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Editorial



Our Editorial photograph (left) shows crowds thronging around at last month's Victorian Street Fayre. The event was very well supported; thank you to the organisers and stallholders who made the evening a great success.

Our second photograph (below right) shows

Cana's highly creative Hallowe'en Night window display.

Bonfire night is fast approaching with the Harbury display on the 6th November starting at 6.00pm. If you are holding your own display – do 'enjoy fireworks safely'.

Ladbroke is reviving the R e m e m b r a n c e Day commemoration with a service being held on Sunday 14th November at 3.00pm. We hope that the service is well supported.

The opportunity for faster broadband for Harbury is in the offing if enough expressions of interest are registered with B.T. – see article for how to register.



There is a proposal for the fir tree outside the library which is lit up at Christmas is to be dedicated as the 'John Ridgley Tree of Light', with the opportunity to adopt a light in memory of a loved one. Further information will appear in next month's magazine.

As in previous years, the Harbury and Ladbroke News is offering the opportunity for readers to send in Christmas greetings to friends in lieu of sending Christmas cards. These can be emailed to our usual articles email address or handed in at the Pharmacy by the December edition deadline – 25 November.

Finally we extend our sympathies to the family of Gwen Barber.

Harbury Diary

OCTOBER

Sun 31 IV BEFORE ADVENT

Holy Communion 8.00am

Sung Eucharist 10.30am

All Souls Remembrance Service 6.00pm

NOVEMBER

Mon 1 SCHOOL STARTS

ALL SAINTS' DAY

'Flu Clinic, 5.00pm – 7.00pm, Harbury Surgery

Holy Communion with Hymns 7.30pm

Tues 2 Holy Communion 7.30pm

Horticultural Society 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room

Weds 3 Holy Communion 2.00pm, Tom Hauley Room

Mothers' Union Meeting 2.30pm Tom Hauley Room:

'Songs My Mother Taught Me' – Mike Hare

Hereburgh Morris Beginners Evening, 8.00pm, School Hall

Ballroom Dancing in Village Hall 8.30pm - 10.00pm

Thurs 4 Table Tennis 9.30-10.30am in Village Hall

Holy Communion 9.45am

Art Group 10.00am - 4.00pm in Tom Hauley Room

Men's Group Meeting 7.45pm Tom Hauley Room – David

Eaves, Photograph

Folk Club in Dog Inn 8.00pm

Fri 5 Operation Christmas Child – Collection of Boxes from

10.00am, Tom Hauley Room

Tai Chi in Village Hall 7.00-8.30pm

Sat 6 Coffee Morning, 10.00am in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Save the Children

Village Bonfire and Fireworks on Playing Fields, bonfire lit

at 6.00pm, fireworks start at 6.30pm

Sun 7 III BEFORE ADVENT

Sung Eucharist 9.00am

First Light Service 10.30am Tom Hauley Room

Holy Communion with Laying on of Hands 6.00pm

Tues 9 Toddlers Service 2.00pm Tom Hauley Room

Holy Communion 7.30pm

Harbury Society - Mick Geffs on Warwickshire Landscape

7.30pm for 8.00pm start in Tom Hauley Room

Wed 10 Ballroom Dancing in Village Hall 8.30-10.00pm

Thurs 11 Table Tennis 9.30-10.30am in Village Hall

Holy Communion 9.45am

- Art Group 10.00am-4.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
 WI 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room – Annual Meeting
- Fri 12 Tai Chi in Village Hall 7.00pm-8.30pm
 PTA Quiz Night 7.30pm for 8.00pm in School Hall
- Sat 13 Coffee Morning, 10.00am in Tom Hauley Room in aid of the
 Royal British Legion
 Craft Fayre 10.00am – 4.00pm in Village Hall
 Moving Pictures – ‘The Sorcerer’s Apprentice’ doors open at
 5.45pm - film starts at 6.15pm in Village Hall
 Harbury Choir School, “Songs of Remembrance and Hope”,
 6.30pm at Harbury Church
- Sun 14 II BEFORE ADVENT—REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**
 Holy Communion 8.00am
 Remembrance Service 10.15am
 Act of Remembrance 11.00am at War Memorial
- Mon 15 ADVERTS FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: 31 BINSWOOD END, BY
 5.30PM
- Tues 16 Holy Communion 7.30pm
 Mothers’ Union AGM 8.00pm Tom Hauley Room
- Weds 17 Tea 3.00pm Tom Hauley Room
 Ballroom Dancing in Village Hall 8.30-10.00pm
- Thurs 18 Table Tennis 9.30am-10.30am in Village Hall
 Holy Communion 9.45am
 Art Group 10.00am-4.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Fri 19 Tai Chi in Village Hall 7.00-8.30pm
- Sat 20 Men’s Prayer Breakfast 7.30am Tom Hauley Room
 Coffee Morning, 10.00am in Tom Hauley Room in aid of NSPPC
 Family Social Evening. 6.00 – 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Sun 21 CHRIST THE KING**
 Holy Communion 8.00am
 Family Communion Service 10.30am
 Evensong 6.00pm
- Tues 23 Holy Communion 7.30pm
 Parish Council 7.30pm NB in Tom Hauley Room
 Julian Meeting 8.00pm
- Weds 24 Drop in Tea for the Bereaved 2.30 to 4.30pm, 19 Farm Street
 Ballroom Dancing in Village Hall 8.30-10.00pm
- Thurs 25 ARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH STREET AND
 EMAIL ARTICLES DEADLINE BY 5.30PM
 Harbury Theatre Group - ‘Cinders the True Story’ 8.00pm in
 Village Hall
 Table Tennis, 9.30-10.30am in Village Hall
 Holy Communion 9.45am
 Art Group 10.00-4.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
 Thursday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall
- Fri 26 No Tai Chi in Village Hall

- Harbury Theatre Group - 'Cinders the True Story' 8.00pm in Village Hall
- Sat 27 Coffee Morning, 10.00am in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Biblelands
- Harbury Theatre Group - 'Cinders the True Story' 2.30pm and 8.00pm in Village Hall
- Sun 28 **ADVENT SUNDAY**
Holy Communion 8.00am
Sung Eucharist 10.30am
Songs of Praise 4.00 to 6.00pm in Church
- Tues 30 Holy Communion 7.30pm

DECEMBER

- Weds 1 Holy Communion 2.00pm Tom Hauley Room
Mothers' Union Meeting 2.30pm Tom Hauley Room:
"Making a Centrepiece for the Christmas Table" - Gillian Hare
- Thurs 2 Table Tennis 9.30-10.30am in Village Hall
Holy Communion 9.45am
Art Group 10.00-4.00pm "Watercolour Christmas" (inc. Buffet) in Tom Hauley Room
Men's Group Meeting 7.45pm Tom Hauley Room
Folk Club in Dog Inn 8.00pm
- Fri 3 Tai Chi in Village Hall 7.00-8.30pm
PTA Christmas Disco in School Hall
- Sat 4 Coffee Morning, 10.00am in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Guides
Christmas Fayre 2.00-4.00pm in Village Hall
Beading Buddies Group, Social Evening, 7.00-9.00pm in Tom Hauley Room

Refuse Collection Rota				
	Deppers Bridge	Harbury	Ladbroke	Refuse Collection Week
November	Wed	Thurs	Fri	
	3	4	5	Grey Bin
	10	11	12	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	17	18	19	Grey Bin
	24	25	26	Green & Blue Lid Bins
Dec	1	2	3	Grey Bin
	8	9	10	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	15	16	17	Grey Bin



All Saints
HARBURY

From the Rector

Father Craig Grocock

The Rectory, Vicarage Lane, Harbury Tel.: 612377

Light in the darkness

So the clocks have moved back, we're plunged into darkness at five o'clock and it's dark when we get up in the morning. It's enough to make you want to adopt a hedgehog lifestyle and hibernate for the winter. The dark really does affect many of us, as any of you who suffer from SAD (seasonally adjusted disorder) will know all too well. If you're worried and wake during the night problems can seem so much worse. Our imaginations run riot in the dark; why do you think all those ghost hunting programmes are filmed at night?

As a child during the Miners' strikes of the early 70's, I vividly remember my mum lighting candles when the power went off. Our sitting room would be plunged into darkness and Mum would light the candle on the coffee table and the darkness would be pushed back to the corners of the room. It's no wonder that throughout history light has become such a powerful symbol. Our Sikh and Hindu friends will soon be marking Diwali, a festival of light celebrating the triumph of good over evil.

The Christian tradition describes Jesus as the Light of the World, illuminating those dark corners that can frighten and confuse us. When a person is baptized they are given a lighted candle to remind them that they have passed from 'darkness to light'.

There is much darkness in the world and consequently much fear and confusion. As Christians we believe that God, who we know best as Jesus Christ, welcomes us into his light, into his living presence when we come to him. He never turns us away but delights to welcome us no matter what we are or what we've been. It is God alone who can bring the deep inner peace we so often seek especially when we feel lonely, hurt or simply long to feel loved. May Christ's light shine brightly for all of us.

God bless

From the Registers

Holy Baptism, All Saints' Harbury

26 September

Nicholas and Christopher Lewis

Owen Dufty

Funeral at All Saints', Harbury

6 October Gwen Barber

Burial of Ashes, All Saints', Harbury

24 October Kenneth Capstick Hughes



From the Churchwardens

Will & Fliss

The presentation at the October all-age Communion Service was given by Jill and David Winter. Reminding us of the September presentation which featured the fruits of the Harvest, they took as their theme the fruits of the Spirit, especially that of love. The children hung pictures of fruits on the prayer tree. Thank you to Jill, David and the children and to Ros and Natalie for the music.

As you will know doubt know, Ruth and Tony Dodds will shortly be leaving



the village to move nearer to family. On the 17th October in the Tom Hauley Room, there was a presentation and a formal goodbye to thank them for all that they have done for us. Ruth has been Churchwarden, PCC Secretary, Sacristan, helper with the Toddler Service and with the Guides. Tony has built the bonfire, designed scenes for pantomimes, erected stalls for the Christmas Fayre and

masterminded screens for the annual Art Exhibition. For all that they have contributed and for all that they are to us, we shall miss them. We pray for God's blessing on them and their whole family as they enter this new stage of their lives.

Dates for your diary:

20th November: Family Social Evening, 6.00-8.00pm, Tom Hauley Room

28th November: Advent Sunday, 4.00pm -6.00pm, Songs of Praise in Church

4th December: Christmas Fayre, 2.00pm – 4.00pm, Village Hall



Mothers' Union

Gillian Hare

The afternoon meeting heard more about the Action and Outreach Projects from Chris Rutherford. Her talk made us realise how wide ranging are our objectives; a few examples are a child contact centre, parenting projects with a disabled child, teddies for a police children's centre and knitting lessons. The holiday scheme provided £3000 worth of holidays for families who have never been away before and workers abroad are helped with transport to reach health and literacy schemes.

On our own doorstep, members continue to take part in Toddlers' Services and baptisms. This month we have joined in the packing of shoeboxes of Christmas gifts for Romania and will be running a toiletries stall at the Christmas Fayre on December 4th.

In the evening, Ros Baldwin showed some examples of her beautiful needlecraft and talked about some of the history of quilt making.

Members send their sympathy to the family of Gwen Barber, a staunch member of Harbury M.U for many years. She became an indoor member when she was too frail to attend meetings, but Anne and Lorna continued to visit her in the nursing home and keep her in touch with our doings.

On a happier note, we say goodbye to Ruth and Tony and give them our best wishes for their new life. They will be greatly missed in many bits of Harbury life. However shall we decorate our stall without your help, Tony?

November 3rd: 2.00pm Communion in the Tom Hauley Room, followed by a reminiscence afternoon of "Songs my mother taught me". Michael Hare will provide the music, the words will be printed, just come with your voices. And do invite a friend to enjoy it too.

November 16th: Our AGM, 8.00pm after the 7.30pm communion.

December 1st: Communion at 2.00pm in the Tom Hauley Room followed by a workshop to make a Christmas table decoration. Everyone can join in – just bring scissors and hands.



Toddlers' Service

Barbara Thistlethwaite

Mr Hare played for us and we sang "my God is so big" for the start of our Toddlers' Service this month. Then Mrs Kitchener asked us who were the people who helped us. She showed us lots of pictures of people,

Mummies, Daddies, policemen, doctors, nurses and firemen all of whom in their different ways are here to keep us safe and help us.

We then sang another song called “Daniel was a man of prayer”. Daniel was a very good man who prayed three times a day but there were some very nasty men who did not like Daniel so they asked the King to make some rules that said no one could keep asking for things by praying. The King decreed these rules but Daniel kept on praying. The nasty men became very angry and told the King that he would have to stop Daniel as he was now breaking the new rules. The King liked Daniel and did not want to do anything to hurt him.

The King kept a deep pit with steep sides in which he kept some lions at the bottom. The nasty men told the King that he had to throw Daniel down into the pit to be eaten by the lions and in the end the King gave in to these men and that was what he did. They all waited to see what would happen and not a sound came out of the pit. No one could believe it that Daniel was down there with the lions and nothing was happening. The King shouted down to Daniel asking him if he was alright. Has your God done something to the lions so that they will not eat you?? Daniel replied “yes, I am fine, your lions are just like big soft pussycats and will not hurt me.”

The King then told everyone else that they all should pray to Daniel’s God because he was a very good God who was always there to help everyone who needed him.

We then made a great picture of the lion, had our drinks and played until it was time to go home.

Our next Toddlers’ Service is on Tuesday 9th November at 2.00pm in the Tom Hauley Room. Babies and toddlers accompanied by an adult are all welcome.

We look forward to seeing you there.



First Light

Alison Abbott

October's 1st Light was our 50th so we celebrated with cakes, balloons and dancing. In the Jewish calendar every 50th year was the year of Jubilee, when the land and people had a rest and slaves were set free. So we also celebrated the freedom we have because of Jesus' life, death and resurrection.

Our next 1st Light is on 7th November when we will be posing the question, “Why Church?” What purpose is there in going to Church?

After all I can pray at home, or out walking the dog. This is true, and we all need to pray alone, but we also need each other. We need to meet together to help and encourage each other.

If you could do with a bit of encouragement in your life then why not come along to 1st Light. It lasts about 30 minutes and is informal. We don't have a service or hymn books, but we do have drama, music and a chance to pray in a "doing" sort of way by lighting a candle, making something or placing an item to make a display of some sort. It is hard to explain – much better to experience it.

Children are really welcome and very much part of what we do - so come as a family or come by yourself and let us encourage each other.

P.S. In December we have the title "Not the Nativity" - I'm not sure what it will be but it will be on 5th December at 10.30am (coffee from 10.15) in the Tom Hauley Room.

Family Social at Harbury Church

Following the success of last year's Family Social we are planning to hold another one. This will be on Saturday 20th November, 6 'til 8 o'clock in the Tom Hauley Room. Tea (sandwiches, cakes, soft drinks etc.) will be served at 6 o'clock and will be followed by games. singing and general good fun! Admission is free but a donations towards costs will be appreciated - a bowl will be put out to receive whatever you care to give. Tickets (for catering purposes) are available from Beryl Checkley (612519) and Tony Stubbs (612782).

Ladbroke News & Diary

NOVEMBER

Sun	7	III BEFORE ADVENT Family Communion, 10.30am followed by refreshments
Tues	9	Photography Club, 7.30pm in Village Hall
Sat	13	Whist Drive, 7.45pm in Village Hall
Sun	14	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY Holy Communion, 9.00am Village Remembrance Service, 3.00pm in Church
Mon	15	ADVERTS FOR NEXT ISSUE OF HARBURY NEWS TO 31 BINSWOOD END BY 5.30PM
Wed	17	Parish Council Meeting, 7.45pm in Village Hall
Sun	21	CHRIST THE KING Holy Communion BCP, 9.00am

- Thurs 25 ARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH STREET AND
EMAIL ARTICLES DEADLINE BY 5.30PM
Women's Institute, 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Sat 27 Whist Drive, 7.45pm in Village Hall
- Sun 28 **LAST BEFORE ADVENT**
Holy Communion (sung) 9.00am

DECEMBER

- Sun 5 **Family Communion, 10.30am followed by**
Refreshments
- Wed 8 Women's Institute Carol Service in Church



Ladbroke Church News

Fr. Craig Grocock

Remembrance Sunday - 14th November

A Service of Remembrance - All Saints Church, Ladbroke, 3pm.

A new service for the village as we gather to remember those who have fallen in war. Wreaths will be laid, silence held and prayers offered.

All in Ladbroke are invited and welcome to come to their church as we remember together those in our village who paid the ultimate sacrifice.



Ladbroke Parish Council

Betty Winkfield

The meeting began with the Reverend Grocock's plea for the Parish Council and the villagers to take part in the Remembrance Day Service. He was concerned that not enough was done in Ladbroke to remember the fallen in wars fought on our behalf, especially our soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan at this time. There will be a Remembrance Day Service in Church at 3pm on Sunday 14th November. The Parish Council and Women's Institute will be represented and will be laying wreaths. It would be lovely to see a full Church on this occasion.

Our second speaker, Mick Potter, represented the Exercise Watermark. This is a "community" of people concerned with flooding in Warwickshire. There is a national exercise next March to test all control activities and response times, and arrangements of all areas affected by potential flooding. After discussions with the Parish Council and confirmation as to the actions carried out following severe flooding in Ladbroke in 1998 and more recently in 2007, it was agreed that Ladbroke would review the

existing Emergency Plan but also abstain from the 'Exercise Watermark' initiative being organised nationally. Concerns were expressed about housebound residents who have previously been affected by floods – they must be a priority in any future flooding. It was thought that a local co-ordinator would be quicker in an emergency than the national services. It was thought that the Village Hall or the Bell Inn could be "Rest Centres" though both of these were affected by the floods on the past occasion. There is a contact number for Exercise Watermark if it was thought they could be of assistance to us in Ladbroke.

Public Participation: It was reported that the streetlight at the exit to the village in Harbury Road had still not been repaired. We do pay for the streetlights; is this some sort of saving? It can be very dark just along the road past the Church.

Secondly, concern was expressed about the visibility at the end of Radbourn Lane on to the bypass. It is potentially a very dangerous situation, especially as the traffic does use that stretch of road for overtaking. The bushes that are growing out from the lane are getting worse and not getting cut back by the mowing contractors. It was also mentioned that the road markings on the bypass are confusing and don't indicate the turn into Radbourn Lane clearly enough.

Caravan in Field by Windmill Lane: The enforcement notice has not been sent to the occupant of the caravan and is now 3 months late; is Stratford District Council that far behind? The planning application from the caravan owner to build stabling and two storage containers has been refused.

Gritting Bins: The Council are to buy one new gritting bin to be placed at the top of Bridge Lane on the grass verge by the turning over the bridge, hopefully with the approval of the residents in the locality.

Windmill Lane Parking: The residents are not in full agreement about the parking on the road side and also about the black and white bollards. They must come to some agreement about these problems before the Council can facilitate any improvements.

Highways, Footpaths and Drainage: There is still an on-going discussion about the narrow Harbury Road area approaching the Kineton Road junction. Concerns about ownership of hedges on either side of the road were expressed.

The other concern, also in that area, was the ditching and draining on the corner of Harbury Road and Ladbroke Road. The drains and ditches are still not coping with heavy rain.

Parish Plan: Two councillors went to the adoption meeting of the Plan

held at Priors Marston. The meeting went well; the Plan was adopted. The Council however, is still awaiting official notification from Stratford District Council. Discussion then took place about how the Plan should be distributed; most councillors wanted it put on the website – in which case how many printed copies would be needed?

Village Hall: There will be a New Year's Eve event and a Quiz Night in May.

Millennium Green: Mention was made of the memorial tree to Janice Berry. Thanks were expressed to Chairman Derek Batty and Councillor Jim Clews for their work. Wording of the plaque was agreed.

HS2 Report: The track will now run behind Windmill Hill and will be at ground level. Southam, Kenilworth and Warwick Action Groups are very busy. The next joint meeting is in Kenilworth on November 19th

District Councillor's Report: Government grants will be cut by 20 – 30%. It is very difficult to assess what is acceptable. Grant monies including housing grants will be withdrawn. Stratford District Council is fifth in the league of recyclable waste. Urban areas are worse than rural areas with their recycling – that is the good news!

When staff on the District Council are cut so the services will be as well. Some services will have to be shared by different areas.

The Police: Promised to use special equipment to monitor speeding motor bikes. It now transpires that they couldn't identify bikes from cars. Our bypass is a race track.

Vision for Southam: There are grants available for specific benefits. Applications must be in by 6th December. The project must be completed by February 2012.

The next Community Forum in Southam is on 15th December. If you are interested in going, it is open to the public and will be held at The Grange, Southam, 7.30pm.

The Parish Council meeting closed at 9.52pm. The next meeting is on **17th November** at 7.45pm in the Village Hall.



Ladbroke Millennium Green

Kip Warr

Ladbroke Millennium Green AGM (postponed from October) will be held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday, 18 November. All villagers are encouraged to come and participate.



Ladbroke Photography Club

Jackie West

Our start up meeting on 13th October was a great success, with a dozen people coming to see what was on offer and several more wishing to join us but having other commitments.

We started with an illustrated talk designed to inspire everyone to take pictures of the world around them - from spectacular scenery to intricate flowers, morning mists to balls of wool - it was an eclectic mix, studded with tips such as how to get very differing pictures of moving water, from individual droplets in a fountain to a milky white waterfall. Then, while sipping cups of tea or coffee, we looked at the entries in the evening's competition on the theme "Holiday postcard" and voted for our favourites; the winner was a stunning picture of Glencoe by Tony Mancell.

Finally, it was time to talk about how the club should go forward. We agreed to keep it on an informal basis for the next couple of meetings to see how things develop before defining our objectives, club rules and electing a committee early in 2011. Inevitably, when it came to thinking about when to hold our monthly meetings each day of the week worked well for some people but not for others so this is not yet decided, just the next meeting which will be on **Tuesday 9th November**. It will be a discussion evening on the topic "**What makes a good picture.....and how can I improve mine?**" with everyone bringing along pictures they like in books, magazines, cards etc and, if they wish, some of their own photos that didn't turn out as well as hoped. Everyone one is welcome - if you plan to come please email jackieszone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk or phone 810331 for confirmation of the venue, which will depend on numbers.



Ladbroke General Section

Tree Planting in Memory of Janice Berry

A silver birch tree was purchased by Ladbroke Parish Council in memory of Cllr Janice Berry who passed away last year. The planting of the tree took place on Saturday 16th October.



The picture shows Janice's son Ralph and daughter Louisa planting the tree on the Millennium Green. Members of the PC and family friends also attended.

Cllr Jim Clews



Councillor's Corner

Bev Mann

Saturday 27th November – Venue: Outside the Supermarket, Chapel Street, Harbury.

A Councillors' Corner session will be held between 10.00am and 11.30am. These useful sessions are for our elected Council representatives, County, District and Parish Councillors to meet and answer any concerns/questions from residents in a more informal and relaxed setting than at Council meetings.

If there is a question which cannot be answered on the day, Councillors will follow this up and get back to the resident.

The following month a report on issues which are a real concern to residents are collated for the magazine.

Harbury Conservative Association - County Councillor's News

It is a long time since I wrote in the Harbury News. Despite the budget cuts I have been trying to get support for funding projects in Harbury. After the success with the village traffic management scheme I am still working with your Parish Council to ensure that the areas of concern on the village's roads are tackled by the Highways Department. The scheme for extra Care housing (Village with a Vision) has the support of the Adult

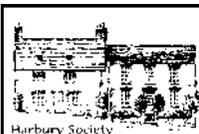
Services department of WCC. It meets all the WCC objectives of moving away from care homes and giving us independence and dignity as we grow older at the same time ensuring home care is readily available in your own home.

I hope that by the time you receive this Harbury News the future of the library will have been determined. There is a complex lease arrangement between the Wight Trust who manage the building on behalf of the Coventry diocese and the County Council. There is also an ambitious scheme to enlarge the building so that the early years' group's facilities can be improved. The approved grants for this scheme were withdrawn by the Government as part of their savings requirements. At the time of writing I am working with the early year's group and WCC to obtain alternative funding for their improvements.

WCC grants for community improvement in the village have been fully supported by me, and both the Rugby Club and the basketball court refurbishment have been recommended for grants from this fund. These projects are the kind of initiatives that fulfil the concept of the Coalitions Big Society – where villages are prepared to help fund and run projects themselves rather than expect 100% taxpayer support.

I enjoy meeting those of you who come along to our Councillors' Corners (next one on November 27th) and also hope to see some of you at our Christmas Coffee morning at 10 South Parade, on December 3rd from 10.30 – 12.00 noon or at our Conservative Association AGM on February 8th at the Tom Hauley rooms at 7.30pm. We can discuss such issues as HS2 which I strongly oppose in its present proposed format; academies; the preservation of rural life; our villages, or any other local topic in which you might be interested. I am, of course, happy to be contacted at any reasonable time if you are wrestling with the idiosyncrasies of local government bureaucracy.

Bob Stevens
County Councillor Feldon Division
01926 814031



Harbury Society

Linda Ridgley

David Howe was his usual entertaining self, regaling us with the ups and downs of a speaker's life.

He recalled travelling to Llandudno by train and having to take a taxi many miles because of hold-ups, arriving a few minutes before the start of the event only to be told that there was a dinner first and he was on an

hour and a half later. The taxi fare, he said was more than his fee.

He came up with the idea of a list of local speakers which the Libraries could hold as he realised that there was a great demand for his and other people's topics, but it soon became obvious in the days before the internet that it dated too quickly to be of much use.

He explained that he and Graham Sutherland often cover for one another in case of emergencies or illness and claims that he once found he was greeted by the harassed group Secretary with gratitude for stepping into the breach as she had phoned 40 people and by the time she got him she was getting desperate.

Our next meeting is on 9th November, 7.30pm in the Tom Hauley Room, when Mick Jeffs will talk about his new book on the Warwickshire landscape. And if he can't get there you will probably have to listen to me!

The Society has been alerted to the proliferation of A Boards and commercial advertising which is cluttering up the village. There is of course no need for such ad hoc messages as the Harbury News is a much better vehicle for advertising your wares!

	<h2>Harbury Women's Institute</h2>	<p>Jeanne Beaumont</p>
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The Harvest Supper was most enjoyable The food was cooked by the committee and members, and we thank them so much for their hard work. Also to those who helped to clear up at the end of the evening.

The Speaker was Maurice Sutherland, Town Crier of Warwick who entertained us with his talk on Wicked Women.

The Victorian Street Fayre was a great success. Our tombola stall of jars did well and we sold out pretty early. The usual helpers arranged and helped at the stall and provided jars for the event. What would we do without them?

A reminder to members to bring shoeboxes and contents to the next meeting as they will be packed at the home of Ann on 17th November.

The local walk is on Thursday, 18th November, meeting at the Village Hall at 10.00am.

Slimming is on Friday 19th November at Peggie Middleton's. The Group Carol Service will be at Ladbroke Church on 8th December.

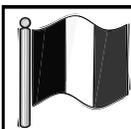
The Mother Goose Panto at the Talisman, Kenilworth is on 6th January. Our New Year's party at the Village Hall will be on 4th February.

The speaker this month was Bernadette Halton on tennis umpires. It was especially interesting to hear about the 25 Wimbledons she has attended and the 18 finals where she has been a line judge. She has also umpired in France, Australia and the U.S.A.

We learnt so much, especially those in the audience who have been going to Wimbledon for years. Volunteers learn to line judge or umpire; they learn to shout loudly, learn "stand at ease postures" and how to signal to the chair umpire. They are marked by the chair umpire who gives assessments on whether they are suitable to assist at finals. Bernadette told of her experiences, both good and bad especially the time Roger Federer gave her a blast as she walked past him, for her decisions. There are also players with strange mannerisms. She brought uniforms she has had to wear in different countries including at Wimbledon.

Bernadette certainly has personality and talent and we thoroughly enjoyed her visit.

The next meeting at the Tom Hauley Room is on Thursday 11th November – Annual Meeting.



Harbury Twinning Association

Colin Humphreys

The village Street Fayre has been and gone, and what a good day it was. The organisation was up to the usual high standard, the crowds turned out, and we even had good weather. The Association stall was very successful; this year we provided mulled wine and small cakes, along with samosas, producing a satisfactory return to add to the Association funds.

We now have a Twinning Association banner, which incorporates the Harbury and Samois crests either side of our name. As Harbury does not have an official crest or badge, we have produced one just for our own use. Our thanks to Peter McDonald and Ann Vincent for their work in obtaining the banner.

May I remind members that we have the AGM on 12th November in the Tom Hauley Room, to be followed by cheese and wine. We would like to see you all, and any prospective members would be most welcome.



Harbury Theatre Group

Jo Banbury

Roll up, Roll up! Get your Panto tickets now!

Rehearsals are well underway for this year's Harbury Theatre Group Panto - "Cinders – the true story" by David Tristram. It is wonderful to see so many new faces in the Group, and everyone is having lots of fun getting to grips with the songs and usual Panto tomfoolery!

The time has come for the real story of Cinderella to be told, warts and all! This modern version of the classic tale is hilarious, giving us a Cinderella for the 21st Century, and will appeal to adults and children alike.

It's jam packed with all your favourite characters including Potty and Dotty, two sisters who will need a lot more than an extreme make-over to make them beautiful, a Baroness who makes Professor Snape look like a nice guy and a Fairy Godmother who..well...no we won't spoil it.

This fabulous show will be performed on **Thursday 25th, Friday 26th and Saturday 27th November from 8pm (doors open at 7.30pm)**, with a matinee performance on **Saturday 27th November at 2.30pm (doors open at 2pm)**.

Tickets will be available from Country Fayre and The Fragrant Room from Saturday 6th November. Alternatively you can buy now by calling 613488 or 613120.



Folk Club

Sue Hartland

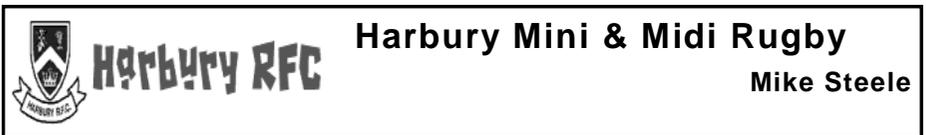
The 311th Harbury Folk Club met as usual in the Dog Inn. There was a fine turn out of performers and audience for the theme of 'Around the World'. Ian and Sue opened with songs mentioning Africa and the East Indies. Celia played two children's tunes and two Morris tunes on her Swiss melodeon and then Des sang two shanties which are, of course, worldwide. Janny and Maureen sang a Dutch song about mother's umbrella and continued with 'Marvellous Toy' accompanied by Ian. We then travelled to New Zealand with Pete Grassby and to end the first half we went to Sydney Australia and France with Rick (he's my favourite!).

The Choir started with a song in a made up language (probably Clington) and then a moving South African song entitled 'Weeping'. We went to Australia again with Peter Mason and then we were entertained by a new performer, Derek, who sang 'Daughters Leaving' and 'Little Bird' - he was

here on holiday and we hope he will choose to visit us again in the future. Mike and Deb took us to New York with 'The Boxer' and then all the way back to Scotland for 'The Skye Boat Song'. Ron travelled to China and Peter McDonald sang two beautiful songs, 'Across the Line' and 'From a Distance'. He stayed on stage for a rare appearance of Double Up, travelling to Scandinavia and Australia (exhausting!). The magnificent Keith Donnelly finished the evening as only he can!

Ian and Sue had recently completed the Blenheim Palace 10k race for Cancer Research so the £44 raffle money was donated to that. Thank you everyone for your generosity and for making it such an enjoyable evening.

We'll do it all again next month when the theme will be Words of Wisdom and Advice.



3rd October - Away to Old Leamingtonians

Under 10s: Amidst the confusion of the unfortunate cancellation of the festival and very kind invitation to stage a match at a change of venue, Old Leamingtonians, the U10s had an exceptional morning.

7 players turned up from Harbury U10s to play 3 matches against a squad of 26 OLs U10s, who kindly lent 2 players to Harbury for each match.

Harbury did not concede 1 try in any of the 3 games played and, in fact, scored an excellent 14 tries in total. (Alex 11, Caellach 2, Patrick 1)

A special mention must go to Patrick who scored his first try for Harbury and also new boy Tom, whose great efforts demonstrated great team spirit.

Well done everyone. I cannot wait until the next game. You are all a credit!

10th October - Home to Barkers Butts

Under 10s: A memorable result for U10s on a memorable day 10.10.10!!!

Two matches with opposition Barker Butts being a much 'heavier' side but Harbury's tenacious attitude and teamwork proved that you can overcome size with effort and working together as a team. First game result 4 – 1 (Alex 3, Hugh 1). Second game 6-1 (Alex 6).

Alex makes a phenomenal contribution at each and every game but credit to all those who support him. Great contributions from everybody. I am very proud of you all. Welcome back Danny; great to see you and your try saving tackle, if televised, would have been repeatedly shown – awesome!

10th October - Away to Keresley

Under 14s: Credit should go to the Harbury Under 14s, who never let their heads drop despite the fact that the Keresley backs were particularly quick and swervy.

The Harbury forwards were a match for their heavier opposition and won most of the rucks, unfortunately losing the ball twice close to the Keresley line. Most times the opposition's outside centre and wingers got the ball they punctured the Harbury defence and scored. Half time 33 – 0.

In the second half Harbury forwards made inroads into Keresley territory and the game was much tighter. Sam Cave put in a couple of good runs and Robert Rollason and Callum Panton also worked hard.

In the last few minutes Harbury's man of the match Fin Toner ran in a consolation try which was thoroughly deserved. Final Score 50 – 5. A tough match to start the season but a brave team performance from all who took part.

17th October - At home to Claverdon

Under 13s - Harbury 5 v 29 Claverdon: Harbury at long last played their first fixture of the season after being let down twice already this season by opposition teams. Claverdon proved to be a little too strong on the day. Harbury's stand in props Conner Gladwin and William Morton played exceptionally well giving the opposition all sorts of problems in the scrum and all around the pitch. They were backed up with strong tackling from Morgan Hickman, James Darlison and especially George McGowan who made one try saving tackle appearing from nowhere to thwart Claverdon. Harbury's only try of the game was probably the best try of the match with a fine team move linking play and pacing the ball out of the tackle to keep the continuity flowing, resulting in an excellent try by Harry White.

17th October - Broadstreet Festival

Under 11s: The team continue to go from strength to strength as they get more organised and dynamic. We concentrated this week on going forward, either with the ball, or as a support player. That will continue to be a focus until it becomes second nature. The additional ball the team won as a result of that was clear for all to see.

The U11 squad have been reinforced with 7 new players this season. Joe, Ben, William and Eddie were all on show today and demonstrated how quickly new players can start to make a real contribution to the team.

The Harbury scrum functioned well throughout the tournament. Joe, Ben and Tiarnan forming the basis of the powerhouse in the second row, with Mario, Adam and Josh forming the front row.

Callum was our man of the tournament. His work rate was excellent and he worked really hard to get to the where the ball was and make a real difference when he got there.

Our backline spun the ball out wide much more than they had done previously. Their positioning was much better with them maintaining their focus and concentration for the entire game. Crash, Jim, Sam, Ryan and Brandon, making some great tackles and also closing down the opposition much better.

We should be very optimistic about the squad we are building. As they grow in confidence and become more organised the team will quickly become more accomplished.



Harbury Tennis Club

Colin and Sue Mercer

The nights may be drawing in and the temperatures dropping but there is plenty of activity at the Club!

Winter fixtures are now in full swing and in Division 4 of the Banbury Winter League the Club got off to a winning start with a 5-3 home win against league newcomers Priors Marston. Caroline Morland and Sue Mercer got off to an excellent start winning 6-2, 6-1 but the visitors levelled the match when their men won 7-5, 6-3 in a close rubber against Steve Stark and Paul Crowton. The outcome of the match rested on the mixed doubles and Caroline and Steve put Harbury in a strong position with a 6-2, 6-3 win. Sue and Paul then clinched the win by halving their rubber.

It hasn't been such a good start in the floodlit league where we are in Division 3 following promotion last season, with heavy defeats in the opening 2 matches. The first match was against a strong Banbury West End and despite some stiff resistance, the "Harbury 4" of Caroline Morland, Debbie Radford, Steve Marshall and Keith Thompson didn't "disturb the scorer" and lost 0-8. In the second match Caroline and Keith were joined by Karin Kirk and Steve Fitzgerald against Kings Sutton which resulted in a 1-7 defeat. Caroline and Keith halved their rubber to

gain Harbury's first set of the floodlit season but Caroline and Karin pushed the visiting ladies very hard in a marathon first set and were unfortunate to lose the tiebreak.

In the Stratford League the Men's doubles team suffered a defeat at Littleton. Steve Stark and Geoff Prince started brightly in both their rubbers winning the first set but Littleton came back strongly to win both rubbers by 2 sets to 1. Harbury's other pair of Keith Thompson and Colin Mercer lost both rubbers in straight sets giving the home team a 4-0 win.

The Juniors have now completed the first half term of six weeks with our new head coach, James Marsh and feedback from parents has been very positive. Over 70 children are taking part in the after school coaching at the courts on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and in the sports hall at Southam College on Tuesdays. Many of the children now have 1½ hour sessions, which gives more time to include match play. There are still spaces left in some of the groups, so if your child would like to come into the programme after half term, please contact Mark Boden, Director of tennisolutions by email – tennisolutions@hotmail.com or phone 07710087934. Individual coaching can also be arranged by contacting James Marsh - jamemarsh@hotmail.co.uk or phone 07867785213. For Junior club membership please contact Sue Mercer at sucol-mercer@tiscali.co.uk or on 01926 613284.



A really pleasing aspect of the new programme is that we have teams taking part in the Warwickshire Mini Tennis Leagues. We have a boys team in the Orange (9 years old) League and both girls and boys teams in the Green (10 years old) League. The matches are played

over 2 weekends and the Club is hosting the Green Boys South Division 2 which comprises Harbury, Esporta "B", Berkswell, and Kenilworth "B". David Simmonds and Adam Whitfield represented the Club in their first inter-club competition and are pictured with the Kenilworth and Berkswell boys. They both played very well against more experienced boys with David getting an excellent win against his Berkswell opponent.

The youngest age group are the mini Reds (8 and under) and their matches are all played indoors at Esporta in Coventry and our teams

(boys and girls) are giving a very good account of themselves with the boys chalking up a notable win against Shipston in the latest round of matches. More details of the other teams next month!

The coaching programme also caters for adults with sessions on Monday evenings and a Ladies morning on Fridays. We have also started Cardio Tennis on Wednesday evenings. This is great fun and a very sociable way of getting aerobic exercise on a tennis court and you don't have to be a regular tennis player to take part! If you're tempted contact Mark or James, details above.



October has been another busy month at the Harbury Toddler Group, and luckily we have still had good weather so the children have been able to continue playing outside.

Inside we've had some exciting craft activities on the go. Hannah came up with a lovely dangling giraffe made from paper plates, paint, giraffe print tissue paper and corrugated card. Plus we've had some seasonal activities, leaf rubbing, peacocks made from pine cones and bonfire pictures using twigs, tissue paper and glitter. We've also had the usual play going on, the cars and garage, dressing up, kitchen and so on. More and more new mums and children have been joining which is great, especially as we have a busy time ahead of us. We will be celebrating Halloween and bonfire night with some more fun craft activities, and as we now have more babies we plan to improve on our room layout to keep a corner just for them, as well as running two craft activities each week rather than just the one.

We are also making plans now for our Christmas party and the sign up sheet is now out. We want as many toddlers there as possible so if you haven't been to Toddlers in a while, or haven't made it yet, we would still love to see you there. The party will be held on **Tuesday 7th December** at the Village Hall from 11am until 1pm. This includes two craft activities, a small bouncy castle and trampoline as well as other play equipment, a party lunch and a visit from Santa. We also plan to use the party as an opportunity to debut some new toys. The Harbury Carnival Committee have very kindly donated £75 to the Toddler Group which is very welcome and we will use this to buy a much needed new dolls house and some shop equipment, so thank you Harbury Carnival Committee!

If you would like to come along to the Toddler Group, we run every Monday from 9.30am until 11.15am at the Wight School (behind the

library), and cater for children from birth to school age. You can sign up there for the Toddler Christmas party, or you can contact Jemima by email jemimabalcam@hotmail.co.uk.



Role Play Sandwich Café – During October, the Pre-School role play area was transformed into a sandwich café, with menus, shelving for stock, ingredients for sandwiches, telephone, cash register and table and chairs. The café theme enabled the children to use their mark-making skills, using notebooks and clipboards for taking orders and writing prices - many cups of hot chocolate and plates of sandwiches and cakes were consumed by the children and staff! The children also enjoyed “calculating” how much to charge/pay for the items purchased in the café and use of the till and telephone encouraged the development of IT skills.

IT – During the month, the children experimented on the computer, choosing their own programs and taking turns to work with the different activities. The “Simple City” healthy eating game was popular in conjunction with the sandwich café. Later, the children were able to use the digital camera and they produced some great photographs of a variety of subjects, including their friends’ faces and ‘kind hand’ deeds.



Training – The whole staff team visited the Inspirational Learning Space in Lillington where the focus was embedding ICT across the learning environment. This gave us all lots to think about and many ideas will be used at Pre-School. We hope to use some of the money raised at the Victorian Street Fayre to buy a new listening centre for the children.

‘Kind Hands’ – To encourage thoughtfulness between the children, we talked about having ‘kind hands’ for giving, comforting, sharing, waving etc. This came into every activity, and particularly when each child carefully painted the fingers, thumb and palm of a friend so that we could make multi-coloured hand prints to frame our display areas.



Outdoor Play – While using their ‘kind hands’ to share and help their friends, lots of building work took place in the outdoor play area, using the large wooden blocks and the children learned about the safe use of the blocks, wearing hard hats and high visibility jackets just to be sure. In addition, the children honed their catching, throwing, balancing and pedalling skills as they used bats, balls, hoops, stilts and beams as well as a variety of ride-on vehicles.



Tactile Play – The very popular play dough made way for cornflour, which the children investigated in its dry state and then marvelled at the change in texture as water was added. They particularly enjoyed picking up a solid piece and then watching it liquefy again as they let it slip through their fingers. We are now looking forward to returning to Pre-School after the half-term break, to work on our autumnal theme and, of course, the build up to Christmas.



For further information about Harbury Pre-School, please e-mail bud.jackson@btinternet.com or telephone on 07939 122087. The web site can be found at www.harburypre-school.org.uk.

Harbury Pre-School Fundraising News

Wow! Thank you so much to everyone who helped make the Victorian Street Fayre such a success. It was great to work with Windmills - particular thanks must go to Katharine Giblin who was a star at pulling all the detailed stuff together. We were overwhelmed with the great support from parents and also our neighbours on Chapel Street. The BBQ team (led brilliantly by super chef Ian Cuthbertson) were fantastic and another special mention must be made to Helen Cuthbertson (an unsung hero!) who made two 5 hour round trips to collect and return the BBQ so that we could all enjoy the delicious burgers and hotdogs that were on sale through the event.

It was great to work with the Senior Citizens, Steel Pan Academy and the Gamecock to make the night such a success for everyone. Harbury is one very special village!

Future Events

December 3rd or 4th (Date tbc) **Christmas in Las Vegas** A spectacular themed Dinner Dance with catering by Stratford College.

We have had a sneak peep at the menu and it is delicious! 2 course dinner with cocktail and canapés; silver service; live entertainment.

What better way to get into the Christmas Spirit! Tickets are £20.

December 12th Christmas Market Shopping; entertainment; Father Christmas; mulled wine and delicious food - what better way to spend a Sunday!

We still have some tables left for this event - £15 each.

Both events will be at Harbury Village Hall. For further details please contact Julie Young — 614050 julie@pagato.co.uk or Helen Gowland-614858.



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 our **free** morning sessions for those children over 3 years old. If you would like to register a place for your child you can email us at info@windmills-nursery.co.uk, visit our web site at windmillsnursery.co.uk or call Nicola on 614564 or Tina and Marie on 07906 519148.

We have been continuing our theme all about Ourselves, autumn and harvest time and some of our activities have included:

- independently drawing round each other and then measuring to discover who is the tallest and who is the shortest
- conducting an experiment entitled 'skin deep' to explore and investigate the properties of our skin.
- looking closely at our fingerprints using a magnifying glass to identify which type we had.
- creating a collage of healthy and unhealthy foods.
- learning a new autumn song and carrying out a sequencing activity about harvest time.
- visiting the Toddler Service when we listened to a story about a man called Daniel who was thrown to the lions and then talked about all the different sorts of people who help us.

- decorating a biscuit using icing and pieces of fruit to make a smiley face.
- using our senses to identify and experience a variety of taste, texture, and smell.
- discovering what it might be like to lose one of our senses.
- writing descriptive 'who am I' poems about ourselves and then playing a guessing game at circle time : "I've got brown hair and blue eyes.



I like to play princesses with Sophie

I like soup

I like going swimming and drawing pictures

I don't like it when mummy's not at home

I don't like salt

Who am I? (Evie Robbins)

Thank you

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Victorian Street Fayre which was a joint fundraising event with the Pre-School. It was lovely to see so many people dressed in Victorian costumes enjoying themselves and raising money for both organisations.

Forest School



We have held two Forest School sessions again this term. During the first session, the children went on a spider hunt using the magnifying glasses to examine spiders' webs; they then made spider catchers from the willow to try and encourage the spiders to make new homes.

During the second session Amanda showed the children a

variety of seeds that she had collected, then the children examined them and discussed and identified which trees they came from. The children also made spiders using the natural resources, planting acorns and enjoyed playing '123 where are you'.



Student Placement

We are again fortunate to have been approved by Mid-Warwickshire College to receive a placement of one of their students – Tania Hall. Tania is doing a BTEC National Diploma in Childcare Learning and Development Level 3, and will be in the nursery on Wednesdays and Thursdays until the end of February next year.

Dates for your diaries

Windmills would like to invite you to their annual review meeting in the Nursery classroom at 8.00pm on Thursday 4th November 2010. This is a chance for you to find out what the Nursery has been doing in the last year, enjoy a glass of wine and meet with Nursery staff, directors, and members of the fundraising group.

Windmills Nursery will close for half-term on Friday, 22nd October 2010 at 12.05 and re-open at 9.05am on Monday 1st November, 2010.



Harbury Primary School

Denis Daly

Congratulations – To the school's Catering team, led by Mrs Babbington, who have won Warwickshire County Caterers "Primary School Catering Team of the Year" award for 2010. This is a wonderful

achievement for all involved in the kitchen and, on behalf of the whole school community; I offer my congratulations to them.

Parking – There has been an improvement in the situation outside the main school gates, so thanks for your co-operation. However, I have had a number of parents complaining about cars parking on the yellow zig-zag lines outside the Park Lane gates. The main purpose of these lines is to protect the children both when they come out of the gate and when they are crossing Park Lane – please do not increase the dangers to our children by parking on these lines. Thanks.

Schools Sport – Congratulations to the Girls' Cross Country team, who followed up their third place position in the first league race with second in the latest race at Newbold Comyn. Evie Davey repeated her excellent 5th place in the race, but the run of the day was by Connie White, who improved from 27th in the first race to an outstanding 8th place this time. These two were excellently supported by Nina Chand (27th), Claudia Ellis-Greenway (30th), Francesca Hadley (31st) and Indianna Long (66th). Well done, girls.

The football team was in action in a 7-a-side tournament. Despite a lack of games prior to the event (we will be playing all of our league games in the Spring Term), the boys performed very well, finishing 4th out of the seven teams, having won two, drawn two and lost two of their six games. Well done, boys.

Thank You – A note from Mr Chapman: “Many thanks to all those who did a magnificent job on the willow tunnel on Saturday. i.e. Kim Lines, Louise Lambe, Karen Rankin, Barrie Dolphin, Kathy and Chris Gibb, Lindsay Taylor and Danny Reid. If you haven't seen it, go and look! Are there any more volunteers? Children (accompanied by their parents) very welcome to help or play. Even half an hour would be valuable. Loppers or secateurs would be helpful. Also have a look at the roped garden in the infant playground - loads of cyclamen planted. Many thanks again.”

The adult Earthworms group does a huge amount of work on the grounds at various times of the year and plays a major role not only in keeping the place looking spick and span, but also in improving the grounds – the willow tunnel and roped garden mentioned above are just two examples of this. If you are interested in joining the group, or finding out more about the group's work, please contact Mr Chapman.



Firstly, we would like to thank everyone who supported our cake stall at the Victorian Street Fayre held on the 9 October. We had some fantastic baking from our school families, all of which sold and raised valuable

funds for the school.

Secondly, a reminder about our annual **Quiz Night**, which will be held in the School Hall on Friday 12 November. This is always a great night out so why not put a team together and come along? The entry fee is £20 for a team of up to four people, and includes a light supper. CANA will be providing a bar and the night kicks off at 7.30pm for 8.00pm. To book your team please contact Vikki on 01926 614901, vikkihall@btinternet.com. We look forward to seeing you there!



Village Hall Update

Chris Finch

The phantom has struck again at the Village Hall! This time an electric kettle has disappeared in mysterious circumstances, at the same time as three fire extinguishers; two of which re-appeared empty at the front entrance, whilst the third has yet to be recovered. Unfortunately, all three will need to be replaced, as it is no longer possible for the current fire extinguishers to be re-filled, so it's more money out of the coffers for items which should not need to be replaced.

The architect over-seeing the structural repairs to the roof at the back of the Hall has received three quotations from local builders and once it is established that the quality of the fittings has parity in each case, the 'go-ahead' will be given for work to start as soon as possible. It will necessitate construction towers both inside and outside the Hall in the interest of health and safety, both for workers and members of the public, so a suitable time is being given careful consideration. It is hoped that a grant might be secured for part of the cost of the refurbishment, but the committee has recognised that it will be impossible to proceed with further modernisation until the structural damage is repaired.

At a recent fund-raising meeting, Treasurer David Thistlethwaite reported that a tax refund of £4,545 had been received, as a result of the generous commitment of several individual donors to gift aid their contributions. He also commented on the superb contribution of several village organisations, which have donated over £7,000 to the fund, including the Ballroom Dancing Group, the Carnival Committee, the Harbury Bell Ringers, Hereburgh Morris, the Renewable Energy group, the Slimmers, Harbury Society, Harbury Table Tennis Group, the Harbury Theatre Group and the W.I. In addition, the Village Hall committee had raised approx. £2,500 from their efforts at the Spring CAMRA event and at a recent coffee morning in the Tom Hauley Room.

The next major fund-raising event run by the Management Committee is

the annual 'almost New Year's Eve' dance featuring the Likely Lads. As usual, this will be on December 30th and the theme this year will be 'black and white'. It may not be quite as extravagant as Elton John's B&W event, but at least it makes an easy choice for the men, many of whom turn up in their 'penguin suits' anyway and it gives an excuse to the ladies who wish to splurge on their finery a chance to find something new for the New Year. The tickets will be £22.50 as last year and may be ordered by ringing Chris on 612305 or Geoff on 613801. Further information about ticket collection and payment will be given in next month's H&L News.



Horticultural Society

Judy Morrall

It was so nice to have such a packed house for our first meeting on 5th October and some new members too. What a way to start! Our speaker, Adrian James is new to our Society but I'm sure we will be seeing him again. He is a professional garden photographer and told us that he and his wife moved just over a year ago to Offenhan near Evesham from Kidderminster and their mission was to create a new garden. They had previously opened their old garden for the NGS and his plans for this one are very ambitious. Once all of the work has been done (it does sound superb with rills and hundreds of plants) he plans to open this garden so one to look out for.

His topic for our talk was to introduce us to six lesser visited and well known gardens, plus garden oddities and then some plant profiles. He started by explaining about the Alhambra in Granada in Spain. This was built in the 1300's in the Islamic style which is very well known and copied. The biggest feature is water in courtyards divided into four. Rills feature too and the whole effect is to create calm and tranquility. Some parts of the garden did have plants which we now have in our own gardens. High crenellated hedges with secret gardens and raised water courses were lovely features too. You can see why these gardens have so many visitors from far and wide. We were then shown some absolutely wonderful and colourful slides of Westonbirt Arboretum. In November during darkness, the trees are lit up with so many colours which show up the trees and shrubs in all their splendour. The whole effect was magical and I will look out for details of opening for the event this year and keep you posted.

Then to Norfolk, to Will Giles' exotic garden on the perimeter of Norwich. I have always wanted to see this garden most of which is in pots. The range of plants was so exotic and the colours zingy. Here are a just a few of the ones we saw: Proteas, bananas, Canna lilies, palms, tree ferns,

ginger lilies and so many more including cacti and agaves. The colour combinations were just perfect and no grass to be cut! Most of the pots go into tunnels in the winter and those in the ground are covered in fleece and stuffed with straw to protect against frost. A lot of work but well worth the effort.

Another garden I want to see is Longstock Park Water Garden in Hampshire. Bought by the owners of John Lewis, these gardens were started in 1870 and took eleven years to complete. The end result is amazing, huge lakes with trees reflected in the water and the edges planted with such a variety of plants. They look their best in June; I feel a visit coming on! The whole site covers several acres with vistas around each corner. The candelabra primulas and irises just suit the soil and line the water again with colourful reflections. The trees have obviously matured and are very imposing. Adrian's photos showed statuesque trees at their very best.

Down to Cornwall and Bosvigo House near Truro. Not a typical Cornish garden, quite the opposite, with garden rooms and a huge walled garden. The walls here were built from a part of the original house which was deemed to be ugly and was knocked down! There is a woodland walk too and the borders in the garden rooms just overflow with summer herbaceous planting followed in the Autumn by bold, hot firework colours. Another garden to add to the list of ones to visit. The final garden was one I have visited twice and fell in love with. Tresco Abbey Gardens on the island of Tresco in the Scillies. It is built around the old abbey ruins with Aeoniums spilling out of the walls. There is a shelter belt which gives the garden the Mediterranean feel. The plants, unlike those of Will Giles, stay in the ground all through the year and do very well. I have never seen such huge agaves and proteas. The bronze aeoniums also thrive and the central avenue with grasses edging the path leads up to a statue of Neptune. The views from here are just wonderful, you can see all of the island with the agapanthus growing wild. Exotic plants just seem to go on and on and the tree ferns are huge. Since I last visited, there is now a mosaic grotto made from shells which took two years to complete. If you ever get the chance to go here you will not be disappointed. We went by boat, the Scillonian, from Penzance. Adrian flew which is a much quicker but the boat trip was great - we saw dolphins and turtles in a turquoise sea - wonderful.

We then saw a few garden oddities including the Barbara Hepworth bronzes at St Ives in Cornwall, the huge floral garland at Cotehele which takes a week to complete and is finished off with dried flowers from the gardens. This is on display each December. Some quirky flower pots made us smile. Adrian then showed some superb photos of plants

throughout the seasons. The effect of the frost on some plants was captured at just the right moment and the autumn colours were, again, superb. Spring tulips and bulbs and summer plants also showing off their finery. What an end to a great talk.

In November we will be welcoming Derek Walker to talk about opening his garden in spring for the NGS, entitled "Tiptoe through the Tulips" - another talk to savour.

I would like to thank Muriel and Ron Grey for all their past service to the Horticultural Society. Ron used to run the Village Show and Muriel was also on the committee for many years and used to cycle to our monthly meetings. Both of them have given so much to our Society and when they leave the area later this year they will be very much missed. Muriel is not too well and we wish them both all the best for their future. Thankyou.

As I write this on 15th October (early as I will be away from Sunday for a few days), the colours and plants in my garden still think it is Summer! The evergreen clematis "Warwickshire Lass" is flowering for the third time, the yellow buddleia has been flowering since July, fuschias and osteospermums ditto. I sent for some tree lilies and they arrived in July, in the last week pink ones and delicate yellow ones with magenta middles have flowered; the third ones look to be white. Apparently they can reach 8 feet high, but are only about 3 feet now, so I'm hoping they will reach 8 feet next year. A frost is forecast for Saturday so I will be out covering up the delicate plants with fleece - quite a task but most of the so called tender plants that I have do survive the winter with a bit of TLC. Even with last year's frosts the only casualty I had was an agave and that was damp more than cold which killed it.

Do go to the arboretum at Batsford in the next few weeks; the colours this year promise to be spectacular. Adrian mentioned Bodiam arboretum near to Arley which we visited two years ago; he says it too will be well worth a visit. I have two tickets for members for Ryton Organic - please ask me if you want to go there. Don't forget when you go any of the nurseries listed on your membership card to claim your discount. Another one is at Hatton - you just show your card there too. Also we get discounted seeds and John Clifford will be bringing along the catalogues to the next meeting. That too is well worth it up to 33% off Dobies. So there are many benefits in being a member.

I look forward to seeing you all at the meetings. New members are always welcome.

Harbury Village Show 2010



New venue at the Village Club. The bar being open was very welcome for those losers who wanted to drown our sorrows!!

Monster pumpkins. As the village panto this year is Cinderella, she'll have no problem getting to the ball!!



Helen and Kevin McMahon won just about every cup to do with vegetables - including the big one for most points awarded in the show!

Photos by: Gordon Robbins

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Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery

Christine Dakin

Your local Hardy Plant Specialists

Also: Fresh cut flowers and bedding plants in season.

The clocks have changed, the heating is on and thoughts of Christmas are lurking which all point to the garden being low on the list of priorities. As I get older I become more of a 'fair weather' gardener. There is no pleasure for me in working in wet, cold and windy conditions; anyway it is easily justified because more mess is made when huge clods of sticky clay soil stick to your boots!

But do try to spend time outside. It is considered beneficial to one's health to be outdoors and getting some exercise. In fact there's a whole section of horticulture devoted to gardening as therapy for people with learning disabilities and mental illness. The satisfaction of creating and nurturing plants can be very rewarding for us all.

I know I get 'cabin fever' if, on rare occasions, I have to stay inside for more than two days at a time. The thought of working in an office or shop, having to commute to work fills me with horror!

A customer suggested we use the Norwegian weather forecast; www.yr.no/place/united_kingdom/england/coventry/long.html because it is more accessible than ours. We often are totally confused about what the BBC forecast is actually saying (or trying to say) –'breezy' – what exactly does that mean, 'showers later' etc. What we really need to know is will it rain and how much – watering plants depends on the forecast, it is a complete waste of time and money if we irrigate when we don't need to. So we have started getting print outs of the weather for the week ahead to see how good it is. We will let you know!

So – when there are good weather days, do try to get out there and do something – anything – pruning, weeding, planting, appreciating the leaves, the shapes of plants and even a few flowers; maybe take a note book so you can jot down changes you would like to make.

The Nursery is nominally closed from mid December to mid February but we shall often be there. We suggest you ring first if you want to come and see us. The café is now closed for the winter but will re-open in April 1st 2011.

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



Nature Notes

John Hancock

A preview of winter today (Sunday 17th October) as there was a thick frost at first (-2C overnight). With the sun in a cloudless sky, the day warmed up and I caught sight of a butterfly on the wing at Cross Green in Bishops Itchington. Dark in colour and only seen for a moment, it was probably a Small Tortoiseshell or Peacock, as these two species can be seen at any time of year if conditions are warm enough.

I'd cycled round one of my favourite routes. Leave Southam on Welsh Road East turning right after crossing the Oxford Canal at Marston Doles. Climb steeply before going through Priors Hardwick. The road then undulates under the eastern boundary hills of the county with views back to Ladbrooke, Harbury and beyond. Turn right at the T-junction and come home via Wormleighton, Fenny Compton and Knightcote. There were numerous 'Help Yourself to Apples' notices outside cottages and I did just that.

Back in the village, Geoff Thorpe had alerted me to a wasps' nest in South Parade. It is football sized and hanging high up in a young Sycamore tree in the front garden of Eileen and Edward Barlow's at 37. They said they had seen no obvious wasp activity. So the nest, whilst this year's, had been abandoned. Wasps (Old English waesp) are, like bees, colonial insects though solitary species of both occur. They are in the insect Order Hymenoptera, having two pairs of membranous wings. Bees have wax glands which enable them to build their hexagonal cells. Wasps chew wood and form similar cells out of papier mache. Wasps do not store food like bees and so (apart from a dormant queen) cannot survive our winters.

Sharon and I were lucky enough to visit Washington DC in the middle of October. The weather was impeccable if you enjoy sunshine. It did rain heavily on the last day but the city is stacked with impressive museums and galleries for just such a contingency. In the Natural History Museum, I made a beeline [sorry] for the insects. The butterfly house was marvellous with exotic large South and Central American species alongside smaller examples of those found in the North. Outside, on the grass of the Mall, we'd seen numerous Buckeye butterflies (*Junonia coenia*), somewhat akin in size and 'eyesspots' to our Peacock. It migrates northward from Mexico and was now feeding up for the flight south. We were lucky enough to see several Monarch butterflies both on the Mall and at Mount Vernon, George Washington's home perched above the broad estuary of the Potomac. These butterflies are brownish orange in colour with a distinctive wide black border and prominent veining. With a wingspan of

6" (15cms), it dwarfs all British species and its flapping rather than fluttering flight is also distinctive akin to a Buzzard getting airborne. It has east and west coast races which overwinter in Mexico and South California respectively. Read 'The Butterflies of Britain and Ireland' by Jeremy Thomas and Richard Levington for more details on this fascinating insect. Why in a book of British butterflies? Well, amazingly, on migration, the east coast insects can get blown off course and end up in the south of England. Has anyone seen one here outside a butterfly farm? They cannot survive our winter and their larvae feed on the poisonous milkweed which is not a native.

Now, the winter wheat is being planted. Ash and Horse Chestnut trees are fast losing their leaves but Oaks are still green. I saw a Great Spotted Woodpecker on the track which runs by the railway embankment to Whitnash yesterday. While digging in the back garden, I disturbed an adult frog which hopped towards the ditch. I've got my eye on a book for Christmas-'The Butterfly Isles-A Summer in Search of our Emperors and Admirals' by Patrick Barham published by Granta. On second thoughts at £20 perhaps I'll wait for the paperback.



General Section



Bonfire Night Advice



It is illegal to sell fireworks to anyone under 18. Maximum penalty of £5000 and/or 6 months in prison.



It is illegal to set off fireworks between 11pm and 7am (Bonfire night extended until 12 midnight).



It is illegal for a member of the public to possess a "display" style firework (category 4 fireworks, can only be used by professionals).



It is illegal to let off any fireworks in a public place. Carries a fine of up to £5000. Police may also issue an £80 fixed penalty notice.

All fireworks sold to the public must comply to British safety standard BS 7114. The police have the power to stop and search anyone suspected of carrying fireworks. The sale of bangers, mini rockets and fireworks that

fly erratically, is illegal.

It is illegal to cause unnecessary suffering to animals with fireworks. Maximum penalty £5000 and/or 6 months in prison.

Warwickshire Police

Myton Hospice Support Group - Harbury Craft Fair 2010

We would like to remind you all that we are organising and running the Harbury Craft Fair which is being held on Saturday 13th November 2010 from 10:00am – 4:00pm. Entry to the Craft Fair is of course free.

Throughout the day we serve tea, coffee and a selection of homemade cakes and at lunch time there is a variety of hot and cold meals to choose from, all at very reasonable prices.

Last year we welcomed several new stall holders and again this year we have more new crafts/stalls as well as a selection of the regulars.

We still have some spaces left for anyone wishing to sell their own handmade crafts. Booking forms can be obtained from Shirley Crossan on 01926 612798 or Fiona Cadwallader via email, ficadwallader@btinternet.com.

If you would be interested in helping on the day or would like to donate a bottle for the bottle tombola please do not hesitate to contact us. Any help/donations would be greatly appreciated and will help make the event even more successful than last year!

On behalf of the Myton Support Group I would like to thank you for your continued support of our fundraising events for this worthwhile and essential local charity.

Fiona Cadwallader

Christmas Fayre – Saturday 4th December

'It's that time of year again!

The Christmas Fayre will open at 2-00pm on Saturday 4th December in the Village Hall. We have a wide variety of stalls which we hope you'll find inviting and a café where you can refresh yourself and take the weight off your feet.

Father Christmas will be there, of course, and we hope to be entertained again by the Hereburgh Morris Dancers. Raffle tickets will be on sale for

those who haven't already bought them and all the proceeds from the raffle will go to Myton Hospice.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Jonathan and Sue Peacock

Ufton Christmas Fayre

Ufton Christmas Fayre will be held on Saturday 27th November, 2-4pm at Ufton Village Hall. There will be:

- Gifts, Plants, Cakes and home-made produce
- Tombola and raffle – win a free range turkey!

And a surprise visit from Father Christmas on his way from Lapland!

Gillian Ingham



Operation Christmas Child

This amazing project sends more than a million shoeboxes to destitute children in many countries. They have so little of their own that even the prettily covered box is treasured and the knowledge that they are cared about by a complete stranger is almost incomprehensible. There are leaflets at the back of Church with all the details for making up a box; it is a challenge and a pleasure to choose gifts with a particular child in mind.

On Friday 5th November please come to the Tom Hauley Room, from 10.00am. Bring your completed boxes, empty boxes and gifts to go in them; we shall be sharing coffee while packing boxes. Cakes and raffle prizes will be welcome as we need to include £2.50 per box towards the cost of transport (all the labour is voluntary).

Please refer to the leaflets when choosing contents; there are lots of suggestions under the headings of hygiene, education, clothing and fun. There are also prohibitions due to custom restrictions in some countries – no liquids, sharp or “war” items, chocolate, soft toys without a CE label or clothing other than hats, scarves and gloves. This year our boxes are going to Romania, so the wonderful knitting you ladies produce will be very well received.

Thank you all again for your generosity.

Gillian Hare

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John Ridgley Tree of Light

This year Harbury lost one of its treasures, Big John. You may, or may not, have known him personally but you will certainly have seen the results of his work for the village.

John took pleasure in lighting up people's lives, dressing up for the Carnival, setting off the fireworks at the bonfire or putting up the Christmas lights in the centre of the village. He personally took on the arrangements to light up the tree outside the Library, organised the funding, liaised with the Library and Parish Council, dealt with health and safety matters, purchased the lights then 'rode' the cherry picker putting the lights up.

Amongst his many other interests, John was always keen to help the younger members of the village and for many years he was the man in red in the grotto, he was also involved with the Scouts and Youth Drop-in team.

John will always be remembered with great affection by many and it is felt appropriate to recognize his contribution to the life of the village by designating the tree outside the Library the 'John Ridgley Tree of Light' whilst it is lit up over the Christmas period.

You are invited to 'adopt' a light over this period by making a donation in memory of a friend or family member and a Book of Remembrance will record their names which will be displayed in a public place. All monies received will be used to the benefit of children and young people in the village.

Further details will appear in the December issue of the Harbury News.

Gordon Bennett



Southam & District Lions Club

'Hark the Herald Angels Sing' is just one of many Carols you will hear over the weeks leading up to the great day – Christmas Day 2010! 'Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells' is another melody you will hear and this is definitely a sound associated with Southam Lions. It heralds the arrival of Santa's Sleigh and although still very distant we have it on good authority that he is definitely coming to Southam!

Children – if you listen very carefully on the night Santa is visiting where you live, you will hear Santa's Bell and that's the time to tell Mummy and Daddy to get your coat and shoes on and be ready to visit him on his sleigh. I think he will have chocolate to hand out and you can tell him what

you would like him to bring you on Christmas morning.

Southam Lions will again be visiting the town and surrounding villages in the days leading up to Christmas and once again **ALL** the money so generously donated will be given to local Children's Charities. Every child, no matter their age, when talking to Santa will get a chocolate bar! Last year a young man of 85 years came out to see Santa and got his bar of chocolate! Last year through your generosity at Christmas time we raised over £4,000 for Children's Charities. Please give generously again when we knock on your door.

Our chosen charities this year are: Acorn's Childrens Hospice Trust and the Tiny Tims Childrens Treatment Centre.



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

This year Santa is visiting Harbury a little earlier than in previous years (see schedule below) but he will again 'switch on' the Southam Christmas

Lights on Monday 6th December. The carols and fun begin from 5pm onwards on 6th December with the actual 'switch on' taking place at 6pm.

The Lions will be visiting Harbury, Ladbroke, Deppers Bridge and Ufton on:

Saturday 4th December: Harbury 15.30 – 20.00

Monday 6th December: Southam Xmas Lights 17.00 – 20.00 (switch on 18.00hrs)

Friday 17th December: Ladbroke, Deppers Bridge & Ufton 18.00 – 20.00

Children can email Father Christmas if they wish on:

fatherchristmas@southamlions.org.uk.

Happy Christmas Everyone from Southam Lions Club and thank you for the wonderful support you have given us in 2010.

Peter Guy
Southam & District Lions

Christmas Post 2010 - Harbury G.A.S.S. (Guides And Scouts Support)

Just in case there is anyone who is not aware of this great service provided by GASS, each year, we run a village postal service that, for a generous donation, allows you to get all your Harbury village Christmas cards delivered in the busy run up to Christmas.

All monies raised go to support Harbury uniformed groups and maintain the Scout Hut.

This year, the Christmas post will start on **Wednesday 1st December** and **finish on Saturday 18th December**. You'll find the post box in Mugglestons as usual.

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

This year we are also in need of a couple of volunteers to replenish the ranks of our usual stalwart deliverers. An ideal job for all you dog walkers out there. If you think you can help please contact Mark Clifton on 614085.

Mark Clifton
GASS Chairman

Harbury Senior Citizens Committee Update

You may have noticed that several members of the committee were helping at the burger and hotdog stall at the street fair. We joined forces with the Harbury Pre-School and would like to thank everyone who came along to buy something and by doing so, supported our fund raising. We hope that you enjoyed the food.

By the time you read this the clocks will have gone back, the evenings will be drawing in, or indeed already be very dark, so we have a little light on the horizon. That is the annual Christmas Party. We hope that those who plan to attend have the date in their diaries, but if not, then it is on Saturday 11th December 2010 in the Village Hall at 5.00pm. Invitations will be delivered some time in November.

If you are new to the village and think you may be eligible to come along, or you think we may not have you on our list of invitations, please contact Thelma Gulliver on 613267 or Margaret Sherrington on 613704.

We look forward to seeing you there and we hope that you will enjoy yourselves.

Mike McBride

On behalf of the Harbury Senior Citizens Benefit Association

DECEMBER EDITION – HARBURY & LADBROKE NEWS

Adverts to 31, Binswood End by 15th November

Articles to Harbury Pharmacy by 25th November

Superfast Fibre Optic Broadband – Your Chance to Vote for Harbury

British Telecom have launched their Infinity Broadband upgrade programme, with the intention of replacing as many old broadband exchanges using copper wire with the new fibre optic technology where it is economic.

Over the next five years BT is rolling out superfast fibre optic broadband across the UK. **If you're not on the announced roll out plan the Race to Infinity gives you the opportunity to fast track your area to get BT Infinity next.**

The five areas with the largest percentage of votes by **December 31st 2010** will win the chance to bring superfast broadband to their area. BT will also donate £5,000 of computer equipment to a local community project.

Faster broadband brings advantages for residents, and perhaps more importantly, businesses with faster more reliable access to services such as video conferencing. Fast broadband benefits everyone, not just technology companies and geeks.

Let as many people as you can know about this and encourage them to register. The more people that register, the better your chance of pushing your community either up or on to the list for upgrading.

There are of course terms and conditions, listed below, but you have everything to gain and nothing to lose.

- Top speeds affected by various factors including distance from the cabinet and internal wiring.
- Winning exchanges will be enabled in early 2012 subject to availability, survey, terms and conditions
- Exchanges need 1,000 premises' votes to be eligible to be one of the winning exchanges
- One vote per address

You must be paying line rental to BT, even if your existing broadband is through another supplier

Race ends midnight 31st December 2010

Click on Race to Infinity or go to www.racetoinfinity.bt.com to register.

John Tonge
Community Services – Stratford District Council

Beading Buddies

We are a group of beading enthusiasts who would like to invite you to a social Beading Evening on Monday 30th November at the Tom Hauley Rooms, between 7.00pm–9.00pm. Admission £3.50 includes Tea/Coffee/cake.

You will be able to:- Meet other beaders, share your experiences, develop your skills, solve those tricky problems, learn new techniques and Bead Swap.

For more information please call either:-

Jean 01926 314784, email jeandbowers@hotmail.co.uk or

Jane 07900 580 657, email jane@janeloudon.co.uk

Jane Loudon

Victorian Street Fayre



Thank you, thank you and thank you to everybody who came to the Street Fayre to make it such a success! We had over 3,000 people coming to see the excellent entertainment, browse the many different stalls and enjoy the fun of the day.

Without doubt, Mr Alexander's three performances of illusion, balance, juggling and magic was something not to be missed. With variety being the theme, we also had great entertainment from The David Iles Band, Steel Pan Academy, Debbie Ellis the Storyteller, Stagecoach Performing Arts, The Harvesters and Reel to Reel with the Morris Dancers, all held together by the masterful skills of

our MC, Andrew Hunt.

Our thanks to Nigel Chapman for opening the Fayre with the balloon launch - over 200 balloons left Harbury and the ones travelling furthest so far have made it to Leominster and Birmingham!

The exact amount raised for local charities has still to be confirmed, however we estimate raising over



£4,000 for Harbury Pre-School and Windmills Nursery, just under £500 for Harbury's senior citizens and £100 for the Steel Pan Academy.

Congratulations to the raffle prize winners: – K. Hanson 1st Prize, R. Coleman 2nd Prize and Miriam 3rd Prize. A full list of prize winners can be seen by calling 614050.

Victorian Fancy Dress Prizes:

Best Dressed Adults: Wayne and Jacqui Mcelfatrick

Best Dressed Boy: Adam Bennet

Best dressed Girl: Abigail Watson

We would particularly like to express our thanks to Danny and Julie Killian, Andrew Hunt, Katharine Giblin, all the help from Harbury Pre-School and Windmills Nursery, Nick and Suzie Tawney for the use of their garden, Lin Hayes for the loan of costumes for the dressing up stall, the stall holders for the many donations of raffle prizes, the lighting and bunting team and all the residents of Chapel Street. Our event would not have been what it was without the sponsorship of Sainsbury's, Property Hive and Venture Photography plus the support of Heritage Education and The Gamecock.

For those who had their photograph taken in the vintage car by Venture Photography, you can view your picture on Facebook – after logging in search for Venture Leamington or go to this url <http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#!/ventureleamington?v=photos>. If you like the photo call them on 01926 426677 and they will print it for £5 (which includes £2.50 donation to the Street Fayre charities).

Brian and Julie Young

Ballroom Dancing - Strictly Fundraising



'The Stars of our Show'



We held a very enjoyable and successful fundraising dance on Friday, 1st October and managed to raise around £730 towards the Village Hall improvements. Thanks to everyone involved for providing delicious food, decorations, drinks, music, atmosphere and huge dancing skills!! We all had a really good time dressed to the nines in posh frocks and DJ's.

We danced through our complete repertoire and also enjoyed a demonstration tango by our teacher Anni and her husband Peter - something for us all to aspire to. The general consensus was that 'we should do it again'so watch this space and come and join us if your feet start twitching!

Joan Smith

Sponsored walk

Eight intrepid walkers set off, on 9th October, in support of brain tumour research. There was a chilly breeze but it was dry and good walking weather. We completed the five mile walk in two hours and celebrated with lunch in the Crown Inn.

£517 has been pledged in sponsorship and donations are still being gratefully received. All money will go to the Samantha Dickson Brain Tumour Trust.



Mary Catt

Attention all Dog Owners!



Please could dog owners note that, due to a change of policy by Stratford District Council, dog waste is now permitted in ALL litter bins not just the special dog waste bins. Of course, all waste should be in a tightly knotted bag. Please take responsibility for clearing up after your dog and placing the poo in a suitable bin – we are all responsible keeping the environment we live in in a decent condition.

Harbury Parish Council

Exciting Month Ahead for Harbury Choir School



The Chamber Choir are back from their recent trip to Birmingham Cathedral for the RSCM Festival Awards Ceremony. It is now the third year attending this prestigious event for some, and it was great to see them 'getting on with it' and helping out the younger singers. It was a fun and challenging day of singing, involving lots of very high top G's for the sopranos, but as always it is amazing to have the chance to sing 'big music' with massed local choirs. The day even inspired some of our older members to consider doing their Dean's Award examination in the near future.

We now have a busy month ahead for the full choir as we get into

recording our very own CD and rehearsing for our upcoming charity concert.

This year, Harbury Choir School is supporting SSAFA: Forces Help as a very worthwhile charity in their 125th year of operation. This charity provides support to people in need with a service connection to any of the branches of the forces and has a very active branch based locally in Smith Street, Warwick.

On Saturday 13th November, we are holding a concert of 'Songs of Remembrance and Hope' at 6.30pm at All Saints Church, Harbury. It will be a varied programme of popular and classical music to suit all tastes. It will also be the world premiere of a piece of music written especially for Harbury Choir School and this event! So it promises to be a very special evening.

Tickets are £5 adult, £3 concession or £12 for a family ticket. You can reserve your ticket in advance by calling 01926 614150. More information can be found on our website or our Facebook page. We hope to see you there!!

Helen Iles
Harbury Choir School
www.harburychoirschool.org

Fuel Communities Update

The next order for an oil delivery for Harbury's fuel community will probably be made sometime in December – most likely during the second week, so that everyone has an adequate supply to cover the Christmas and New Year period. It is possible that some of those who joined the group purchase order last time may not be ready for another delivery, even in approx. 6 weeks time, but each of those on the list will be contacted to discover whether a further supply is needed. If other people wish to join the bulk purchase of fuel this time, please ring 612305 – there is a definite saving when a number of people in one village order at the same time.

Chris Finch

The Dog Inn - Harbury

Owner, Wayne Harries has only been at the Dog Inn for 7 months, but in that time he has involved the pub regulars in many village activities, especially in Carnival Week. The pub won the Trade Float, the Carnival week games and also the Ladies' Wheelbarrow Race, which is a very impressive record in such a short time in the village. Wayne, who originates from Llanelli in Wales, says that he feels he has really settled in to village life, as have his three sons, who help him run the business at different times, Sahed (20), Shajib (18) and Rajib (17). Before coming to Harbury, Wayne worked in the Indian restaurant in Kineton for 10 years and many in the area will know that it built up a good reputation for quality food, which is now being offered in Harbury. As with the Crown Inn, which was featured last month, he is tied to a company, Admiral Taverns for his beers, but he purchases his wines and spirits locally. As might be expected, as an accompaniment to an Indian meal, Cobra beers are available to complement the great range of food on offer. There are several appetisers; house specialities; biryani dishes and tandoori curries, as well as traditional Indian curry dishes made from chicken, lamb, prawn and king prawns. For those who prefer vegetarian food there are also 15 vegetable dishes; tandoori style naan breads and several types of rice. For anyone who is not familiar with the various dishes, advice is readily available and some successful athletes at the recent Commonwealth Games put their impressive performances down to eating "lots of warm curries", including Heptathlon winner, Louise Hazel.

Apart from the menu prepared in the Jasmine Spice restaurant, the Dog Inn also offers a very prompt take-away service for those who ring in or turn up at the reception area to place an order. During the week, the pub is also open for take-away snacks and sandwiches, as well as offering English meals between 12.00pm and 3.00pm and in the evening from 5.00pm- 11.00pm. On Sunday there is also a very popular carvery with

beef, lamb and pork on the menu for £6.95 for the one course, whilst starters and desserts can be added to provide an even more substantial three course dinner, if required. The restaurant, named after daughter, Jasmine, has been refurbished recently and provides seating for 40 people. The number for bookings (**613037**) appears on the front of the leaflet, which was distributed around the village. This unfortunately is not the number given out by Directory Enquiries, which was not changed from the number used by a previous owner. The display boards and banners at the front of the pub show the present number, but it is important to check the leaflet when ordering from home for a booking or takeaway meal. At present, the pub is advertising 3-course Christmas meals, including turkey, for 10 days from December 15th (up to Christmas Eve), so again it is vital to call in to make a reservation or alternatively call before too late on the correct number - **613037**.

The bar areas at the front of the pub have comfortable settee-style chairs and this has encouraged the village Book Club to meet on a regular basis



and this has encouraged the village Book Club to meet on a regular basis on the second Tuesday of each month. The Harbury Folk Club also take up residence in the “back room” on the 1st Thursday each month. There is also live music on Friday and Saturday night each week, which has attracted those that enjoy a convivial evening with entertainment provided by local singers. A special poker night has been arranged on 16th November as a charity night for Help for Heroes and

anyone interested in joining in the fun should ring as soon as possible on reading this article. There will be a £10 registration fee to be paid “up-front”, which will include food and prizes for those who cash in their chips most successfully. Wayne and his team have already made their mark in Harbury in a short space of time—ask the Netball girls who have been generously sponsored by the Dog Inn and carry the message out their to others as they play on courts around the area.

Next month’s featured pub will be The Gamecock.

Chris Finch

Seventy Years Ago—Memories of the Coventry Blitz

It is seventy years since the Coventry Blitz.

I was a little girl then living with my parents and grandfather at Sharmer Farm, Fosse Way. We could see the terrible red glow in the sky above Coventry. We knew the droning sound of the German bombers which was different from ours. Some stray bombs fell in fields and in Harbury

destroying a house in Temple End and killing cows. Country people could not really imagine the devastation in Coventry unless they had seen it for themselves but there were pictures in the newspapers and news bulletins on the radio or wireless as it was known then. My father was in the Home Guard and was out most evenings and my mother hated being left to look after me along with my grandfather and our elderly cowman and his wife who were too frightened to stay in their little cottage. When an air raid began we all huddled together under the dining room table or under the stairs until the All Clear sounded.



One day in daylight, a German plane flew very low over the farm, so low in fact that my grandfather saw the pilot clearly. My grandfather, who had fought in the First World War, swore and shouted and told us that if he had his shotgun loaded he would have tried to kill the pilot. I am not sure if this same plane was the one which dived low over a bus near Radford Hall. My mother and I were passengers and everyone was terrified and thought we were being machine gunned. The driver steered the bus to the side of the road under some trees until the plane flew away. We were all very shaken but not harmed and my fear of low flying aircraft remained with me for many years.

One day many gliders appeared in the sky and one came down in a field on the other side of the Fosse Way. The glider was there for about a week guarded by the military and the young airmen came to the farm for water. They pumped it from the well in the yard - our only water supply. My mother gave them homemade cakes which had been cooked in the coal range oven. We had no electricity just oil lamps and candles. The only heating was log fires in the living rooms. None at all in the bedrooms and in the winter frost and icicles would form on the inside of the window panes.

We had land girls working on the farm regularly and prisoners of war during haymaking and harvest and when the threshing machine came. We had two lovely carthorses Bonny and Bess. Bonny was my favourite and I used to lead her when she was pulling wagon loads of hay or sheaves of corn.

I went to school in Leamington on a bus driven by Mr. Jimmy Edwards from Bishops Itchington. I had to take my gas mask with me and we had to practice putting it on. When the air raid siren sounded we went down into the dank, dark cellar until we heard the "All Clear". We came up the

stone steps with sighs of relief and back to our classrooms to continue our lessons. How lucky we were compared to many citizens of Coventry who had lost their homes, all their worldly goods and in many cases loved ones too.

Nora Ellis

Side by Side Theatre Presents *Let Us Entertain You*

Royal Spa Centre, Leamington Spa – Tues November 23rd at 7.30pm
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Warwickshire's Side by Side Theatre Company is staging its annual show, *Let us Entertain You* at Leamington's Royal Spa Centre in November. The company, established in 1988, enables adults with and without learning difficulties to perform alongside each other in song, dance, comedy, mime and drama and includes members from Southam, Bishops Itchington and Harbury.

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Tickets: (£7.00, Concessions £5.00) can be booked at the Royal Spa Centre Box Office on 01926 334418.

Bob Teers



LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors

We would like to say many many thanks to all family, friends and neighbours for the very kind donations, flowers and cards received on the very sad loss of Lottie. We would also like to thank everyone at Harbury Surgery for everything they did for her over the years. All your kind words and support have been most appreciated.

Di, Bill and all the family

Dear Editors

Pam and Geoff Cleaver would like to thank all the people who helped us on the event of Pam being rushed into hospital with a stroke, for helping Geoff

whilst Pam was in hospital and for the many phone calls, messages, cards and flowers received.

Pam is now home and slowly recovering her speech and left side.

Thanking you all again.

Pam and Geoff Cleaver

Dear Editors

Many thanks to everyone who came and supported the NSPCC Ladies Lunch on 14th October. We made an excellent profit of £490 from the lunch and we appreciate everyone's generosity.

Harbury NSPCC Committee

Dear Editors

I live in Harbury and wanted to email you about getting the community behind the BT Infinity project.

BT Infinity is a next generation high speed fiber internet service. I have lived in the village for 12 months and have been frustrated by the fact that newer, faster and cheaper internet services, that are available in Leamington, are not available in Harbury as the local exchange is a "BT Only" exchange. Well if we have to be a "BT only" area then if we can get everyone behind registering on the "Race to Infinity" web site we might be in with a chance of being one of the first areas in the country to get the access to the latest technology.

The web site is at: <http://www.racetoinfinity.bt.com>.

Craig Balch

Dear Editors

May I thank everyone who supported Karen and myself on the Neal's Yard Remedies Home stall at the Victorian Night in Harbury.

It was a lovely evening and the winner of the raffle prize was Serena from Bishops Itchington.

Karena Ellis-Greenway

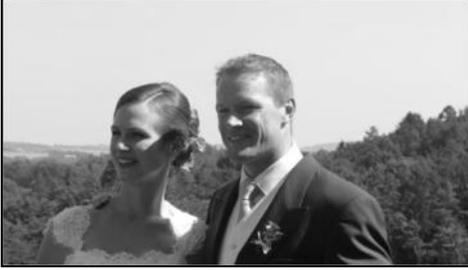
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Dear Editors

Many people in the village may remember our eldest son, William, who grew up in Harbury, attended the school here, went through cubs, scouts, Venture Scouts and D of E, and was also a member of the Tennis Club and a bell-ringer. We are delighted to share the news that he married Daniela, who is Czech, this August in the Czech Republic. The wedding was in Bohemia, in a romantic castle on a mountaintop - a wonderful day. Will and Dani are now living in Dubai and have a little daughter, Elena (a name



which works in both English and Czech!) who is eleven months old.

John Stringer

Dear Editors

Carol, Lin, Sally and Julie would like to thank everyone who came to our "Pink Lunch". We raised £303 which has now been sent to the Breakthrough Breast Cancer Campaign. Pink Desserts are relatively easy, pink quiches took a little more ingenuity!

Carol Jackson

Dear Editors

As residents of Chapel Street we would like to say a huge thank you to Julie & Brian Young and their band of helpers in making the Harbury Victorian Street Fayre a wonderful evening. It must have taken a lot of work! The event was such good fun, and it was lovely to see neighbours and the village community join together to set everything up on the day, dress up and help participate on the stalls too.

We've been in the village for a year now, and are loving it! Go Harbury!

Julie and Craig Balch

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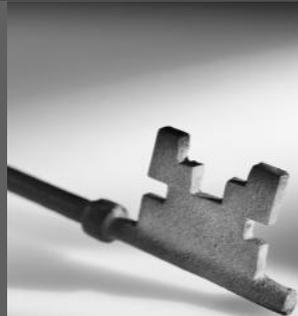
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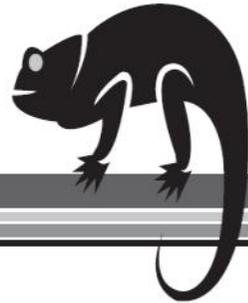
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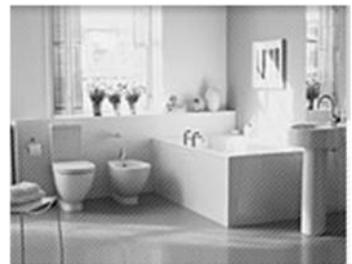
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