing with Cllr Stevens, he said that housing will depend on needs. At the General Election, turnout was 72%. At the last election in 2005 it was 54%. Speeding on the A423 will be discussed at the next Community Forum which will be held in Priors Marston.

The Fire Service will do safety checks in your home if requested – ring Southam Fire Station for more details. PC Cuthbertson is our new policeman in charge of our area. He is keen to re-engage with Parish Councils.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm. The next meeting – PLEASE NOTE – is on **August 18<sup>th</sup> at 7.45pm**.



## Ladbroke Church News

Sue Lord

The maintenance of Ladbroke Church continues with the completion of the re-pointing of the south wall. This work should make a big improvement to the damp areas of the wall and re-decoration is a future project.

The village fete was held on Saturday 19th June at the Millennium Green and it was a brilliant day of fun and some sunshine. As usual Betty and Rosemary manned the bric-a-brac stall which was an Aladdin's cave of bargains especially after the donation of left-overs from the Harbury Society Carnival stall. Thank you, Linda. Trading was brisk with many books being snapped up for holiday reading. A good result, the stall making £120 for the Church.

On Sunday 20th June, Jane and David Rutherford opened their beautiful Old Rectory gardens to the public to raise funds for Ladbroke church. A plant stall, teas and bric-a-brac helped to raise over £1000. Many donations were kindly Gift Aided which helped significantly. A huge thank you to Jane and David and to everyone who gave so much of their time and energy at both events in supporting the Church.

This same weekend saw the celebration of Hazel Sharples' 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. Hazel requested that in lieu of gifts, money be donated to Church funds. We are most grateful for this kind gesture and trust that she had a happy and memorable occasion with family and friends.



What better way to enjoy a beautiful June evening than to have a Chocolate and Strawberry Experience with friends! This is what many of us did on June 24<sup>th</sup> at the Village Hall – I say 'at' rather than 'in' as the majority of attendees sat at tables outside, while they ate cream scones and strawberries. Lesley Jeffries (president) can be seen with Shirley Huxley (secretary) at the chocolate fountain; Sue Moore and Kay Constable enjoy their strawberries



and marshmallows while running the tombola stall and Pam Collins, Julie Harris and Reidun Wilkes mastermind the food and drink.

Thanks go to all the stall holders and to Peter Healey for providing



the healthiest looking perennials and bedding plants for sale.

The July meeting will start at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> when Pam Miller will entertain us with 'Humorous Anecdotes'.



## Ladbroke General Section

### Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club

The results of the draw for May were:

£80	John & Heather Wright
£50	TK & ED Surgey
£25	Lesley Loveday
£10	Richard Walker
£10	Roger Plaskett
£10	Beverley Bradley
£10	Steve Copley
£10	Brian Whitehouse

**Janet Goldson**

### Ladbroke Fete

With a dry day forecast, work to get the Green set up started early on Saturday morning. By lunchtime the stalls were up, the running tracks marked out and cakes, tea and beer were being brought in.

We had a busy and fun afternoon featuring Jason and the Argonauts, wonderful dancing from the Learning Curve Dancers and an impressive Civil War Display by Jenny Daniels. Her horsemanship amazed everybody. The last event was the Tug-of-War organised by Peter Lambert. A tough test for the men of the village.

The Fete was run by the Millennium Green Committee to raise funds to maintain the Green but it also hosted a Bric-a Brac Stall for the Church, a Tombola raising money for the Hall and the popular tea and cake stall run by the WI. The Ladbroke Action Group had a large display explaining how the proposed High Speed Rail Link would impact the area.

The beer tent was run this year by the Bell Inn for the benefit of the Green.

It was great to see the Green busy with people from the village and elsewhere enjoying the afternoon's entertainment. The Millennium Green Trustees would like to thank all the people who worked so hard to ensure the successful day.

**Martin Neal - Secretary to the Millennium Green**



## Harbury Parish Council

Linda Ridgley

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

### Harbury Parish Council's AGM - May 2010

This is in effect the Council's AGM. The Annual **Parish** Meeting held earlier in the week is the annual meeting of the parishioners. Anyway it was a damp squib as there was no change in the composition of the Working Groups or the Chairman or Vice-Chairmanship.

So having got that over with, it morphed into the usual Parish Council meeting with a **Public Participation** session where Dave Andrews and Ian Holroyd from the Rugby Club set out why they were asking the Parish for £5,000 to add to grants already secured for an extension to their car park.

Everyone agreed this was necessary as the existing space was inadequate for the number of players, especially those in the youth teams, and it was acknowledged that Middle Road is too dangerous for players to walk along.

Unfortunately this is the start of the Parish's financial year and £5K would use up all the money allocated for grants. In the end they approved £3K with the understanding that the Club could apply again later in the year if the fund were under-spent.

**Planning:** Stratford granted a Certificate of Existing Development on the Manager's dwelling, 21 Fishing Lodges and the Fisherman's Clubhouse at the Quarries. They gave permission for the Field Shelter at Westfield House, Middle Road, an extension at 15 Binswood End, the thinning of the Cedar at Harbury House and removed a condition to allow the construction of a new access to "Lawston House". The Tesco plan at Southam was approved.

**The Parish Council** made no comment on the plans at Eastfields Farm at Deppers Bridge but wanted screening round the very high agricultural building proposed at Walworth Farm.

Councillors had been invited to the sod-breaking ceremony at Bush Heath Lane and decided there should be a competition for Harbury school children to suggest a name for the development's road.

There was much discussion on the plans for the High Speed Rail plans and the Council decided it should be a permanent agenda item.

**Properties:** There was insufficient money set aside to pay for the resurfacing of the basketball court this year unless a grant could be obtained, but half the cost would be ring-fenced so that work could commence in the next financial year.

**BMX Track** construction would start after the sewer for the Bush Heath Lane development was taken through the Playing Fields.



**Street Lighting** costs could be substantially cut and lamps could be "greener" if the Council decides on a leasing and maintenance contract with Eon for LED lighting. There will be a trial in part of the village before a final decision is made.

**Safety Improvements:** the traffic bollards are still not in place in Binswood End and the Speed Aware Sign has been wrongly placed. It should be in the footway closer to the carriageway so that it can be swung round to point into the village and show the speed of vehicles leaving Harbury.

**Parish Paths Partnership:** Clive Taylor volunteered to take on the co-ordinating role for a twelve month period.

**Cemetery Assistant's** post will be advertised with an honorarium of £250 a year. The assistant will be responsible for the burial books for about five hours a month.

## **Harbury Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting**

**Nicola Thompson, Clerk Harbury Parish Council**

### **Chairman's Report**

This year saw two long-running projects involving the Parish Council approach their conclusions. The provision of more affordable housing has been an aim of the Parish Council ever since the Housing Needs Survey of 2004, and was put in our Parish Plan of 2005. We worked with the Rural Housing Enabler to locate a suitable site, conducted extensive consultation, and this year have worked with the developer on their plans for the site. After many delays and some lively Parish Council meetings, planning permission was finally granted by Stratford District Council in January 2010 and work has now begun on site. Phase one will provide a dozen homes for rent for local people, and another ten homes that, in the first instance, will only be available for purchase to those with an existing connection with the village.

The other project nearing completion is the traffic calming in the village, paid for by WCC after we made a strong case for it. We hope it will remind some motorists that they should drive through the village at an appropriate speed and with due regard for those who live here. Thanks must go to our county councillor, Bob Stevens, who worked tirelessly on our behalf to secure the funding from Warwickshire County Council.

The completion of these projects does not mean we can rest on our laurels. We successfully reapplied for Quality Parish Status, though none of us are entirely sure what this status has actually brought us apart from the satisfaction of knowing that the quality of the service we provide has been acknowledged. We are now also beginning the process of updating the Parish Plan, removing aims that we have now achieved, or now recognise are no longer possible, while adding new ones on important

matters such as climate change.

The Parish will continue to face new challenges, such as the as yet unspecified changes to the Library system, and the proposed HS2 train line that will run just to the north of the parish and particularly close to Deppers Bridge. It is only possible to tackle such big issues if we work together as a council and as a community. Our clerk is the lynchpin of the council, and without her professionalism and boundless tact, I know we would achieve far less. My fellow councillors are a pleasure to work with and I am sorry to lose Ron Grey to retirement after several years serving as the representative for Deppers Bridge. The council is also sorry to see Andrew Patrick standing down as one of our two SDC councillors after eight years of sterling service. We welcome his successor Richard Tonge and look forward to working with him in the future.

**Dr Tim Lockley  
Chairman, Harbury Parish Council**

### **Deppers Bridge Report - May 2009-2010**

Little out the ordinary has happened during the first and greater part of the year. The bridge weight restriction continued to benefit us with the reduction in heavy traffic and the inconvenience to us with the withdrawal of a regular bus service. British Telecom decided to end the service to our telephone box due to lack of use and the Parish Council agreed to purchase the box for a nominal sum. When BT gets around to removing their telephone equipment, it is proposed to use the box either as our branch of the free book exchange now operating from the entrance lobby of Harbury Library, or as a replacement for the much decayed notice board currently beside the box.

The first part of 2010 saw the big event of the year for us with the announcement of the preferred route, HS2 route 3, for the proposed high-speed rail link between London and Birmingham. For Deppers Bridge this is very serious, as it promises us trains travelling at 400km per hour (270 miles per hour) with the capacity for trains every 10 minutes day and night along a line on a reinforced concrete viaduct, in all nearly 40ft high, running from Southam Rugby Club ground to the back end of Ufton Landfill, i.e along the far side of the pretty little valley which forms the view to the rear of the main line of houses. Since the trains are to be hoisted up into the air on a viaduct, visual and audible intrusion will be inescapable. So is the planning blight on our property now and probably for the next ten years while the route is argued over, fixed and construction begun.

**Ron Grey**

## Planning Group Report 2010

As we now have an excellent link on our Parish Council website to any planning applications that come from SDC I will not be making this a long report, 28 plans were dealt with over the last 6 months. As a Parish Council we can only make comments that refer specifically to planning matters. This means the size of the development relevant to the plot, the effect on the street scene as outlined in the Harbury design statement and to make sure that it fits with the SDC current planning policy. Some of the plans we have to look at are about the removal or trimming of trees and hedges as permission is required for this type of action as well as changes to buildings. An enforcement officer can be contacted by any member of the public regarding a building that is being altered or a tree or hedge being cut down without our knowledge as their work is confidential between all parties. So if you want to complain about anything going on that you think is not right then contact Stratford District Council and speak with them and they will look into the matter.

Recent items to note are:

- a plan for the BMX track on the playing field to go ahead when funds allow
- new residents at Bishop Bowl Lakes who want to work with the local community and to preserve the fishing
- **the old Post Office has a new owner who has plans to convert this to a family home**
- the start of the building of houses on Bush Heath Lane finally after much discussion
- the plans for the School swimming pool are still to be decided; the Village Hall renovation plans were agreed and this will be an on-going project

To maintain our sustainability as a community, the planning group have also been involved in attending training courses again this year and have sent representation to Stratford on their Strategic Plan for the future of the district with regard to homes for people in rural communities.

I am grateful to all members of the planning group for their support throughout the year.

Jenny Patrick

## Would You Like To Be A Parish Councillor?

The Parish Council currently has two vacancies, one for Deppers Bridge ward and one for Harbury and would like to invite interested persons to apply. Becoming a parish councillor is an interesting and rewarding way to "put something back" into the community.

Candidates for the Parish Council must either live within the parish, or within 3 miles of it or own a business or property within the village. Some further criteria do apply – for an exhaustive list of the criteria please contact the Parish Clerk. Current councillors are a mixture of working and retired people, men and women, some of whom have lived in the village for more than 40 years, others for far less, and who have business, public sector, and entrepreneurial backgrounds. Most importantly, candidates should have a genuine interest in the local community and the issues facing it.

Interested persons should write a brief letter to the Parish Clerk, detailing their background, relevant experience and interests.

Harbury Parish Council: Mrs N Thompson (Clerk), Unit 2, Bull Ring Business Centre, Church Terrace, Harbury, Leamington Spa, CV33 9GZ, e-mail [clerk@harbury-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@harbury-pc.gov.uk).

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> JULY**



## District Council News

**Richard Tonge**

I would like to say a big thank to all the people who voted for me on the 6<sup>th</sup> May, and gave me the opportunity to work on behalf of the good people of this district. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Bev Mann and Andrew Patrick for all their support during my campaign. I would also like to wish Andrew all the best in future and I hope to emulate some of the fantastic work he has done for this community over the past eight years.

I am proud to serve the communities of Harbury, Bishops Itchington, Deppers Bridge, and Chesterton and hope that I can add value to the local political processes which enrich the communities we all live in. Although it is still early days as a councillor, I am looking forward to getting stuck in, and tackling some of the contentious issues facing residents of this ward. Already I have seen how important it is to understand residents' views, and be able to fight their corner on difficult issues; like the HS2 high speed rail link which is having a negative impact on so many in our local area.

The tough austerity measures imposed by the new government in order to reduce the fiscal deficit have left Councils with some very tough decisions in the coming years. The danger is if and when these inevitable cuts will affect the local services that we rely on. Many sources of grant funding have already been reduced or removed, and Councils are looking closely at ways of re-structuring services like libraries in order to be more cost effective.

With your help, I will fight for these valuable local services to ensure that, despite reduced funding, we are able to retain high quality provision in the coming years.

I am confident that the people around me will help me make a success of my new position, despite the steep learning curve of understanding all the nuances of local Government!. I will continue to keep residents informed of any council related matters through the Harbury and Ladbroke News, and I shall continue the Councillors Corner at the post office on a quarterly basis for people to have a chat about any issues they may have in a more informal setting. Please use the contact details at the bottom of the page for any issues you may have at any time in the future.

## **Council Information**

### **Two Pound bus fare Reminder:**

This is now in full operation, and gives a return journey after 6.00pm (Mon -Sat) to anywhere in Stratford District for only £2.00. Now if that's not cheap as chips, I don't know what is!

### **Southam and Feldon Community Forum**

Southam Police outlined the progress made in the past year, mainly focussing on anti-social behaviour, drugs, burglary and road safety issues. The new PC for our area, James Butler, is keen for any residents to contact him with any incidents or queries, so that they can be logged and tracked, and action taken. Real improvements can be made by the police in all areas if more people come forward with information to allow them to build up their "intelligence." Tel: 01926 684984

Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service outlined their programme of free home fire safety checks. This includes identifying areas of high risk, making an escape plan, and fitting free smoke alarms. They can also fit special alert systems for those who are hard of hearing. Anyone wishing to take up this offer needs to contact Stratford Fire Station on: 01789 262139 or 01789 293271.

Street Scene, the department responsible for waste management, highlighted some forthcoming improvements. Street cleaning schedules will be available on their website shortly. This will allow people to move their cars off the street on the day when road sweeping takes place to ensure all streets are thoroughly cleaned. They have also mentioned that if there is a need, they can provide more dog waste bins in villages which feel there are not enough. Residents can feed back to me if they feel this could be beneficial in Harbury. Additionally I have requested that the bin emptying schedules be improved for public waste bins in the centre of the village, or larger bins be provided, as there have been many reports of litter being blown around the streets when the bins overflow.

**Youth Services:**. I have spoken to Stratford Youth Services to see if there is anything that can be implemented in the village for teenagers as has been done in Bishops Itchington recently with great success. I would like to hear from any parents of teenagers aged 13-16 to see if this would be a positive step, and whether their children would be interested in such a programme. I myself feel there is not a great deal going on for people of this age group in Harbury, and am willing to work hard to put something in place.

E-mail: Richard.tonge@stratford-dc.gov.uk, tel: (01926) 613116



## Harbury Society

**Linda Ridgley**

Our Carnival Stall was a great success and not only did we raise some money but we helped recycle costume jewellery, china and bric-a-brac.

Our next event is a Walk round the private Marton Nature Reserve on 3<sup>rd</sup> July followed on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September by a Fund Raising Coffee Morning in the Tom Hauley Room.

I am sure that everyone has been as shocked and disgusted as I was to see the vandalism to some of our beautiful trees. In particular, the beautiful and well loved friend beside the small children's Play Area at the Recreation Ground which has been brutally done to death. All the bark from top to bottom has been stripped from the Copper Beech which had just started to cast shade for the Play Area. It will inevitably die.

It is important that the person(s) responsible are identified. Anyone who has information about the incident should report it to the Parish Clerk, Nicola Thompson Unit 2 Bull Ring Business Centre, Church Terrace, Telephone: 01926 614646 Email: clerk@harbury-pc.gov.uk



## Harbury Women's Institute

**Jeanne Beaumont**



Carnival Day was successful once again. The weather was in our favour and the Carnival Parade was excellent. It is always amazing how everybody always makes such an effort with their entries and, as has been said before, how the judges can arrive at their decision. We were 1st in our class and 2nd on the field. The Domestic Goddesses did well. Our cake stall sold

out, so many thanks to the helpers and contributors.

There are always interesting Federation activities and courses. Cricket with the Bears is a chance to tour the grounds at Edgbaston on 21<sup>st</sup> July and see Warwickshire play Nottinghamshire. The darts tournament starts in September. There is a Fascinator Day (hats) in September and a Digital Photo Day in November.

Our speakers this month were Mr and Mrs Wroe on "You be the Judge", a light hearted look at British justice. It certainly was and did we enjoy the team who were all dressed in their gear and gave a good act as judge, representatives for the defendant, plaintiff and as clerk of the court. There were five cases, all based on real cases, but the humorous side was picked out. The assembly was divided into three juries who asked their questions and received great answers. It was hilarious and everybody enjoyed the evening. We thoroughly recommend them to other organisations. Their fee goes to a local hospice near Nuneaton so it is a super cause.

July meeting – Tom Hauley Room, Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July. Speaker – "The Amish and their Quilts".

## Harbury Theatre Group



Keith Hayes

Now is the time when we, as a theatre group, would normally be planning our November Production. We try to put on a pantomime every second year and this is the year. However, we are very low on numbers at present and this may not be as easy as we would have hoped.

Many of you will have noticed that our last play had only four in the cast and that they were all women. This was not exactly planned, it was the only play we could find to fit the cast available at the time. The fact that it was such a success was purely down to the hard work and dedication of the cast and I have to say well done to them all.

When we put on a pantomime we never have any trouble recruiting children, in the past they have fallen over each other in their rush to be part of it. However, we need quite a few adults to take the major roles, and that is where we need your help. We need volunteers to take part, especially men, (always in short supply).

So come on Harbury!

Come along and have some fun. You don't need to have acted before, we all had to start somewhere, you don't have to think you are very good.

None of us will make the West End, but we do need your enthusiasm for a few weeks. It really is fun, honest. E-mail:keith.hayes@which.net



## Folk Club

Ian Hartland

The theme of “New Start” seemed oddly inappropriate seeing as it was “business as usual” in The Dog. Thanks to the Landlord and staff there, we had been allowed to continue with our regular first Thursday evenings in the back room. Plans to move to new premises had been revised when we discovered we couldn’t have the venue we had been promised and the alternative was unsuitable.

That didn’t deter the performers who turned up to the 307<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Folk Club in June. Ian and Sue opened the proceedings with Si Kahn’s “Wild Rose Of The Mountain” and followed with Allan Taylor’s “Roll On The Day”. With the audience clearly in good voice, Rick took to the floor with “The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face” and another fine song that suggested he didn’t know where he stood. We did. Mike and Debbie were up next with Bob Dylan’s “The Times They Are A-Changing” and “Donna Donna”, proving that practice can make perfect. Judith followed with a song about seasons and a humorous Keith Marsden song about a revealing funeral. Peter Mason was clearly determined to extract a tear or two with the achingly emotional song “Kilkelly Ireland”. “Hull And Halifax And Hell” brought us back to reality. Ted rounded off the first half with Ian Campbell’s “Apprentice Song” and the lovely folk song “The Week Before Easter”. I think he may need a new calendar.

The second half kicked off with Peter McDonald who was forced to switch instruments after the power supply to his electric piano failed. His song from the musical “Les Miserables” sounded no less powerful or persuasive for being performed on accordion (or was it melodeon?). He followed this with “The Boatbuilders”, a lovely song about migration from Scotland to New Zealand, via Canada. Ron was in fine form with “The Mummer’s Wife’s Lament” and a song exhorting himself to join the Foreign Legion. Good luck with that, Ron. Stuart had a self-penned poem “A Loved One” and then sang about his first day at school. Newcomer Ed Aston from Birmingham had travelled all the way to Harbury in his quest to find a niche for himself and his songs in the folk scene. Judging by the quality of his material and presentation, he should succeed handsomely. “If I Could Choose My Love” showed off his instrumental dexterity and “A Better Year” was a lovely song that should make his name more widely known. Janny and Maureen rose confidently to the task of following Ed and gave us “Searching For Lambs” and “Hedger And Ditcher”, showcasing their effortless harmonising skills.

Pete Grassby is always welcome at the club and offered us "Mail Order Annie", by Harry Chapin, and "Appleby Fair".

With the night coming to a well-timed conclusion, the raffle was drawn before the last act. This was in aid of Cancer Research, for whom Sue, Margaret, Celia and Debbie will be running/walking 5 kilometres in the "Race For Life" in July, an impressive £44.00 was raised. We seldom mention it, but we hope that Peter Bones enjoyed his raffle prize of a bottle of wine?

The evening was closed in fine style by Threepenny Bits, three quarters of Ninepenny Marl. An American song in their inimitable style was followed by a old song which required them to "Sing Cuckoo".

The next Folk Club will probably have been and gone when you read this, but there's another instalment on August 5<sup>th</sup>, run by Des and Debbie. We have been assured by The Dog that we will have our regular spot in the back room right up until the end of the year, so why not come along and sample some of the finest musical offerings in the area?



## **Harbury Junior's Football**

**Malcolm Tanner**

### **League Champions**

Harbury needed 2 points from their remaining three fixtures to ensure winning the Three Counties League and Cropredy provided tough opposition.

With the game being played in warm conditions, Cropredy dominated the first half with their midfield being sharper, and quicker to the ball, but Harbury's defence remained resolute and restricted Cropredy to few chances.

However against the run of play, Harbury only had one clear cut chance of scoring which was well taken by Will to give the home team a 1-0 lead at half time.

In the second half, Cropredy continued to play good passing football but Joe and Kane were solid in defence and from a breakaway, Will sent Josh free to score a magnificent goal to lead 2-0. However, Cropredy's pressure finally yielded dividends and scored two late goals to make a 2-2 draw which was sufficient for Harbury to take the league title.

Congratulations to all the players for their hard work which has resulted in good entertaining play and a great spirit in the team.



# Harbury RFC

## Rugby Football Club

Jerry Birkbeck

### Harbury RFC achieve coveted 'RFU Whole Club Seal of Approval'

A real feather in the cap for ambitious Harbury Rugby Football Club, who this week was advised that it had satisfied the criteria for the Rugby Football Union's '*Whole Club Seal of Approval*'. Moreover, they are only the second club in Warwickshire – quickly following Barkers Butts – to achieve this status.

The RFU introduced the Whole Club Seal of Approval accreditation in 2009 as a method of ensuring high quality provision of rugby in clubs. The accreditation recognises the effort and achievement of volunteers in reaching the required standard of a club committed to the development of rugby union.

Whole Club Seal of Approval builds on the established procedures of Mini and Youth Seal of Approval to retain young players when they move from youth into adult rugby and to ensure the long term sustainability of rugby clubs.

In association with Sport England and the 'Clubmark' scheme, the aim is also to set standards of quality control that will produce quality rugby clubs for mini, youth and adult players across the country.

The award will also accredit the provision at clubs with adults only.

The accreditation will show all those with an interest in rugby and sports development that your club is providing its members with a safe, well organised and enjoyable environment in which to learn and play rugby.

Club President Ian Holroyd commented: '*This is a fantastic achievement for Harbury Rugby Club and we owe a huge amount of thanks to the immense contribution made by Jerry Birkbeck and Colin Hickman.. We also recognise that this is an ongoing process with an annual review to ensure that the criteria set by the RFU are being met'*

Club Chairman Graham Foster added: '*I had not appreciated just how much work was involved but must thank both Jerry and Colin for all their hard work for the Club which means a lot to us at Harbury'*

Mini and Junior Chairman Piers Banfield noted: '*The whole process has very much drawn together the Junior and Mini Section and the Senior Club. We have worked closely in preparing the Development Plan which has helped to create a club with a safe, well organised and enjoyable environment for all our members in which to learn and play rugby. We owe a massive thanks to Colin and Jerry*".

## It's a Knockout and Fun Day

On Sunday 8th August, Harbury RFC will be holding an 'It's a Knockout and Funday' from 12 noon onwards. Teams of 8 at £20 per team, all are welcome.

Please contact Charlie Gladden on 07826 854003 or 01926 612398 to book your team a place.

**Alison Baldwin**



### Harbury Tennis Club

**Colin and Sue Mercer**



The Club made the most of the lovely sunshine in June with two strawberry themed events. The first was on Carnival Day when we took the opportunity to raise our profile by taking a stall in an excellent position outside the courts, selling a variety of tennis related goods. We also opened the courts with competitions (targets and longest rally) on the main courts, Mini tennis set up on the tennis/netball court and "aiming balls into buckets" just outside the courts. These activities attracted plenty of interest and we were able to offer cash prizes kindly donated by Warwick Sports for which we're very grateful. However, pride of place went to the Clubhouse Café and the strawberries and cream on offer. Business was brisk all afternoon and yours truly was despatched mid afternoon to get more strawberries - one satisfied customer commented that this was Harbury Carnival "with style"!

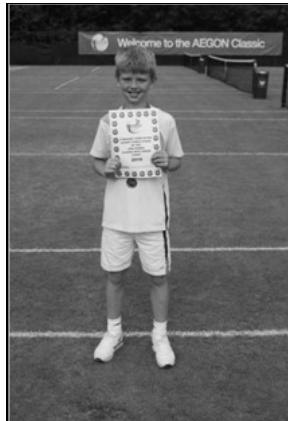
The second event was the Club's pre-Wimbledon Strawberry Tournament. This was a very enjoyable evening with the top 4 players from the round robin section contesting the final in which Sue Panton and Caroline Morland overcame Rosemary Harley and Colin Mercer.

In league matches the teams are struggling in both the Stratford and Banbury leagues.



The Men's doubles (Stratford) currently occupy one of the relegation positions in Division 2 having won 1, drawn 3 and lost 6 matches to date. In the Banbury League the team are playing in Division 3 after achieving promotion last year and have yet to record a win in the 5 matches played to date, so its stay in the higher division looks likely to be a short one! On a more positive note 4 members who had not previously played in league matches, Karen Bristow, Richard Everett, Steve Marshall and David Bristow have made their debuts.

## Juniors



One of our 10 year old members, James Beechey, recently reached the finals of a doubles tournament held on Ladies finals day at the Aegon Classic, held at Edgbaston Priory Tennis Club in Birmingham. Representing Rugby Tennis Club, where he also plays, James and his partner had beaten Warwick, Rugby and Sutton Coldfield on their way to the finals. They finished 3<sup>rd</sup>, narrowly missing second place, losing a 5-7 tie break to Leamington Junior Summer Holiday Tennis.

We are running fun tennis sessions in the summer holidays for 5–16 year olds again this year. The 1½ hour sessions will take place every weekday morning from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> August. The programme is

open to **all children** whatever their tennis experience. 'A' group for 5–10 year olds is from 9.30am to 11.00am and 'B' group for 11–16 year olds from 11.15am to 12.45pm. We have a sufficient number of trained coaching staff to enable these 2 broad age groups to be sub-divided as necessary.

You can book any number of sessions from a single 1 to all 20 and at last year's prices!

For more details and a booking form please email [sucole-mercier@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:sucole-mercier@tiscali.co.uk) or phone Sue Mercer on 01926 613284.



## Harbury Toddler Group

**Jemima Balcam**

It has been a while since we last reported on the Harbury Toddler Group and plenty has been going on.

The Christmas Party (yes, it's been that long) went really well, with all the children thoroughly enjoying the bouncy castle and the opportunity to run around and make a lot of noise in a large hall. Included was Christmas card making and a lovely party spread enjoyed by children and parents

alike. Special thanks must go to Hayley Bennett who gave her time to help set up even though she was not attending the party, as Corinna was out of action, and her help and experience was very gratefully received as many of the mums had never been to or set up one of our parties before. Also, very many thanks to Sid Field who was our Santa. He did a wonderful job of handing out the presents to the children and also drawing the raffle, with Hannah Drabble winning the first prize hamper.

Since then we have been busy with lots of seasonal activities for the kids – heart-shaped biscuit decorating for Valentine's day, lots of Easter activities including the world's fastest Easter egg hunt – as well as lots of painting.

We held a coffee morning in May at the Tom Hauley Room (many thanks to the committee for this). We were lucky that, despite the weather, the turnout was good as the Spirit of Harbury Award was being presented, which was very touching. The coffee donations, raffle, cake sale and bric-a-brac were all a success and we raised over £100 which will pay for most of the tickets on our annual summer outing in July, this year to Twycross Zoo. Many thanks to those who came along, and to the mums who baked for and ran it.



More recently we took part in the Harbury Carnival as a walking tableau with the theme Wacky Racers – we dressed up our pushchairs as any kind of vehicle the children wanted. Thomas the Tank Engine was the clear favourite, but also included were Penelope Pitstop, Postman Pat and The Bullet-Proof Bomb (driven by one of the Ant Hill Mob). The children had lots of fun, although as it started at nap time for many, at least 4 were asleep by the end of it! Many thanks to those that took part, all of the pushchairs looked wonderful and we had a great time.

We have also had a visit from Healthy Tots who ran a Growing Session for us. This included pumpkin and pea seed planting, painting with different vegetables to see what



patterns they made, strawberry tasting (freshly picked from Red Road Nursery in Little Kineton), and a lovely singing session with lots of new songs and even extra verses to ones we already knew.



The children really loved it! Many thanks to Caroline Bance who came and ran this.

Finally, and sadly, we have to say goodbye to our Chairman, Corinna Butler, who has had to resign due to work commitments. Corinna has done a wonderful job as Chairman for the past year and is going to be sorely missed by us all. Thank you so much Corinna! We are very pleased though that Jenny Humphries is taking over as Chairman and we are already making plans for fun summer activities over the holidays.

If you want to come along to the Harbury Toddler Group you will be very welcome! We run on Monday mornings only, 9.30am until 11.30am, at the Wight School behind the library.



**The Carnival –** What a result! Harbury Pre-School won a total of six prizes at the Carnival. These included Nuala's shield for the best child's costume in the Carnival Parade and 2<sup>nd</sup> prize for Pre-School's fabulous decorated float. Huge thanks go to Masa, Ceri and their team of willing helpers who worked so hard putting the float together. Congratulations

also to all the children and parents who put so much effort into producing such wonderful artwork and models for the float and the costumes for both children and adults. Oliver commented: 'My Daddy was a funny alien and the Pre-School ladies were all stars.'

**Fathers' Day –** The first week of the half-term was taken up with preparations for the Carnival but, once that was behind us, the children set about the various aspects of making special Fathers' Day cards. This began with using the computer to produce lovely planet designs. Next, the children used their skills with scissors to carefully cut round the design so that it could be stuck onto black card. Inside, they drew their own pictures and wrote messages, as well as including lots of kisses.

**Den Building –** We then turned our skills to den building and the children learned about the Three Little Pigs while we practised building homes

using different materials, especially in the outdoor classroom. This theme is covering all areas of learning, with lots of small and large scale creativity, painting and drawing, language, problem solving and calculating, investigation and working together.

**Summer Outing –** This year's summer outing took place at Ryton Pools Country Park where we

were able to practise our den building skills. The weather was perfect, with sun hats and sun cream to the fore rather than wellies and raincoats! With the help of the staff, parents and Steve the ranger, the children had a wonderful time collecting branches

and other materials to build great dens. We finished with a picnic lunch and a play in the park before heading home again on the coach.

**Healthy Eating –** The children are always provided with a healthy mid morning snack at Pre-School and the reasons behind this were demonstrated by a group of Performing Arts Students from Stratford College who performed a Healthy Eating and Food Safety Play for our children. The weather was lovely, so the play was performed outside, surrounded by the fruit and vegetables being grown in our outdoor area.



**Outdoor Classroom –** We use our outdoor classroom whatever the weather and have particularly enjoyed the sunshine this month.

Alongside all the usual activities, the children have been caring for their plants and vegetables, painting on a large scale on a frame and working with sand on a large groundsheet.

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.harburypreschool.org.uk](http://www.harburypreschool.org.uk)



**Windmills**  
Nursery School

**Nursery School Staff & Committee**

Windmills Nursery is situated in the grounds of Harbury Primary School and has the benefit of its own Forest School and qualified Forest School Leader. We are open all day and take children from the age of 2 years. We still have a few places remaining for September 2010 when the new government funding system will be fully implemented allowing parents to access **free** morning sessions for those children over 3 years old. We have been taking advantage of our wonderful surroundings by spending a lot of time outdoors, investigating and exploring our new theme of minibeasts.

**Forest School** We have made two visits to our Forest School this month

making the most of the wonderful weather. During the first session we became minibeast detectives discussing clues to help us discover the best places to find our minibeasts. The children then examined their finds identifying their body parts and counting the number of legs each one had using the special magnifying bug boxes and glasses. They also used our large Perspex viewing area to have a closer look at the underside of minibeasts. The

following week the children used potato peelers to strip some willow sticks and used them together with some sticky mud to create 3D models of minibeasts. The children also moved around the woodland like minibeasts on their own and also in groups so that their minibeast had the correct number of legs.



Other activities have included:

- Creating a beautifully individual father's day card from items the children collected in our Forest School.
- Drawing and sharing comments about their daddies.
- Painting a stone to look like a minibeast to give as presents for fathers day.
- visiting church for the Toddler service when the children enjoyed playing the musical instruments and marching around the church eventually making the walls of Jericho come tumbling down.
- Drawing and painting butterflies to experiment and explore symmetry.
- Exploring the new colourful playground markings which have helped the children to develop their number skills.



Our children have enjoyed visits from Charlie King and Ben Hall two Y4 school children who talked to them about their visit to Brandon Marsh to find minibeasts. Our children proudly showed the school-children their chalk pictures of spiders webs and ladybirds.

One of the highlights at Windmills this month was coming first place in this year's Carnival with our Christmas Themed float, produced entirely from the children's own artwork. Everyone looked wonderful in their Christmas outfits especially Freya's daddy who was dressed as a huge Christmas tree. The children were very excited and also very pleased to receive a present from Santa when we arrived at the playing fields. Special thanks to the Windmills carnival sub-committee for organising the trailer and assembly of the float comprising Paul, Mike, Adam, Adrian, Vicky, Haidee, Sarah, Seona, Sue, Kate and a special thanks to Jackie Allen for towing the trailer for us. Windmills also ran a tombola at the playing fields during the carnival and a big thank you to Katherine Giblin for organising this for us. Thanks also to all those people who contributed jars of sweets and bottles, manned the stall or 'had a go' enabling us to raise a fantastic £250.

## Thank you

Thank you to Bobbie Jones for donating ironing boards and irons to complement our home corner and also to Dale Adams for her donation of lots of brightly coloured hair samples.

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.



## Harbury Primary School

Denis Daly

**Mathematics Evening** – Many thanks to the parents who attended the Maths information evening just before half term. Feedback suggests that the evening was appreciated by those who came. In the next week or two we will be putting some information about mathematical language that is used in various stages of the school, as well as some hints as to how children can be helped to become better mathematicians, onto the school website.

**The Grounds** – Many thanks (yet again) to all of the parents who work so hard in their spare time to improve our grounds. The latest addition to the site is the lovely mural on the infant side of the swimming pool fence. I am reluctant to name individuals, both for fear of embarrassing them and also in case I cause offence by inadvertently leaving someone's name off the list, but those involved should know that the school really appreciates their efforts.

**PTA** - The Summer Fayre, takes place on 3<sup>rd</sup> July – This is the PTA's "big event" of the year, and is one of the highlights of our school calendar, so I do ask all parents to support this if possible.

**Stranger Danger** – We occasionally get alerts, either from the Local Authority or from the Police, about suspicious activity around schools in the County at home times. We talk to the children periodically about what to be aware of, and how to deal with, "Stranger Danger", but could I ask all parents to continually be vigilant around the school and in the village generally – a key way for our children to remain safe is for all parents to be on the look-out for suspicious behaviour at all times.

**Summer Playscheme** - There will be a Summer Playscheme running during the first three weeks of the summer holidays. For more information please call into Kids Club or phone 07702 898171. Costs are 8am – 5.30pm £26.00 or £4.00 per hour.

**Lunchtime** - We currently have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor. Lunch time sessions last from 11.50am to 1.15pm each day. If you would like to join our friendly team, please contact Mrs Wilson in the office for more information.

**Dates** – This is undoubtedly the busiest time of the school year – we have therefore updated our list of dates for the remainder of the year. Further details of each event will be circulated to those involved nearer the time.

### List of school dates – Summer Term

#### July

- 3<sup>rd</sup> PTA Summer Fayre
- 7<sup>th</sup> African Production workshop, all day
- 8<sup>th</sup> African Production, Spa Centre, evening
- 9<sup>th</sup> New intake to visit with parents, 10.00
- 12<sup>th</sup> Proms week
- 13<sup>th</sup> Parents' evening
- 14<sup>th</sup> Y5 + 6 to Ironbridge Gorge Museum
- 15<sup>th</sup> PTA Market
- 18<sup>th</sup> School to lead Family Service at Church, 10.30
- 19<sup>th</sup> School Sports
- 21<sup>st</sup> Year 6 Leavers Service + BBQ, 6.00  
Infant Picnic
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Y6 Leavers' Assembly  
End of term

The Autumn Term begins on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2010



Nick Green

The big scout camp for the year took place in the May 2010 half-term holiday.

Harbury scouts and four leaders headed to a scout campsite in Ennerdale in the Lake District for five days. Dylan has written his account of the camp as follows:

#### My Scout Trip!

'We set off for the Lake District early on the morning of Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May and arrived a long 6 hours later. When we got there, the first thing we had



to do was to set up our tents and sleeping bags. After that we explored the campsite and part of Lake Ennerdale, before returning to camp and lighting a campfire ready for dinner.

On Sunday we went kayaking and canoeing, so to prepare we needed to make sandwiches and pack our bags ready with spare clothes. I found it really fun but it got very cold, so we went back and had a shower. After that we challenged another scout group to a game of volleyball and we won!

On Monday we all climbed Crag Fell. It was a long way to the top, but we had a few geography lessons on the way to motivate us ("We give up! We'll start walking again!"). When we got to the top we had lunch and then climbed back down again. In the evening Nick and Ian took six of us wild camping for one night, which was brilliant fun but very tiring. The rest of the scouts stayed in the main camp.

On Tuesday we wild campers returned to the main camp, and then when we arrived back we all got ready for a day of mountain biking. The first bit was uphill and really tough to get through, but when we got past that section the route was either downhill or flat. It was really fun to sit back and let the wheels do the work!



We ended up in Whitehaven where we ate ice cream and rested tired legs, then climbed into the minibus and drove back to the campsite.

Lastly on Wednesday we packed our bags, took down our tents and headed back home. I had a brilliant time and really enjoyed it!

**Dylan Keyte**

# CARNIVAL





2010



## Harbury Guides and Scouts Group News

Once again we are coming to the end of another scouting year as the summer holidays loom when we take a well deserved break. An update on the groups' situation this year follows, hopefully you will have seen details of specific events/activities in previous individual section items.

The continued increase in the popularity of scouting worldwide is well reflected in Harbury with a membership of around 120, split 50/50 between the scouts and guide sections. The numbers have actually plateaued in the last 12 months because the group is effectively full with waiting lists having to be operated in some sections. This position, whilst flattering that we are doing something right to be this in demand, is very unwelcome, because it is difficult to manage and, of course, denies potential members the opportunity to get involved. As I hope you will have seen (through the Harbury and Ladbroke News and notices about the village), we are trying to resolve this issue by asking for more adult volunteers to expand the group, **so if anyone has an interest in getting involved, please get in touch.** Unfortunately, whilst we've had some response, which is great, at the moment we'll be doing well to maintain the groups' sections as they are currently set up.

Whilst the above is a regular plea, it should take nothing away from the wonderful job that is being done to provide scouting to our members. Indeed it is precisely because of the dedication, hard work and enthusiasm of our leaders and their helpers that scouting is so popular, and we are all most grateful for the effort they put in, week in week out, with the groups. This term will be the last one for Nick Tawney as Scout Leader, as he hands over to John Rae and Nick Green, who will jointly share the role due to their work commitments from September. In his time as leader Nick has taken the scouts to new heights (literally!), and also steered the section through the tricky process of becoming a 'mixed' troop i.e. open to girls as well as boys. A few words cannot adequately express the amount that Nick has put into running the troop, but perhaps the fact that they have been oversubscribed for members in his time as leader says it all. I'm sure I speak for the entire group in saying a big thank you to him; he'll be much missed, but won't be going far as he'll still be involved with the recently established and very successful Duke of Edinburgh group.

Summer is the best time of year for many things and scouting is no exception. This year **Scouts** had their summer camp by Ennerdale Water in the Lake District where activities included building a zip wire runway, kayaking, cycling, climbing the nearest mountain and going on a wild camp in the hills. Their programme this summer includes taking part in the local 18 hour pedal kart Le Mans at Shennington, abseiling, and rifle firing at Wedgenock.

**Cubs** have recently had their camp at Rough Close, Coventry with other sections from the district, and amongst the many activities were 'canon racing', water sliding and archery. At the event, Sam Clifton, Adam Jackson, Brandon Peisley and George Cole were presented with silver awards, and George Cole was also runner up in the badge design competition for camp. The week-end was particularly special thanks to the high level of parental (and grand parental) support. **Beavers** have had 2 sleep-overs in the hut this year as preparation for when they go camping, if and when they move on to cubs. Amongst a packed summer programme they've visited the Fir Tree Falconry, danced with the Harbury Morris Dancers, visited Ufton Nature Reserve with Dr. Hancock, and taken part in The County Fun Day in Rugby.

2010 has been a special year for **Guides, Brownies and Rainbows** as it's their **Centenary year**. Earlier in the year **Brownies** held a very successful Bring and Buy that helped to raise funds for a South African aids orphanage where one of their young leaders has spent six months volunteering. They are currently doing water safety training, have a trip to a Sikh temple planned, and will finish the term with a BBQ. **Rainbows** have been busy completing their 'Roundabout' badges which included hand and finger painting, and round the world food tasting. Recent visits out have included a 'Play Farm' in Leamington and brass rubbing in the church with Fr. Craig. A musical instrument session is being planned with a view to making their own Christmas CD, and the term will finish with a trip out to 'Pizza Express'.



During the year there have been other awards for members connected with badge work, plus leaders for achieving training levels and length of service awards. Normally we would not single out Leaders by name but this year 2 people deserve special mention – Isabel Clarke for achieving her 20 year service award and wood beads (award for completing training), and Mike Barrett for gaining his wood beads, plus taking on 3 other roles within the district. Many congratulations

and thanks to them both. The picture shows them at the presentation along with Riley Birch and Connor Peisley being invested as new cubs, and a certain party who's squeezed in too!

Our executive committee **GASS** has had another very successful year fund raising and maintaining the wonderful facility that is our Scout Hut. For the first time in a number of years there has not been the challenge of a major project on the go, so allowing time for the completion of a number

of jobs that have been 'pending' i.e. lighting along the access pathway, health and safety checks etc., and more recently purchasing of much needed new seating. We count ourselves extremely lucky to have a very well organised, keen and hard working committee who are really committed to providing the best support they can to the leaders. There can be no better reflection of their work in seeing how 'fit for purpose' our Scout Hut is, plus the commitment to a range of fund raising events (e.g. bonfire, Christmas post) that I'm sure many of us take for granted. In the same way that the sections need leaders to operate, without the funds and maintained premises we wouldn't have a group (as has recently been seen in the county by the experience of other groups), something I'm sure none of us involved take for granted. So many thanks from us all to Mark Clifton and his committee for all their efforts.

I hope this brief summary gives a good flavour of the last 12 months in the life of our group, and shows that scouting is certainly alive and well in Harbury. Thank you to all those individuals and organisations who have contributed to us in whatever way over the past year, we are most appreciative of your help.

Best wishes from us all for a warm, sunny and happy summer.

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## Village Hall Update

Chris Finch

Someone, somewhere knows who did it, but will those of us who look after the Village Hall ever find out – it's doubtful. During the most recent Parish Council meeting, 'someone' entered through the main door, which was left open for visitors to the meeting and removed the fire extinguisher located just inside the Hall. For several days, it was listed as missing, but then a sharp-eyed resident noticed the item abandoned in the long grass alongside Pineham Avenue. Not surprisingly, the 'someone' who had seen fit to remove the extinguisher had decided that it would be a good idea to empty the canister, so although the equipment has been found, it will need servicing to return it to functioning safety. It's just the latest example of mindless vandalism, which also includes damage to one of the sweet chestnut trees lining the boundary with Constance Drive.

If that is the bad news described for this month, then the good news is that donations to the Harbury Village Hall Development fund are being received on a daily basis and over 100 households have given support to the scheme, so far.

Each property in the village should have received a leaflet detailing the plans for the Hall and it is hoped that as many residents as possible will feel it is a worthwhile project, which will provide the best possible facilities for future use by all members of the community. Although it may seem from the front cover of the leaflet that to 'buy a brick' a donation of £50/brick would be appreciated, the wording on the inside indicates that it is possible to make any contribution in support of the development proposals. All contributions, whatever the value, will be very gratefully received and the last box on the form reproduced this month in H&L News allows any individual the opportunity to state the amount they wish to give.

On Carnival Day, many people commented on the vastly improved toilet facilities and were complimentary about the efforts of the committees (both maintenance and fund-raising) in seeking to make the necessary improvements. The following article, by the Chairman of the fund-raising committee (John Hancock) sets out more information about the current situation and details will be provided through the Harbury and Ladbroke News on a regular basis.

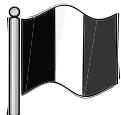
## **Harbury Village Hall Fundraising**

By now you should have received a request for money to continue the development of the Village Hall. Buy-a-Brick forms have been delivered to every household in the village and to 'supporters' of Harbury further afield such as subscribers to the Harbury and Ladbroke news who now live elsewhere. Your financial support has been very encouraging so far but there is a long way to go. Thank you most sincerely if you have already contributed. If not, please use the form reproduced in the magazine. You do not have to buy a brick - any donation would be gratefully received.

The next phase of development will be a big one, either offices at the eastern (playground) end or a permanent stage and new changing rooms at the western end. Which should be built first? Let us know directly or through the letters page of the magazine.

Janet Thornley, our secretary made a good suggestion last year. Various groups in the village (and we have a lot) would be asked to put on an event specifically to raise money for the Village Hall. We have had a good response and so far this has raised over £1400. Please keep up the good work and thanks again for your time effort and money.

**John Hancock**



## Harbury Twinning Association

**Colin Humphreys**

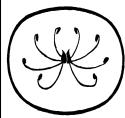
June, as usual saw the Association involved in the various activities that over a week make the Harbury Carnival such a success.

Peter Rollason unofficially represented us in the wheel barrow race in the adult (or beer) class whilst his son Robert and my grandson Finn ran in the junior (or water) class.

We also put up a 'Pub Games' team each night of the competition, and although we did not retain the shield which we won last year, we did come second so we don't feel too bad, and anyhow we all had a really good time, and it was nice to see some new faces representing us.

We also had our, now regular, stall on the Carnival field, selling pate and cheese baguettes with a complimentary glass of wine for those who wanted one and, with the sun shining on us all, the Association returned a satisfactory sum at the end of the day.

Our next event will be Bastille Day, which will take the form of a Safari Supper, details of which are in the news letter.



## Horticultural Society

**Judy Morrall**

I can't believe that we have had the longest day; at least the weather is much better and I hope that you are all enjoying this current spell of long sunny days. It did behave itself for our first day trip on 9<sup>th</sup> June, just a shower for about half an hour in the afternoon. We set off from the Village Hall at 8.30am with Martin our usual driver from Cheney Coaches; he is such a nice man and an excellent driver. We made excellent progress and were on the outskirts of Bristol in about an hour and a half. Our first destination was just outside Taunton to Hestercombe Gardens. Taunton is an awful place to get round, John and I took almost an hour to find the route we wanted, going round islands several times!!!! However, Martin managed beautifully and we arrived at Hestercombe about 11.30am. We were one of 3 coaches and one of the other 2 was Johnsons from Henley in Arden.

I have long wanted to visit these gardens having read about them and seen several TV programmes. They were worth the wait!!!! The oldest part of the garden was created as long ago as 1750. It is similar to a William Kent garden with vistas and buildings and places to sit to enjoy the views which are different at each turn.

A huge pond complete with ducks, but a poor swan was wandering around as the pool at the bottom of the rill was being restored and it looked forlorn and lost.

The next stage of the garden is Victorian, very traditional with bedding plants changed twice a year. There were at least 5 people just planting up the terraced gardens while we were there. The best was the 3rd element the huge Edwardian Formal Garden created by Sir Edward Lutyens with wonderful steps and walls with huge shell inlets into the walls. Looking at it from the Victorian terraces was so impressive with extended views right over Somerset Down in the gardens there is lush planting created by Gertrude Jekyll with her trademark borders with drifts of huge peonies, poppies, delphiniums and much more. The pergola too was massive with roses, honeysuckle and even the dreaded Russian Vine. Again the rills and water features, so typical of Lutyens, were stuffed with colourful plants. It truly was a testament to the restorers of these gardens which were almost derelict when rediscovered in 1992. Such dedication and effort and still ongoing. The shop and plants were hard to resist - most of us succumbed!!!

After a really nice lunch we boarded the coach again and went a short distance to East Lambrook Manor Gardens. These gardens were created by Margery Fish between 1938 and 1969. Such a contrast from Hestercombe but a really lovely garden, cottage style gardening divided into areas. We were fortunate to have an introductory talk from Martin, the Head Gardener, who gave us a potted history from the creation of the gardens to the present day. When I spoke to the present owner way back in February he told me that he had bought the gardens almost 2 years ago and they had been very badly neglected. He and his very small team have worked non-stop to restore the gardens to the original Margery Fish design. The planting in all of the individual areas was exuberant with the roses at their best. The silver garden was quite beautiful and the other areas such as woodland, terrace and lido have been sympathetically planted. In Spring it is awash with snowdrops, some very rare ones, then on throughout the year there is always something to catch the eye. Again some very nice plants for sale. The tea rooms in the restored malthouse were a delight and the young man who served the tea was so courteous and polite, we all enjoyed top ups. All of the staff were so welcoming and enthusiastic. Sad to leave at 5.00pm.

We then had an uneventful journey back not on the motorway but mostly on the A303, lucky enough to go right past Stonehenge; it always seems quite small when you see it but so amazing. It was a scenic route and most enjoyable. Martin got us safely back about 8.00pm; we were all quite tired but having enjoyed a fantastic day out. Looking forward to the second trip on 7th July when we go nearer to home to Northamptonshire's Castle Ashby in the morning and Coton Manor in the afternoon.

Again, leave Village Hall at 8.30; I anticipate a shortish journey arriving at opening time of 10.00am but there are extensive grounds to cover and we can have more than one pit stop!

No meeting in June to report on, but we have just enjoyed our Walkabout after a break of a year. There was so much going on at the same time but that is a chance we take. The weather was quite chilly on the Saturday but improved on the Sunday and there were lots of visitors who spoke very highly about the standard of the gardens. I have written and posted individual Thank you's to everyone who opened their gardens but again a very big Thank you. Having opened my own garden for a few years I know the effort and preparation that goes on. We are so lucky to have such talented gardeners in our Village. Wasn't it lovely to see Joyce Windsor paying a visit; I know you read the Harbury and Ladbroke News Joyce, our very best wishes to you.

I would also like to thank all of the ladies who helped with lunches and teas. Thank you also to the programme sellers including Mugleston's. Thank you to the Village Club for letting us use the car park and toilets. Not forgetting John who spent ages doing the notices and changing signs from Village Hall to Village Club; then out before 7.00 am on Saturday banging them into really hard ground. Thank you to all of the committee who helped with publicity, catering, printing of programmes and so much more, you are all stars. We can all take a well deserved rest now until the next big event the Village Show in September, more about that next month.

If you still have enough energy to go garden visiting there are still places to see. If you haven't been before, I can recommend Brook Cottage at Alkerton. Only about 6 miles from Banbury close to the A422. We have visited there as a group many years ago - it is a delightful garden, open Monday to Friday from 9.00am to 6.00pm. The National Trust at Chastleton will be one of two gardens open on Sunday 11th July from 2.00pm to 6.00pm as part of the NGS scheme, the other belongs to Prue Leith who has been one of the judges recently on Great British Menu on TV - her garden is at Chastleton Glebe. Do go and look round the University Gardens in Oxford. Now that the students have finished for the Summer it is a good time to go. Who knows you may bump into the film crew making Lewis!

Nearer to home, go along to Lord Leycester Hospital in Warwick, as well as the restored Elizabethan gardens where the teas are very good. Talking about Elizabethan Gardens, the restored ones at Kenilworth Castle are looking good in this, their second year.

Whatever you choose to do, enjoy our Summer, whether in your own garden, visiting others or on holiday, have a nice relaxing time.

Looking forward to seeing you in July on the day trip, then at the Show. Thank you for your continued support.



## Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery

Christine Dakin

May was definitely manic work wise. The build up to getting the café up and running for the grand opening on 29<sup>th</sup> June was intense to say the least.

But, we had lots of visitors (thank you Chris G and family, the first to sample its wares!) who tried the delicious cakes, drank tea and coffee, ambled round the garden and bought plants. Meanwhile potting up young plants has to continue (mainly in the cooler early mornings), watering, weeding and all the other jobs necessary to keep the nursery running smoothly. Ten hour days became the norm. And, as predicted, our waistbands are expanding!

I discovered healthy, strong growing broad beans after removing a barrowful of weeds from around them. Tut tut! I should practise what I preach. The parsnip seeds have failed, I suspect through not watering during the dry spell.

The potatoes in barrels have been good - the grandchildren really enjoyed finding them in the compost.

Are gardeners fans of football and tennis. If so, not much will get done until after mid-July – BUT if you want to escape the TV, there's always something to be done: –

- Deadheading roses, bedding geraniums, Petunias.
- Cut back some hardy geraniums e.g. 'Johnson's Blue' to encourage a second flush of flowers.
- Remove side shoots from tomato plants and continue to feed them.
- Pick courgettes, peas, and beans regularly.
- Prune early summer flowering shrubs after flowering e.g. Weigelia, Philadelphus, Pyracantha, and some of the Spireas.

So, when you have done all that, come and relax at Bridge Nursery with a cuppa!

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

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## Nature Notes

John Hancock

I'm writing this on Midsummer's Day and you won't get a better one. There is no wind to speak of and temperatures are reaching 25C. To cap it all, I found a group of Bee Orchids (*Ophrys apifera*) in a grassy clearing near Charlecote. On a University Open Studies Lepidoptera Group led by county moth expert David Brown we wandered along the footpath network just east of the River Avon (Grid ref.265575 Sheet 151 Stratford-on-Avon) to be precise. The valley is broad for such a relatively small river; the inference being there was once a much larger watercourse, presumably as the glaciers melted at the end of the last ice age. Now, this area is rich in sand and gravel deposits and extraction of these over the years has given rise to fields and occasional pools a metre or so below the rights of way. We found many species of butterfly, typical of high summer, which had only recently emerged. These included the Ringlet (*Aphantopus hyperantus*), Small Tortoiseshell (*Aglaia urticae*) and Meadow Brown (*Maniola jurtina*). The Chimney Sweeper moth (*Odezia atrata*) is, as its name suggests, black in colour with subtle white wing tips. It is one of our day flying moths and we found it on the Charlecote site fluttering amongst the stinging nettles and its food plant, Pignut. Superficially, this looks rather like Cow Parsley, an Umbellifer (Carrot family). It can be distinguished by its fine (fern like) foliage. Local names for Pignut include Ground Nut and Earth Chestnut which gives the game away as the tubers some 6 inches below ground level used to be harvested and eaten by country people, tasting like a crisp hazel nut. To most people brought up to view flowers as showy and scented, Pignut is a rather insignificant weed. However, without it the Chimney Sweeper moth would become extinct. Would we be the losers for that? I think so, as it would mean loss of biodiversity and another pollinator wiped out. Most butterflies and moths are very specific in their choice of food plants, that is those they lay their eggs on and on which their caterpillars feed. I cannot stress enough the need to set aside space in gardens, parks, churchyards and farms for the flora and fauna with which we share the land.

Down at Ufton Fields Nature Reserve, I enjoyed taking Harbury Beavers on a wildlife walk. I would like to thank Emma Masefield, their leader, for asking me to take part. With the boys' keen eyesight, we found caterpillars and grasshoppers I might have missed. They especially enjoyed the makeshift tepee-like shelters in the wood. I uncurled a nettle leaf which a caterpillar had stitched together to serve as a temporary home. The larva had moved but left its tiny, black, sugar grain sized excreta behind. This is known as frass - not a word in my dictionary. It might be useful in the word game 'Call My Bluff'.

Of course, the star performers at Ufton Fields just now are the wild orchids. I was able to show my audience the Common Twayblade, Common Spotted Orchid (it is the leaves that have black spots), the creamy white Butterfly Orchid a real gem and the Man Orchid [at its only Warwickshire site]. The Bee Orchid was not to be seen and a search of 5 other local sites where I have seen it before drew a blank. Then, yesterday at Charlecote - Eureka! Steven Falk, author of Warwickshire Wildflowers told me told me that Bee Orchids and their relatives are notorious for having years when few can be found. Perhaps the following year there could be hundreds at a particular site. Has anyone else seen them locally?

Yesterday (21<sup>st</sup> June), hay was cut at Pineham Farm and today as I made my way to the lip of the quarry, I walked along the straight rows of sweetly smelling, drying grass. Two adult swans glided into view on the lake marshalling five tiny cygnets.

Celia Neill saw an impressive Goshawk with a pigeon in its talons in her garden. Down at Bath, our 6 year old granddaughter Bryony found a red beetle crawling over the pavement on her way home from school. She was very pleased with herself when she looked it up in her book of insects. It was a Cardinal Beetle. I wish you good fortune in your summer wildlife sightings.

## General Section



### Harbury Carnival – Wheelbarrow Race 2010



A lovely sunny day, but not too hot, ideal conditions for the 2010 Wheelbarrow Race which this year was hosted by the Dog – thank you Jasmine Spice. Because this year we had 5 “pit stops”, it was decided that the race should commence with a straight start, i.e no beer or water had to be drunk before setting off. There were 10 entries in the Men’s Beer Race and the race was won by Trevor Gibbs and Mark Easton in a time of 8 minutes and 5 seconds (the record still stands at 8 minutes and 2 seconds), a valiant effort and they were presented with the Scandrett Shield and £25 – well done!



### **Winning Teams - Jenny & Gemma and Ben & Jacob with John Broomfield**

There were two entries for the Ladies' Beer Race which was won by Jenny Thombs and Gemma Cooper in a time of 13 minutes and 54 seconds and they were presented with the Gibbs and Simpson Shield and £25. Well done ladies! Would like to see more entries in this category next year – come on girls, you can do it!

There were 9 entries for the Water Race, which was won by Ben Tawney and Jacob Hunt in a time of 9 minutes and 10 seconds and they were presented with the Wallington Trophy and £10. An excellent result.

Brian Young and David Johnson were presented with the Rollason Tankard which is for the team completing the Men's Beer Race in the fastest time with a combined age of 80 or over. Perhaps we will soon have to raise the age limit to 100 and over!!

We are extremely grateful to all the licensees who provided beer and water, the scrutineers, the enthusiastic spectators and, last but by no means least, all those who competed in the races – to all of you well done and hope to see you again next year!

To end with the usual request – PLEASE ENTER BEFORE THE DAY IF YOU WISH TO TAKE PART IN THE RACE NEXT YEAR – it helps us enormously with the forward planning.

## **Harbury Carnival – Pub Games 2010**

Following the lovely sunny day for the Wheelbarrow Race, the weather decided to turn quite cold and wet but, as usual, the indomitable Harbury spirit shone through and we completed all the games with great enthusiasm if a little damp at times. Of course, on the night of the Quiz the rain disappeared – typical!

Anyway, on to the important bit – we had 8 teams competing this year: Gamecock, Twinning, W.C., the Dog, Girls r Loud, Rugby Club, Shakespeare and the Old New Inn. The winners of the individual events were as follows:-

Aunt Sally (at the Shakespeare)	Gamecock
Horseshoes (at the Gamecock)	Rugby Club
Skittles (at the Old New Inn)	Old New Inn
Quiz (at the Village Club)	Dog

The overall winners with the most points accumulated over the 4 events were the Dog – an excellent result – and the team was presented with the Pub Games Shield.

Once again the events were very well supported and we hope everyone enjoyed themselves in a spirit of friendly rivalry. Many thanks to the teams who took part and the licensees for letting us use their premises. If you would like to get a team together for next year, the rules and regulations are very simple – maximum number per team is 12 (you can have less but 4 is the minimum), entry fee per team £1 per person, 4 people from each team play in each event (you can play in more than one event). The games take place in the week between the Wheelbarrow Race and the Carnival, Monday to Thursday inclusive at various hostelries in the village and are open to everyone, so if you and your neighbours, friends, relatives, club, association etc would like to form a team we will be delighted to see you next year.

**Dan Killian  
On behalf of Harbury Carnival Committee**

## **Record Crowds on a Perfect Day at Harbury Carnival**

A record turnout on a wonderful sunny day ensured that 2010 was a memorable Carnival.

The Carnival Queen (Alice, 11 years old, who loves swimming and playing the piano and violin) and King (Liam, also 11 years old, and a rugby and football fan) led the Parade in Danny Killian's vintage Bentley.



The day started with floats and walking tableaux of all shapes and sizes cramming in to be judged in Sutcliffe Drive. Judging started half an hour earlier than usual which was lucky because of the number of entrants.

## **Parade Winners**

Sue Andrews Cup (Best original Adult costume) Jacob Hunt 'Mad Hatter'

Tim Percival Cup (Best original Child costume) Nuala 'Alien'

Decorated Float – Trade The Dog 'Bollywood comes to Harbury'

Decorated Float – Private 1<sup>st</sup> Manor Road supporting Have a Heart  
2<sup>nd</sup> The Winchester Family 'Cowboys & Indians'

Children's Float 1<sup>st</sup> Windmills Nursery School 'Windmills do Christmas'

Decorated Bike/Pram/Car 2<sup>nd</sup> Harbury Pre-School 'Out of this World'

1<sup>st</sup> Bugatti Racer

2<sup>nd</sup> Grease

3<sup>rd</sup> Armoured Personnel Carrier

Walking Tableau Children (2-8 persons)

1<sup>st</sup> Chloe & Leone 'Crisp Girls'

2<sup>nd</sup> James & Daniel 'Mario & Luigi'

3<sup>rd</sup> Leyton & Mia 'Mickie & Minnie'

Walking Tableau Children (More than 8 persons)

1<sup>st</sup> Harbury School

2<sup>nd</sup> Alice in Wonderland

3<sup>rd</sup> Harbury Toddler Group

Walking Tableau Family 1<sup>st</sup> The Adams Family 'Helicopter'

2<sup>nd</sup> The Darlison Family 'Up'

3<sup>rd</sup> The Rollason Family 'Coalition'

Walking Tableau Adults Harbury WI 'Domestic Goddesses'

Walking Child	1 <sup>st</sup> Alicia 'Cleopatra' 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thomas 'The Stig' (we shouldn't reveal it was him!) 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jude 'Edwina Scissorhands'
Walking Adult	Isobel Grimes 'Dog Nanny'

### Fancy Dress Competition

The Carnival Chairman, John Broomfield, led the judging of the Fancy Dress Competition and had to make some tough choices:

Under 5's	1 <sup>st</sup> William 'Rocket' 2 <sup>nd</sup> Rosie 'Sky & Moon' 3 <sup>rd</sup> Evie 'Recycling Fairy'
5 – 7 Year Olds	1 <sup>st</sup> Saffie 'Unicorn' 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ruby 'Cat in a Hat' 3 <sup>rd</sup> Phoebe 'Fairy'
8 – 10 Year Olds	1 <sup>st</sup> Megan 'Art Attack' 2 <sup>nd</sup> Chloe & Leone 'Crisp Girls' 3 <sup>rd</sup> Indiana 'Marge Simpson'
11 – 17 Year Olds	1 <sup>st</sup> Alicia 'Cleopatra' 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jacob 'Mad Hatter' 3 <sup>rd</sup> James 'Mythical Bird'
Adult Group	1 <sup>st</sup> The Rollasons 'Coalition' 2 <sup>nd</sup> Harbury WI 'Domestic Goddesses' 3 <sup>rd</sup> The Hunts 'Alice in Wonderland'
Adult Individual	1 <sup>st</sup> Andrew Hunt 'Tweedle Dum' 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jacqui Quinney 'Spaceman' 3 <sup>rd</sup> Craig Grocock 'Superman'

### Thank you!

To all of you who attended, supported and took part, as well as to the many helpers and particularly Mike McBride, who was the key organiser on the day and who ensured everything went smoothly. We are still counting the money raised for the village organisations and charities....

And of course many thanks to our Sponsors: Avonvale Veterinary Centre, Braeside Bed & Breakfast, Mr Brooks The Chimney Sweep, Bull Ring Garage, Cana Imports, Communication & Me (Bev Walshe), The Door Store, Fitzgerald Marshall-Hardy Advertising & Design, Fosse Garage, The Fragrant Room, Green Chameleon, TM & JM Grey, Harbury Pharmacy, Jasmine Spice at the Dog Inn, Miles of Tiles, Mugleston's, Nifty Needle, The Old New Inn, The Post Office and Supermarket, Rollason's Solicitors, The Salon and Zoe Kate Photography.

See you next year!

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

## Know Your Rights! .... Advice from Warwickshire County Council Trading Standards Service

### "Phishing" Emails

The internet is a fantastic resource when used properly but unfortunately criminals are making the most of it too. One widely used scam is the "phishing" email. These pretend to be from a bank, EBAY or PayPal etc. They will ask for personal information such as account data and login details so they can gain access to your accounts or commit other crimes using your identity. Recently there have been fake emails claiming to be from the Civil Aviation Authority offering compensation to travellers left stranded by the recent volcanic eruption in Iceland. Recipients were asked for passport data, bank account details and other personal information in order to gain compensation.

So if you suspect an email is from a fraudster phishing:

- never give out personal information in an email
- never click on any links it contains
- delete the email

If you are concerned that you may have fallen victim to such a scam, act immediately. If relevant, log into your relevant accounts and change your usernames and passwords. This will stop the fraudsters accessing your accounts. Contact your banks and financial institutions and make them aware of the situation in case of problems.

You can get more information about being safe on line at [www.getsafeonline.org](http://www.getsafeonline.org).

For more advice on problems with shopping or buying services, contact Consumer Direct on 08454 04 05 06.

**Pat Whorton**

### Check your Energy Use



The library in Harbury has an OWL meter to test how much electricity your appliances use. It is easy to work and can be a great help letting you know how much any electric appliance uses at any one time, say a TV or kettle for example. You can also fit a device to measure your energy use over a length of time as well - say a week.

We have found that it makes us more aware of how we use electricity. Using an electric shower is expensive so we now make sure we use it for a shorter time. The kettle as well now only gets filled with enough water for our needs and not a whole kettle for just one cup of

coffee. If you wish to borrow the device you need to be a member of the library as they have to have a record of who has this. It may not stay here long if we do not make use of it.

You can of course buy these meters from your electricity supplier.

**Jenny Patrick**

## **Musical Concert – Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2010 at 7pm**

Come and enjoy an outside musical concert “Mid Summer Prom” and bring along your wine, picnic and sit upons in the old jousting field at Chesterton. We have lively, talented musicians to sing along patriotic songs. An evening to remember. The concert is in aid of Cancer Research and Chesterton Church. Tickets available from Mugleston’s Country Fayre at £10.

**Jo Spurr - 614431**

## **Harbury NSPCC “Any Questions” Evening**

Many thanks to all those who attended the above event on the 11<sup>th</sup> June in the Tom Hauley Room. Our panel of Moira Rollason, Andrew Patrick, Father Craig Grocock and Philip Bushill-Matthews answered the set questions in a very informed, measured and entertaining manner and the whole process was chaired very well by Sharon Hancock.

We raised £550 which is an excellent amount and we are delighted by the success of the evening.

**Harbury NSPCC Committee**

## **Found**

A sleeping bag and ground sheet were found at the Village Hall car park on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June. If this is yours, please contact the Parish Clerk on 614646, or e-mail [clerk@harbury-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@harbury-pc.gov.uk) for retrieval.

**Harbury Parish Council**

## **Coast To Coast Adventure**

On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July Chris and Josh Hill are leaving Harbury to walk the Coast to Coast long-distance footpath across the breadth of England, from St Bees Head in Cumbria all the way to Robin Hoods Bay in North Yorkshire, a mere 192 miles! They plan to complete the walk in two weeks, and have been training hard, adding many miles to the soles of their boots.

The walk is the culmination of a dream that was hatched in the Lake District last year, and they aim to use their dream to also raise funds for the national Mountain Rescue charity (which they hope not to have to use!) If you would like to offer them your support in the form of sponsorship, they have a fund-raising page at [www.justgiving.com/joshua-hill](http://www.justgiving.com/joshua-hill)

Rucksacks are packed with plasters, maps (all eight of them!) are at the ready, the dry and warm weather has been ordered.....and they will very soon be off!

**Caroline Hill**

## **Warwickshire Winter Quiz League**

Any pubs/clubs in the area interested in signing up for a new Warwickshire Winter Pub Quiz League, please contact James Carr tel: 01865 712028 - email: [thebonzodog08@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:thebonzodog08@yahoo.co.uk). We are looking to try and establish a Leamington Spa Division of the League for pubs + clubs within a 7 mile radius of Leamington Spa. We would be looking to run the league from October end to May 2011, with teams of up to 5 players (league matches) 6 players (competitions). All matches to take place Sunday Evening - League matches 8.15 - 10.15pm approx and competitions 8.15pm to close. The quizzes are designed to provide an enjoyable and entertaining night out.

**James Carr**

## **Harbury School Kid's Club**

Harbury School Kid's Club will be reopening the play scheme during the first 3 weeks of the summer holidays on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

The play scheme is registered with Ofsted for children aged from 3 years + and will care for up to 16 children per day opening 8am – 5.30pm, children can attend for the whole day (8.00am – 5.30pm) or a school day (9.00am – 3.00pm) a morning or afternoon.

Each day has a different theme;

“Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> July, Under the sea, Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>, It’s a bugs life, Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>, A day in space, Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August, Pirates and the Caribbean, Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>, The land before time, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>, A magical day, Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>, I’m at play scheme get me out of here, Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>, A day on the beach, Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>, Fun in the jungle”

Children will be able to enjoy outdoor activities such as sports and treasure hunts while inside, children will have the opportunity to take part in arts and crafts activities, cakes making or playing on the wii and play station, each day has a minimum of 10 different activities to keep the

children busy and entrained. Over the 9 days of the Play Scheme there will also be visits from entertainers as well as a bouncy castle.

Children do not have to attend Harbury School to attend the play scheme.

For more information please contact Lynn Hill 614343 or 07702 898171.

**Lynn Hill**

## Criminal Damage to Tree



A number of residents have recently reported being dismayed by the quite deliberate stripping of the bark away from a tree near to the children's play area. The tree will now almost certainly die and have to be removed at the parish's expense but, leaving aside the cost, the village will have lost a lovely asset which has been enjoyed for many years.

This has been reported to the police and, if anyone has further information, please contact (in confidence) Roger Price on the crime desk on 02476 483432, quoting incident no. S/1067/10.

**Harbury Parish Council**

## Lottie Osborn – Harbury's Oldest Resident

It was a day of celebration on June 7<sup>th</sup> when post-lady, Barbara Southam, delivered an envelope with the Buckingham Palace insignia on the front, to an address in Manor Road. The special delivery was a card from the Queen with a message congratulating Lottie on her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, which was the 'icing on the cake' for Harbury's oldest resident. The arrangements for the card were made by the Pensions Office in Birmingham, which first enquired whether she would be willing to accept the Queen's message and then sent a local representative to check all the details. The card is now in pride of place in Lottie's front room alongside a telegram from the Department for Work and Pensions, signed by Iain Duncan Smith M.P. and the very many cards received from family and friends.



Lottie was born in Bishop's Itchington in 1910 and was one of a family of 10, which included 7 brothers and 2 sisters. She attended the village school and transferred to the 'Senior School' based at the Wight School in Harbury for the final years of her education before eventually leaving when she was 14 years old. She remembers travelling to Harbury in a pony and trap driven by Jimmy Edwards and being at school with her very good friend Ethel Sollis. She became godmother to Ethel's daughter, Leone, who like her mother was one of the Harbury post-ladies for many years. Lottie went into service in Leamington when she left school, as did Ethel, as this was the main employment opportunity for young girls in the 1920's.

girls in the 1920's. She married Bill in 1938 and lived in the Leamington area all her life and had her only daughter, Di when she was 37 years old. Although it is quite common-place these days to find that many women delay having children until later in life, it was quite daunting to be an older mother in the 1940's, as it was an unusual occurrence for a mother having a first baby.

Lottie and her husband Bill returned to Harbury in 1986 to live with Di and her husband, but unfortunately Bill died one year later after a short illness and Lottie has lived with Di and her husband, Bill (Evans) ever since. All the male members of the family are avid Coventry City supporters and Di remembers clearly that Lottie's husband died in 1987, as that was the year that Coventry City FC won the F.A. Cup Final. Following her move into the village, Lottie loved chatting to her neighbours and going shopping to Leamington, although in later years she only ventured as far as the local shops where she could still meet friends and 'pass the time of day'. She was also well known some years ago for her unbelievable patience in pulling the weeds out of the block paving around Di and son-in-law Bill's drive-way. Nowadays, she spends most of her time in her front room where she spends hours poring over the daily newspaper, as well as many magazines. She says she "likes to keep up with everything that is happening through reading" rather than watch T.V., which doesn't interest her very much.

Lottie has two grandsons, Mark and Stephen who both live in Whitnash and are well known in the area as quality builders. Mark and wife Jeanette have one son, Jack (11), who will attend Myton School in Warwick next year, whilst Stephen and Michelle have two sons, Layton (9) and Zane (5) who attend the local schools in Whitnash. All the family came over to Harbury to celebrate the occasion when a special mother, grand-mother and great grand-mother reached the amazing 100 year milestone. It's not been very often that a Harbury resident has become a centenarian, so we should celebrate her good fortune and wish her continued good health.

**Chris Finch**

## **Summer Lunch in aid of Harbury Senior Citizens**

The trip to Southport, although a long journey, seems to have been worth it with many people saying how much they enjoyed the town, in particular the restored Victorian Arcade. Even allowing for a stop, the coaches were back in the village at about nine thirty. If you have any ideas for next year, please let one of the committee members know. Talking of committee members, we have a new one - Gill Holden, and we still have vacancies for one or two more.



**Father Craig at the Soakathon**

Thank you to everyone who supported our "Soakathon" at the carnival. We hope that you all enjoyed soaking our "guests" and we would like to thank them all for being such great sports in a good cause. The winner of the guess the number of calories in the cake was J. Grey from Southam. The number of calories was 6125.

We would like to remind you that the next event is the Summer Lunch, in aid of the Harbury Senior Citizens, that will be held in Harbury Village

Hall on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August** between 12:00 and 14:30.

We would like to remind you that this is a fund raising event in aid of the senior citizens of Harbury and, as such, the lunch is available to anyone who wants to come, subject to availability. For pre-booking enquiries, please contact either Thelma Gulliver on 613269 or Julie Clarke on 612066 before Monday 2nd August. The price for the lunch will be £4.50 for a ploughman's, dessert and tea or coffee, but look out for posters giving more details. We look forward to seeing you there.

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

## Fuel Communities

An article in the winter edition of Country Matters (Warwickshire Rural Community Council's) magazine set me contemplating the possibility of like-minded householders becoming part of a **fuel community** in Harbury. Essentially, a group of oil fuel customers in a rural community get together and agree to buy all their fuel from one supplier. By delivering to several customers on the same day, the supplier can cut costs significantly by selling in bulk and reducing delivery miles – **a saving passed onto customers.**

Villagers in Langley, north east of Stratford have tried the scheme, coordinated by a Parish Councillor and are reportedly delighted with the results. The manager of the oil company they have used reported that “fuel communities are a great way to help yourself, your community and your environment, since delivering fuel to a number of customers in one area means that we can offer fuel at reduced prices and reduce the community’s carbon footprint”

Since sustainability is likely to become even more of a buzz-word in the coming months and most people will be looking to cut their own household fuel costs, I wondered if there might be other customers in the village who might be interested in the outcome of research I am prepared to do in order to check out some local oil companies? If any of the stated 40+ householders in the village who use oil as the main heating source are interested in such a scheme, would they please ring me on **01926 612305**. There are apparently no contracts involved and no obligation to purchase at any time, but it seemed like **a good idea, which might be worth exploring.** I would like to hear from any interested parties and I'll report my findings about costs etc. in a future edition of the Harbury and Ladbroke News.

**Chris Finch**

## Wedding Season in Full Swing for Harbury Choir School

We have been very busy over the past few weeks. Our first wedding booking last month was highly successful - so much so that we have our next wedding this week! The children had prepared well and knew that the pressure was on for them to give a great performance for the Bride and Groom's special day.

We sang three pieces on our own, as well as the congregational hymns. All the children sang very well, producing a lovely clear sound. Special mention must go to Jay and Dominic, who sang solos, and to the Chamber Choir, who sang the harmony parts. You can hear recordings of the songs from the wedding ceremony on our website.



Members of the Chamber Choir have also made the journey to sing in Birmingham for the inauguration of the Lord Mayor. This was a scary first outing for most of them, as they have only been members of the Chamber Choir for less than a term! It was definitely a baptism of fire, to be expected to read complicated written music and sing with a full choir. However, they rose to the challenge and presented themselves as competent, professional young singers. We are very proud of them.

We are now looking forward to our 'Summer Pops' Concert to mark the end of the year. On Thursday 15th July, we will be holding a FREE informal evening concert at Harbury Village Hall. This is open to everyone, and in the true spirit of summer, we hope that you will come along with friends and bring a picnic tea to enjoy with the music.

There will be a raffle with a free glass of Pimms/soft drink and cake with every ticket. Doors open at 6pm for 6.30pm start. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Helen Iles - Harbury Choir School**  
[www.harburychoirschool.org](http://www.harburychoirschool.org)

## Village with a Vision

This month there's good news! At a meeting on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June, we were given the preliminary results of our Housing Needs Questionnaire! This has shown that there's an overwhelming desire to remain within, and continue to be part of, our village community. W.C.C. has done a great job in bringing us this result, and we are awaiting more detailed analysis and information.

We feel greatly encouraged by the support shown within the village for this idea, and so will start to explore the ways to move forward with the project. In this we shall be supported and advised by the Institute of Public Care (IPC), and the County Council. We also have the support of our Parish Council.

It is planned to hold an Open Meeting on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July in the Tom Hauley Room. Professor Andrew Kerslake, Associate Director; and Juliet Bligh, Principal Consultant; of IPC; as will Tim Willis, of WCC's Strategic Commissioning (Care & Choice Accommodation) Programme Lead, and the Vision Team, all there to explain the outline of the project.

The meeting will be open from 10.00am, with the speakers beginning at 10.30am. We hope to have a short film to show, after which we will answer any questions, and be pleased to listen to any ideas you wish to put forward. The meeting will close at 2.00pm. So, please do come along, hear what we hope to provide, and so help us to move forward with this exciting development.

Tony Stubbs - 01926 612782  
e-mail: [villagewithavision@hotmail.com](mailto:villagewithavision@hotmail.com)

## **Victorian Street Fair – October 9th**

There will be another fantastic Victorian Street Fair on Saturday 9th October on Chapel Street. There will be a variety of entertainment, stalls and competitions for all the family throughout the day and evening. If you wish to book a stall please contact Julie or Brian Young on 614050. More details nearer the time – save the date in your diaries now!

**The Victorian Street Fair Committee**



### **LETTERS TO THE EDITORS**

#### **Dear Editors**

*We would like to thank all our friends in Harbury for their good wishes for the wedding of our daughter Susannah to Adam on June 18th.*

*The whole day was wonderful from beginning to end, in spite of the weather not being brilliant. After the service at Dale Street Methodist Church, the reception was held at the Warwickshire Golf Club at Leek Wootton, which was followed by an evening ceilidh, culminating with a firework display. It will be day we will always remember.*

*I attach a photograph of the happy couple.*

*Best wishes,*

**Peter and Elizabeth Bones**



**Dear Editors**

I would just like to say "very well done" to my wife, Karena Ellis Greenway for being elected to sit on the board of The Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors. Not only is this a wonderful achievement for Karena, but she is also the first female to be appointed to the board! Great news.

From husband Tom and daughters, Claudia, Clarice and Carmen.

**Tom Greenway**



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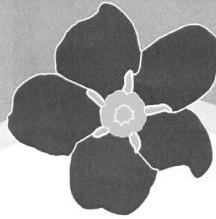


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Thursday evenings, The Grange, Southam

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5.00pm - Gymnastics (all ages)      6.00pm - Grade 1 Ballet (9yrs +)



#### Ballet Lessons

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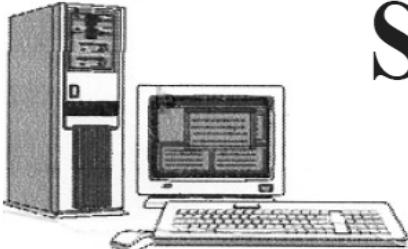
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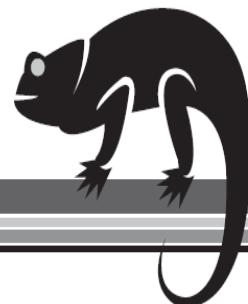
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